

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – HEALTH AND AGED CARE PORTFOLIO – 2023–24 ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - INDEX OF
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – 15 FEBRUARY 2024**

QoN No.	Department /Agency	Senator	Subject	Question	Hansard page/Written	Hearing date/date received
SQ24-000102	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Gaps in Service Provision & Denial of Supports	<p>1. If someone has high grade brain cancer where would the Department recommend that individual seek disability and palliative care support from?</p> <p>a. What particular system or program would the Department recommend the individual apply for?</p> <p>b. Given the answer to a. What Department is responsible for that system or program?</p> <p>2. Is the Department aware of a growing cohort of people under 65 who have a disability linked to a life-limiting condition (e.g. brain cancer), but who cannot access home-based support from any system – either the health system, the NDIS or anywhere else?</p> <p>3. How many Australians are in this cohort?</p> <p>4. Where should someone in this situation – that is, someone under 65 with a disability associated with a life-limiting illness who needs support at home with the activities of daily living – seek that support?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>a. If they need a service today but can't access the NDIS, or a state service, can they expect to receive any service?</p> <p>i. If not, why not?</p> <p>b. From where can they seek support?</p> <p>c. In what circumstances can they seek support?</p> <p>5. Does the Commonwealth or so State/Territory Governments have responsibility for delivering these services, or is responsibility shared?</p> <p>a. If shared, how is this coordinated?</p> <p>6. Which Commonwealth Minister has ultimate responsibility for resolving this gap in services?</p> <p>7. Does the Department have an estimate of the number of people affected by this gap in services?</p> <p>a. If not, why not?</p> <p>8. Can the Department provide an update on any progress in resolving this issue?</p> <p>a. When is a resolution expected?</p> <p>b. If not, why not?</p>		
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SQ24-000103	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	MMM classification data for the ACT	<p>1. During the hearing, it was stated that parts of the ACT used to have a lower MMM classification.</p> <p>a. Which areas of the ACT used to have a different MMM classification and what was the classification of those areas?</p> <p>b. When was this removed?</p> <p>c. For how long were there differences in MMM classifications within the ACT?</p> <p>d. What additional incentives were enabled through the differential MMM classifications?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000104	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Bulk billing rates and out of pocket costs for ultrasounds, CT scans and MRIs	<p>2. Please provide the average bulk billing rate for ultrasounds (all subgroups, combined), segmented by state and territory and also PHN area.</p> <p>3. Please provide the average bulk billing rate for CT scans (all subgroups, combined), segmented by state and territory and also PHN area.</p> <p>4. Please provide the average bulk billing rate for MRIs (all subgroups, combined), segmented by state and territory and also PHN area.</p> <p>5. Please provide the average out of pocket for ultrasounds (all subgroups, combined), segmented by state and territory and also PHN area.</p> <p>6. Please provide the average out of pocket for CT scans (all subgroups, combined), segmented by state and territory and also PHN area.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				7. Please provide the average out of pocket for MRIs (all subgroups, combined) segmented by state and territory and also PHN area.		
SQ24-000105	Department of Health and Aged Care	Wendy Askew	Migraine	<p>1. Deloitte's white paper on Migraine in Australia estimates 4.9 million Australians are affected by migraine (many of these at working age), resulting in an economic cost of almost \$36 billion once you factor in health costs, lost productivity and the impact on well-being. Has the department commissioned any research to quantify the burden of migraine in the workforce and/or Australian health system?</p> <p>Reference: https://www.deloitte.com/au/en/services/economics/perspectives/migraine-australia-whitepaper.html</p> <p>2. Given the cost to Australians and the fact migraine is the leading cause of age-adjusted disability in Australia, has the department done any work around developing a national migraine strategy? Or is there a plan to implement such a strategy in the future?</p> <p>See Dr Elspeth Hutton quote for italics reference: https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/pbs-listing-expanded-to-include-treatment-resistant-high-frequency-episodic-migraine</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000106	Department of Health	Louise Pratt	National population health surveillance	LGBTIQA+ Australians are identified as a priority population in a range of national strategies including the	Written	15/02/2024

	and Aged Care		systems for LGBTIQ+ Australians	<p>National Drug and Alcohol Strategy, National Men's Health Strategy, National Women's Health Strategy and National mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan. National population health surveillance systems exist for a number of marginalised and priority populations (such as Indigenous health, the health of people with disability), and for specific health issues (such as HIV, sexual health, alcohol, and other drug use). As to date no such system has been developed for LGBTIQ+ communities, can you advise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What dedicated LGBTIQ+ Population Health Surveys are routinely conducted by the Department? 2. What dedicated LGBTIQ+ Population Health Surveys receive ongoing funding by the Department? 3. As 'Private Lives 3' and 'Writing Themselves in', by the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health, and Society (ACRSHS) at La Trobe University are Australia's largest national surveys of LGBTIQ+ people and flagship national research projects that to date have been essential to supporting evidence informed policymaking, do they currently receive any ongoing Commonwealth funding? 4. Given the need for such a mechanism becomes even more pressing in the context of the forthcoming Commonwealth 10-Year LGBTIQ+ Health and Wellbeing Action Plan, against which a series of performance measures will likely need to be 		
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				established, what priority will you be giving to targeted and bespoke surveillance systems that can adequately examine and report on the health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ communities?		
SQ24-000107	Department of Health and Aged Care	Wendy Askew	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)	<p>1. The Community Affairs References Committee tabled its final report for its inquiry into Effective Approaches to Prevention, Diagnosis and Support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum in March 2021, detailing 32 recommendations. Can you advise when the Government will respond to these recommendations?</p> <p>2. Have any of the 32 recommendations have been acted on? If yes, can you advise what action has been taken and which recommendation that relates to?</p> <p>3. It has been almost three years since this report was tabled – can you advise what the average time is for the Government to respond to similar reports from the Community Affairs References Committee?</p> <p>Reference: https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Community_Affairs/FetalAlcoholSpectrumDi/Report</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000108	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	LARC supply in rural and regional areas	<p>1. What has the Department done to increase/ensure adequate LARC supply in rural and regional areas?</p> <p>2. What research has the Department conducted regarding a new contraceptive counselling MBS item?</p> <p>3. What research has the Department conducted on</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				options to make contraceptives cheaper including but not limited to: increasing PBS coverage, financially supporting nurses and midwives to perform LARC procedures and increasing the Medicare rebate to perform LARC procedures?		
SQ24-000109	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Menopause research and funding	<p>These questions follow up on SQ23-001958:</p> <p>1. I understand that \$7.3m had been allocated to menopause research 2019-2022. Could you please outline who received this \$7.3 million, and what it is for?</p> <p>2. In this answer you referenced the 2023 Practitioner's Toolkit for Managing Menopause (https://www.menopause.org.au/images/pics/ptmm/a-practitioners-toolkit-for-managing-menopause.pdf) - Is this a Government funded document?</p> <p>3. In this answer you also noted that the Government funds Jean Hailes for Women's Health (\$23.5 million GST inclusive from 2021–22 to 2025–26) to undertake research, educate health professionals and consumers on a diverse range of women's health matters (including menopause), run events such as the annual Women's Health Week, and undertake the National Women's Health Survey. Could you please provide a breakdown on what the \$23.5m has been used for, and what the key deliverables have been across research, health professional education and consumer education?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000110	Department of Health and Aged Care	Claire Chandler	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme	1. How many biological females have been prescribed testosterone in Australia in each of the past 5 years by doctors using the PBS authority indication "androgen	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>deficiency due to an established testicular disorder"? Please provide a breakdown by year.</p> <p>2. Is the prescription of testosterone to female patients for off-label use for "gender affirmation" an acceptable use under the PBS? a. If not, what steps has the Department taken to investigate and take action over lobby groups openly promoting the prescription of testosterone to females by using the authority indication "androgen deficiency due to an established testicular disorder"?</p> <p>3. If the Department has not already taken action, does the Department now intend to take action to prevent doctors claiming that female patients have a testicular disorder in order to prescribe PBS-subsidised testosterone for gender affirmation?</p> <p>4. Has the Department paid any money, either through memberships, sponsorships, training or any other purpose, to ACON or its subsidiaries in the last two financial years? a. If so, please provide a breakdown of these payments by date and the purpose for which the payments were provided.</p>		
SQ24-000111	Department of Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	Use of Artificial Intelligence - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>Question 1: To what extent is Artificial Intelligence (AI) being utilised in the Department of Health and Aged Care?</p> <p>Question 2: Has the Department been advised by any federal departments or agencies on how to develop</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000112	Department of Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	Illicit Tobacco and E-Cigarettes	Question 1: The draft Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Regulations 2023 were released for consultation in December of last year. When will the Regulations be finalised?	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Question 2: What is the status of the Illicit Tobacco and E-Cigarette Commissioner? Has the Commissioner been appointed? And what funding will be made available to their office?</p> <p>Question 3: The Government banned the importation of disposable vaping products on 1 January. Why has the Government permitted a three month sell-through period for these products, when the Minister has said the majority contain nicotine and the TGA has flagged most for the presence of prohibited ingredients?</p> <p>If the sell-through period is only for compliant products (TGO 110) or products dispensed by pharmacies, please table all examples of compliant disposable vaping products.</p> <p>Question 4: In the TGA's information for prescriber's page, it is stated that the final transition period is 1 December 2024. The Minister announced his changes on 2 May 2023. Does that mean 19 months will have elapsed before the Minister's changes in vape laws take effect?</p>		
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				<p>Question 5: Have any states or territories made requests to the Federal Government for additional resourcing in the detection and seizure of illicit tobacco products and/or illegally supplied vaping products?</p> <p>Question 6: How many import licences and permits for vaping products have been submitted to the Office of Drug Control?</p>		
SQ24-000113	Sport Integrity Australia	James McGrath	Use of Artificial Intelligence - SIA	<p>Question 1: To what extent is Artificial Intelligence (AI) being utilised in Sport Integrity Australia?</p> <p>Question 2: Has Sport Integrity Australia been advised by any federal departments or agencies on how to develop policies and procedures on the utilisation of AI in Sport Integrity Australia? If so, please table this advice and correspondence.</p> <p>Question 3: Does Sport Integrity Australia have any internal policies or procedures relating to the utilisation of AI in Sport Integrity Australia? If so, please table these internal policies and/or procedures.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000114	Australian Sports Foundation	James McGrath	Use of Artificial Intelligence - ASF	<p>Question 1: To what extent is Artificial Intelligence (AI) being utilised in the Australian Sports Foundation?</p> <p>Question 2: Has the Australian Sports Foundation been advised by any federal departments or agencies on how to develop policies and procedures on the utilisation of AI in the Australian Sports Foundation? If so, please table this advice and correspondence.</p> <p>Question 3: Does the Australian Sports Foundation have any internal policies or procedures relating to the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000115	Australian Sports Commission	James McGrath	Use of Artificial Intelligence - ASC	<p>Question 1: To what extent is Artificial Intelligence (AI) being utilised in the Australian Sports Commission?</p> <p>Question 2: Has the Australian Sports Commission been advised by any federal departments or agencies on how to develop policies and procedures on the utilisation of AI in the Australian Sports Commission? If so, please</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000116	Independent Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	Use of Artificial Intelligence - IHACPA	To what extent is Artificial Intelligence (AI) being utilised in the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority?	Written	15/02/2024

	Pricing Authority			<p>Question 2: Has the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority been advised by any federal departments or agencies on how to develop policies and procedures on the utilisation of AI in the workplace? If so, please table this advice and correspondence.</p> <p>Question 3: Does the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority have any internal policies or procedures relating to the utilisation of AI by the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority? If so, please table these internal policies and/or procedures.</p> <p>Question 4: If there are internal policies or procedures relating to the utilisation of AI by the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority, has there been any breaches of these policies and procedures? Please provide de-identified summaries of such breaches since May 2022.</p> <p>Question 5: Please provide any correspondence,</p>		
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SQ24-000117	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	James McGrath	Use of Artificial Intelligence - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>Question 1: To what extent is Artificial Intelligence (AI) being utilised in the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission?</p> <p>Question 2: Has the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission been advised by any federal departments or agencies on how to develop policies and procedures on the utilisation of AI in the workplace? If so, please table this advice and correspondence.</p> <p>Question 3: Does the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission have any internal policies or procedures relating to the utilisation of AI by the Professional Services Review? If so, please table these internal policies and/or procedures.</p> <p>Question 4: If there are internal policies or procedures relating to the utilisation of AI by the Aged Care Quality</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000118	Professional Services Review	James McGrath	Use of Artificial Intelligence - PSR	<p>Question 1: To what extent is Artificial Intelligence (AI) being utilised in the Professional Services Review?</p> <p>Question 2: Has the Professional Services Review been advised by any federal departments or agencies on how to develop policies and procedures on the utilisation of AI in the workplace? If so, please table this advice and correspondence.</p> <p>Question 3: Does the Professional Services Review have any internal policies or procedures relating to the utilisation of AI by the Professional Services Review? If so, please table these internal policies and/or</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000119	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	James McGrath	Use of Artificial Intelligence - ARPANSA	<p>Question 1: To what extent is Artificial Intelligence (AI) being utilised in the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency?</p> <p>Question 2: Has the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency been advised by any federal departments or agencies on how to develop policies and procedures on the utilisation of AI in the workplace? If so, please table this advice and</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000120	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	James McGrath	Use of Artificial Intelligence - FSANZ	<p>Question 1: To what extent is Artificial Intelligence (AI) being utilised in Food Standards Australia and New Zealand?</p> <p>Question 2: Has Food Standards Australia and New Zealand been advised by any federal departments or agencies on how to develop policies and procedures on the utilisation of AI in the workplace? If so, please table this advice and correspondence.</p> <p>Question 3: Does Food Standards Australia and New Zealand have any internal policies or procedures relating to the utilisation of AI by Food Standards Australia and New Zealand? If so, please table these internal policies and/or procedures.</p> <p>Question 4: If there are internal policies or procedures relating to the utilisation of AI by Food Standards Australia and New Zealand, has there been any breaches of these policies and procedures? Please provide de-identified summaries of such breaches since May 2022.</p> <p>Question 5: Please provide any correspondence, briefing notes, file notes, memoranda, emails, or other</p>	Written	15/02/2024
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SQ24-000122	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	James McGrath	Use of Artificial Intelligence - AIHW	<p>Question 1: To what extent is Artificial Intelligence (AI) being utilised in the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare?</p> <p>Question 2: Has the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare been advised by any federal departments or agencies on how to develop policies and procedures on the utilisation of AI in the workplace? If so, please table this advice and correspondence.</p> <p>Question 3: Does the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare have any internal policies or procedures relating to the utilisation of AI by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare? If so, please table these internal policies and/or procedures.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000123	Australian Digital Health Agency	James McGrath	Use of Artificial Intelligence - ADHA	<p>Question 1: To what extent is Artificial Intelligence (AI) being utilised in the Australian Digital Health Agency?</p> <p>Question 2: Has the Australian Digital Health Agency been advised by any federal departments or agencies on how to develop policies and procedures on the utilisation of AI in the workplace? If so, please table this advice and correspondence.</p> <p>Question 3: Does the Australian Digital Health Agency have any internal policies or procedures relating to the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000124	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	James McGrath	Use of Artificial Intelligence - ACSQC	<p>Question 1: To what extent is Artificial Intelligence (AI) being utilised in the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care?</p> <p>Question 2: Has the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care been advised by any federal departments or agencies on how to develop policies and procedures on the utilisation of AI in the workplace? If so, please table this advice and</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000125	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Fire Ants	<p>Question 1: What evaluation has the department conducted into the cost impacts of invasive species like fire ants and what cost impact will this have on budgets over the coming four years?</p> <p>Question 2: Fire ants are estimated to be up to three times more venomous than bees - this is expected to cause an increase in anaphylactic reactions to insect stings. What modelling is taking place to determine the impact this will have on the availability of Epi Pens and what steps are being taken to ensure ongoing supply of Epi Pens?</p> <p>Question 3: How is the department raising awareness of the risks of venomous introduced species like fire ants and their impacts on human health?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000126	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	James McGrath	Use of Artificial Intelligence - NRHC	<p>Question 1: To what extent is Artificial Intelligence (AI) being utilised in the National Rural Health Commissioner?</p> <p>Question 2: Has the National Rural Health Commissioner been advised by any federal departments or agencies on how to develop policies and procedures on the utilisation of AI in the workplace? If so, please table this advice and correspondence.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000127	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Changes to Vape Policy	1. Has the government allocated additional resources to help the healthcare system cope with an additional half a million Australians seeking a consult with a practitioner twice a year as a result of the changes to	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>vaping policy?</p> <p>2. Does the department forecast the burden to be distributed across the network?</p> <p>3. Has there been any assessment done on whether some communities or jurisdictions in Australia will experience higher demand for vape-related consultations?</p> <p>4. Does the Department hold data for vape or tobacco-related GP consultations?</p> <p>5. How can the Department model projected impacts to regional and rural communities?</p> <p>6. What is the estimated impact on access to GP appointments for regional and rural communities?</p> <p>7. How will this be mitigated?</p> <p>8. Does the Department have an evidence-based understanding of the impact of these reforms on regional communities?</p> <p>9. Can the department report back to committee on vape and tobacco-related GP consultations in regional and rural areas?</p> <p>10. Were representatives of regional and rural health consulted in the development of the new vaping policy?</p>		
SQ24-000128	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Vaping	<p>1. Has the TGA done any analysis in regards to people moving back to smoking as a result of increasing the difficulty of obtaining vapes and e-cigarettes?</p> <p>2. Did the TGA do any assessment done on whether some communities or jurisdictions in Australia will experience higher demand for vape-related consultations?</p> <p>3. Were representatives of regional and rural health</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				consulted in the development of the changes to vaping policy?		
SQ24-000129	Department of Health and Aged Care	Lidia Thorpe	Medicare and Primary Care	<p>1. With some specialists (like psychiatry) charging over \$900 for a 45-minute consultation, how will the Strengthening Medicare reforms tackle out of control out of pocket costs?</p> <p>2. What else is the Government doing to reduce the out-of-pocket fees Australians have to pay?</p> <p>3. The 60-day dispensing change has been well accepted by the community. Is there any evidence that this policy change has led to the wholesale closing of community pharmacies that was predicted?</p> <p>4. At a cost of millions many Medicare Urgent Care Clinics are up and running. How do we know if they are meeting the needs of Australians? How is the government hearing from those who use, and do not use, the service about whether it is fit for purpose? My Medicare</p> <p>5. How many people have signed up for My Medicare, and what percentage of those people are currently using the benefits on offer?</p> <p>6. What other services will be offered under My Medicare and when?</p> <p>7. If someone is registered with My Medicare and goes</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>into prison, what happens to their payment? If the payment is stalled, will the clinic be able to access that money once the person has left custody, and what will the process be for accessing this?</p> <p>8. For ACCHO's that are block funded to provide in-reach services to people in prison, will they be able to access My Medicare funding for clients in custody?</p> <p>9. As Strengthening Medicare reforms take off, how does this apply to people in custody? Department of Health and Aged Care - First Nations Health Division</p>		
SQ24-000130	Department of Health and Aged Care	Lidia Thorpe	Racism in hospitals	<p>1. I am concerned about the time that First Nations peoples spend in emergency waiting rooms before they see a medical practitioner/ clinician and whether they are under-triaged. Do you have any data on First Nations patients' wait times before seeing a clinician compared to non-First Nations peoples, nationally, and for each state/territory?</p> <p>2. Could you also advise whether there is any data available on the under triaging of First Nations patients?</p> <p>3. Is there any data on how many deaths of First Nations people in hospitals where under triaging has played a role?</p> <p>4. Roughly how many First Nations staff work within the Department of Health?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>How many reports of racism have there been within the Department in the last two years?</p> <p>5. Racism in the DoHAiC being downplayed and put down to the 'perceptions' of First Nations staff would be a double standard for a Department that acknowledges the huge health impact that racism has on First Peoples and other people of colour. What are the Department's anti-racism policies and processes for ensuring cultural safety for First Nations staff?</p> <p>6. Are there designated culturally safe places for First Peoples to be able to retreat to while at work?</p>		
SQ24-000131	Department of Health and Aged Care	Lidia Thorpe	First Nations Health Workers	1. Can you please provide an update on the government's commitment to train 500 First Nations health workers. How many students have entered the training program, broken down by jurisdiction and metropolitan versus regional and remote?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000132	Department of Health and Aged Care	Lidia Thorpe	Coronial Inquest Findings	1. When coronial inquest findings are being handed down at the state or territory level, they often include recommendations relating to healthcare services, or lack thereof, to people dying preventable deaths in custody. Some of these are relevant at the federal level, for instance removing the Medicare exclusion for people in custody. What is the process for the Department to stay on top of any recommendations from coronial inquest reports that are relevant for the federal government?	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>2. What is the process for progressing such recommendations from coronial inquests and how do you engage with state and territory governments on their implementation?</p> <p>3. Has any work been done to collate information from coronial inquests, including the findings and recommendations as well as monitoring which ones have been implemented? If not: Is this something the Department will do?</p>		
SQ24-000133	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Professor Skerritt's employment with Medicines Australia	1. Given Professor Skerritt's immediate employment with Medicines Australia after retiring from the TGA, should the government seek to prevent bureaucrats from working in the private sector with companies that have significant monetary contracts with the government?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000134	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Purchase of COVID vaccines	2. Why did the Health Department buy 300 million Covid vaccines, or the equivalent of 12 doses per person, when it was saying two doses would provide long-lasting protection from Covid? The extra billions could have been spent on more frontline services, could they not?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000135	Department of Health and Aged Care	Dorinda Cox	Extreme weather events impacting Community Sport	1. Does the Department have any data about how increased extreme weather events (storms, heat etc) are impacting community sport?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000136	Department of Health	Gerard Rennick	COVID vaccine related injuries	3. Why does the TGA get to review vaccine injuries when it approves the vaccines? Isn't there an inherent	Written	15/02/2024

	and Aged Care			conflict of interest to cover up their mistakes in missing potential side effects?		
SQ24-000137	Department of Health and Aged Care	Bridget McKenzie	Secretary's air travel for the 2023-24 financial year	1. Can the department please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's air travel for the 2023-24 financial year to date, including costs of flights and airline used? A suggested format is as per: Date Route Airline Airfare	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000138	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Cost of medicines	4. Can the cost of all medicines bought by the Federal Government please be provided and listed by volume, cost per unit price and total expenditure? Could this data be provided for the last five years please? 5. Does the Health Department keep a track of the drugs they purchase, how much is used and how much expires? If not, why not?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000139	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Thalidomide survivors	6. Why do Thalidomide survivors have a dedicated lifetime support & compensation scheme (as they should), but those injured by the Covid vaccine and other approved drugs don't get compensation? I note that while there is an indemnity scheme for those injured by the Covid vaccine, it has proven far from satisfactory.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000140	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Urgent Care Clinics	1. In addition to the information provided in the tabled document at the last Estimates hearing, please provide the details of the service provider(s) for each of the clinics.	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>2. Please provide a monthly breakdown of total visits nationally to UCCs since June 2022</p> <p>3. What are the funding arrangements for these clinics?</p> <p>4. How were the providers for each UCC chosen?</p> <p>5. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the funding provided to date for each UCC</p> <p>6. What are the key deliverables attached to this funding?</p> <p>7. How many Urgent Care Clinics have been established in each Modified Monash Model region, and in what ways does the Government explain its equitable, per capita funding level for equivalent urgent care health services for Australians in MMM 3-7 regions?</p> <p>8. Are all services delivered through a UCC required to be bulk billed?</p> <p>9. What is the definition of 'urgent' for the purposes of accessing bulk billed services through a UCC?</p> <p>10. Further to the to the information provided in the tabled document at the last Estimates hearing:</p> <p>a. Can the Department please provide more granular information on the types of conditions that constitute acute injuries and acute illnesses that have presented at a UCC for treatment.</p>		
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				<p>b. Are UCCs required to record the reason(s) for individual presentations?</p> <p>11. What is the minimum staff qualification required on duty at all times?</p> <p>12. What proportion of funds were provided to facilitate additional positions within the existing health care facility to staff Urgent Care Clinic?</p> <p>13. How many additional staff have been recruited to staff clinics who were not already employed by the existing provider?</p>		
SQ24-000141	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Health Workforce Review	<p>1. What is the current status of the Unleashing the Potential of our Health Workforce Review?</p> <p>2. Will this review take into consideration fees paid for health degrees such as nursing?</p> <p>3. Has the Department undertaken modelling to determine the effects fee rises to health degrees impact student enrolments?</p> <p>4. The last medical workforce report released by the Department of Health is from 2018, which leaves a significant vacuum in workforce planning. Does the Department have a schedule of medical or health workforce reports it intends producing to guide future policy and workforce decisions?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>5. Are there more vacancies for internships in rural and regional hospitals than there are in urban hospitals?</p> <p>6. What is the modelling on the shortfall in health workforce needed to fill current vacancies, including GPs, nurses and other medical practitioners?</p>		
SQ24-000142	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 vaccine mRNAs	13. QoN SQ22-000294 – In a prior set of estimates the TGA said there is no data specifically on the degradation half-life of COVID-19 vaccine mRNAs. How can the TGA say the vaccines are safe and effective if the TGA doesn't know the half-life of the mRNAs in the Covid vaccines?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000143	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Pfizer Testing	14. As per page 19 of TGA FOI 2389-6 - "The proposed commercial scale manufacturing process includes use of linearised plasmid DNA template for mRNA production, whereas in early development phases PCR-amplification of DNA template was used." The TGA based safety data and adverse event recognition on PCR amplification of DNA, yet the vaccine was manufactured using a linearised plasmid DNA template which showed 3 times more adverse events for the circa 250 people that got a vaccine manufactured under that process. As per QoN SQ23-002095, the TGA admits no clinical safety testing was conducted on the commercial batches. Will the TGA acknowledge that Pfizer did not properly test process 2? If not, why not?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000144	Department of Health	Gerard Rennick	Indemnity to Pfizer for the manufacturing	15. Did the TGA provide an indemnity to Pfizer for the manufacturing process of the Covid vaccine? For example, there was no endotoxin used in the PCR	Written	15/02/2024

	and Aged Care		process of the Covid vaccine	amplification of DNA but there was in linearised plasmid DNA, i.e. the commercial process used toxins which are known to cause anaphylaxis on injection. If the TGA did provide an indemnity to Pfizer for its manufacturing process, can it explain why they don't take quality assurance testing seriously?		
SQ24-000145	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	linearised plasmid DNA before the rollout of the vaccine	16. Can the TGA confirm how many people were tested under the commercial manufacturing process, i.e. linearised plasmid DNA before the rollout of the vaccine?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000146	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Mental Health - Better Access Initiative	<p>1. Almost half of young women aged 16 to 24 experienced mental health issues. With more than one-third of women under 35 being those who access the additional 10 Medicare subsidised Better Access psychology sessions:</p> <p>a. Does the Department have any modelling on how the removal of the Better Access initiative will impact young women moving forward? What is the modelling if so and what does it indicate?</p> <p>b. Does the Department have any data on projections of who would have accessed or continued to access the initiative if it were to be continued this year and what are the projections?</p> <p>2. Which demographics are most likely to access Better Access psychology sessions?</p> <p>3. Which demographics were most likely to access the additional 10 Medicare subsidised Better Access</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>psychology sessions prior to them being cut?</p> <p>4. Does the Department have any data on projections of who would have accessed or continued to access the initiative if it were to be continued this year and what are the projections?</p> <p>5. How many mental health organisations, mental health professional associations, psychologists, advocates and those with lived-experience have contacted the Minister asking him to reinstate the additional 10 Medicare-subsidised mental health sessions?</p> <p>6. How many trade unions have contacted the Minister asking him to reinstate the additional 10 Medicare-subsidised mental health sessions? Can these letters be released to the public?</p>		
SQ24-000147	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Mental Health Reform Advisory Committee	<p>1. How many times has the Mental Health Reform Advisory Committee met?</p> <p>2. Has the Committee met in 2024?</p> <p>3. How often does the Committee provide advice to the Minister?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000148	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Qualifications of doctors in the TGA	7. What are the qualifications of the doctors in the TGA who override vaccine injuries submitted by Services Australia that were approved by specialists?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000149	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID vaccine and AusVaxSafety data	<p>8. Health FOI 4475 shows that 99.6% of the population have Covid antibodies - why is the Federal Government continuing to promote boosters knowing that it could cause immune imprinting or VAED?</p> <p>9. Can the AusVaxSafety data for the feedback after 8 days please be provided? In particular, the number of people who went to see a doctor or went to hospital 8 days after the Covid vaccine?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000150	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Azithromycin and COVID patients in aged care homes	<p>10. How many extra people died in aged care homes because azithromycin was pulled from the Covid protocol for people who caught Covid and subsequently developed a bacterial infection?</p> <p>11. Why did the National Covid-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce, funded by the Australian Health Department, recommend that azithromycin not be given to people with Covid?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000151	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID vaccinations and deaths	<p>12. Does data about Covid hospitalisations include in the unvaccinated numbers, people who had received the vaccine within 3 weeks of their hospitalisation?</p> <p>13. If the actual jump in deaths of almost 10,000 in 2021 from the prior year weren't caused by the vaccines, what's the counterfactual when the rollout of the vaccines are the only significant variable from the year before? Not only is there a strong temporal association, but there is also a high rate of reported vaccine injuries and a known pathway that caused</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>autoimmune issues. What, in the Health Department's opinion, caused the jump in deaths? Correlation is a valid indicator and unless autopsies were performed to rule out the vaccine, it must be considered a valid possibility until proven otherwise.</p> <p>14. If lockdowns were the reason for the increase in deaths in 2021 then why did deaths only jump in May after the vaccine rollout and not earlier given lockdowns occurred in the previous year?</p>		
SQ24-000152	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Aged Care Act	<p>1. Has the Department produced a Regulatory Implementation Assessment for this Act?</p> <p>2. Will the RIS be made public?</p> <p>3. Will the Department commit to an open consultation on the final complete exposure draft of the act, not just a targeted consultation?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000153	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Headspace	<p>How many Headspace centres are currently operational in Australia?</p> <p>Can the Department please provide an update on the Government's commitment to grow the Headspace network to 170 services by 2025-26?</p> <p>How many Headspace centres will be in operation by 2025-26?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000154	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Aged Care Taskforce	<p>Have any members been required to participate using teleconference?</p> <p>If yes, who participated remotely and why?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				How long did each of the 7 meetings go for (in hours?)		
SQ24-000155	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Hospital Funding	<p>1. Can the Department outline the funding agreement for hospitals that was agreed to at National Cabinet back in December?</p> <p>2. When is the additional funding from the Commonwealth due to commence?</p> <p>3. When was the last Health Chief Executives Forum?</p> <p>a. What was discussed at this meeting?</p> <p>b. Can the Department table the agenda and relevant material?</p> <p>4. Can the Department outline the reduction in projected funding between the Budget and MYEFO for National Health Reform Funding?</p> <p>5. What Key Performance Indicators or benchmarks will be applied to ensure the Federal taxpayer is seeing their money appropriately invested? Will there be requirements of equity across regional Australia so that, for instance, the amount of Commonwealth revenue contributed from regional Australia in gross regional product is approximated back in expenditure back to them in locally delivered health services?</p> <p>6. Will there be benchmarks that prevent State</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				governments from using the money to further centralise health services and close more hospitals and health services in regional		
SQ24-000156	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Aged Care Taskforce Meetings	With regard to the Communique from the 22nd of November 2023 and the reference to the Kantar Public polling, can this polling be provided?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000157	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Support at Home	<p>1. Will the new Support at Home Program be fully operational by 1 July 2025?</p> <p>2. What is the projected cost of the Assistive Technology and Home Modification (AT-HM) Scheme?</p> <p>3. What is the study currently under way regarding the provisions of higher-level care for in home care? What is the methodology and who is conducting the study?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000158	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Permanent injury by myocarditis	15. Will the TGA and the Health Department rule out that myocarditis doesn't cause permanent injury to the heart?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000159	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Subsidised drugs on the PBS	16. How much money does the Federal Government spend each year on subsidising the drug Liptor? I note this article from the conversation a decade ago and I quote: "Take atorvastatin, a cholesterol-lowering drug that is one of the most commonly prescribed medicines on the PBS. The PBS pays manufacturers A\$51.59 for each 30-pill packet of the 40 milligram version of this drug. New Zealand, by contrast, pays a mere A\$1.94 for	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>the same number of pills for a generic version of atorvastatin. Western Australian public hospitals pay A\$4.44." Fixing Australia's bad drug deal could save \$1.3 billion a year (theconversation.com). Is the Federal government still paying drug manufacturers a high markup for liptor and other drugs when cheaper generics could be used instead?</p> <p>17. Could a list of all the drug subsidised by the PBS scheme please be listed and how much each drug is subsidised?</p> <p>18. Could a list of all drugs held in the medicines stockpile please be listed and how much each drug costs?</p>		
SQ24-000160	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Endometriosis Funding/Pain Clinics	<p>1.Can the Department please provide a progress update on the endometriosis and pelvic pain clinics? How many are up and running?</p> <p>2. Is the Department evaluating how many patients have been seen within these clinics?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000161	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Covid-19 Vaccination	<p>1. How many doses does Australia currently have on hand of Covid vaccinations?</p> <p>2. What do the Department of Health consider to be vulnerable categories in terms of the Covid-19 vaccinations?</p> <p>3. Are there vaccination target rates for these</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>vulnerable groups? If so, what are these targets? If not, why not?</p> <p>4. How many people that the Department consider to be in the vulnerable cohort are due for their next Covid vaccination?</p> <p>5. What promotional campaigns are current and planned to boost uptake?</p> <p>6. What is the Aged Care plan for Winter 2024?</p>		
SQ24-000162	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Migraine	<p>1. Deloitte's white paper on Migraine in Australia estimates 4.9 million Australians are affected by migraine (many of these at working age), resulting in an economic cost of almost \$36 billion once you factor in health costs, lost productivity and the impact on well-being. Has the Department commissioned any research to quantify the burden of migraine in the workforce and/or Australian health system? Reference: https://www.deloitte.com/au/en/services/economics/perspectives/migraine-australia-whitepaper.html</p> <p>2. Given the cost to Australians and the fact migraine is the leading cause of age-adjusted disability in Australia, has the Department done any work around developing a national migraine strategy? Or is there a plan to implement such a strategy in the future?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000163	National Blood Authority	Anne Ruston	Red cell diagnostic products	<p>1. Can the NBA provide an update on the review into the review of the red cell diagnostic products deed?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>2. Has the NBA modelled, planned or evaluated the implications for public health preparedness and response to emergencies or global supply chain disruptions (pandemics, wars, natural disasters) that may arise as a result of a cessation of national funding for red cell diagnostic products?</p> <p>3. What is the NBAs plan to ensure supply of red cell diagnostic products is maintained into the next FY while this review process is underway?</p> <p>4. When was the last collection of haemovigilance data and when was the last date the data was evaluated and report made publicly available?</p>		
SQ24-000164	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Vaping and Illicit Tobacco	<p>1. In November, the Minister announced that a multi-agency National Vaping Working Group would be established to tackle illegal vapes. Which agencies are on this group and who chairs it?</p> <p>2. In which States and Territories is it currently legal to sell non-nicotine vapes?</p> <p>3. How does the current regulatory environment operate between the Commonwealth and States and Territories since January 1 on the importation ban of single use vapes? Is it correct to say the Commonwealth has banned the importation of products that can legally be sold in most States and Territories?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>4. Will the recent and upcoming changes to Commonwealth law impact the sale and supply of reusable non-nicotine vaping products?</p> <p>5. How many consumers have accessed vaping products through the Personal Importation Scheme?</p> <p>6. What are the options for these consumers when the Personal Importation Scheme closes on 1 March?</p> <p>7. Does the Department anticipate an increase in doctor's visits as a result of the recent changes to nicotine vapes?</p> <p>8. How many licences and permits have the Office of Drug Control issued to importers for nicotine vaping products ahead of 1 March changes?</p>		
SQ24-000165	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Bowel Cancer Screening	<p>1. Can the Department confirm in October 2023, the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHRMC) approved an update to the clinical practice guidelines for the prevention, early detection, and management of colorectal cancer and has established that there is significant evidence available to support the lowering of the screening age from 50 to 45?</p> <p>2. Will the Government extend the eligibility to the Bowel Cancer Screening Program based on this recommendation?</p> <p>3. What are the main elements the Department needs</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				to consider as it works through the NHMRC recommendation?		
SQ24-000166	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Medical Manufacturing – National Reconstruction Fund	<p>1. What role has the Department of Health or the TGA had in supporting the work of the Department of Industry Science and Resources or the National Reconstruction Fund Corporation in the establishment of the NRF and the medical manufacturing fund that has \$1.5 billion set against it?</p> <p>2. Can the Department outline any feedback you have received from medical device companies in relation to the design of the medical manufacturing fund?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000167	Professional Services Review	Gerard Rennick	Findings of PSR Committees, transcripts and complaints	<p>28. I've had two doctors advise me that the transcript of their PSR hearings were edited and altered.?Are PSR transcripts altered, and if so, given that the Government must always be a model litigant, why is this not unlawful?</p> <p>29. The counterparty to all PSR cases is the Medical Defence Organisations (MDOs). Based upon the extremely negative submissions of the MDOs to the Senate Inquiry into PSR in 2011 please explain why the MDOs feel that PSR procedures are deficient in procedural fairness and please explain your response to those criticisms.</p> <p>30. Many experienced MDO lawyers report that PSR</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>committees routinely make up rules and standards as they go to audit medical practitioners from case to case. How can this possibly be just and fair??What meaningful right of reply does the doctor under review have, given that the Health Insurance Act 1973 specifically denies merit review?</p> <p>31. How may PSR committees in the last 12 months have found their doctors practiced completely satisfactorily??If the answer is zero, why then should we not think of PSR as Robodebt for doctors?</p> <p>32. There have been multiple complaints about the conduct of past PSR Directors that suggests a crisis of integrity amongst PSR leadership. Should there not be a thorough investigation of PSR procedures, policies and practices undertaken on this basis?</p>		
SQ24-000168	National Blood Authority	Gerard Rennick	Serology tests on blood - NBA	27. Question on notice SQ22-000317 says no tests were done in 2019 which is strange given serology tests are done quarterly - health.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-08/foi-4475-release-of-documents-covid-19.pdf . If the Blood Authority can trace the blood in 2022, why won't it trace and report on blood in 2019?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000169	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Consultation into new staffing Quality Indicators	1. With regard to the consultation into new staffing Quality Indicators (Consultation on 3 new staffing quality indicators - Ageing and Aged Care Engagement Hub (health.gov.au)) Specifically, the 'care minute'	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>indicators for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled nursing; • Allied health; and • Lifestyle services. <p>a) Will the outcome of this consultation be made public?</p> <p>b) Why was the Department unable to do this consultation themselves, and instead had to contract out this work?</p>		
SQ24-000170	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Aged Care Crisis Election Commitments	<p>With reference to the Prime Ministers election commitment Fixing the Aged Care Crisis (ECR146), comprising of 13 components. The following questions relate to these components:</p> <p>1. Component 3 promises a to the general duty of care to older Australians from July 2023. Noting the Aged Care act is still in draft, how has the government ensured a general duty of care to aged care patients over the past 12 months in the absence of this new Act?</p> <p>2. Component 4 relates to mandating home care fee reporting which appears to still be in draft and not yet mandated. Can the Department provide an update on the status of this commitment?</p> <p>3. Component 7 requires all providers to provide an annual detailed expenditure report on all 'broad top-</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>level categories' from 01 Jan 23. What are these categories?</p> <p>4. Component 8 refers to the Quality Regulator. The government received the Quality and Safety final report in March of 2023. Can the Department provide information as to how many of the 32 recommendations the government has accepted?</p> <p>5. 17 of the 32 recommendations were set as priority 1 for implementation no later than 30 September 2023. How many priority 1 recommendations were implemented by 1 September 2023?</p> <p>6. Component 13 indicates \$10.4m be committed in FY23/24 to help deliver better aged care services for seniors from a CALD background. Who has this funding been provided to?</p>		
SQ24-000171	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	ACAT Assessments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How long does it take from when someone applies for a home care assessment to when they are actually assessed by an ACAT team? 2. How long does someone wait after they are assessed before they find out what level package they are receiving? 3. How long does it take for someone to actually receive their package at the level they are assessed at? 4. Does this change for Australians in rural, regional and remote Australia? 5. How will the ACAT assessment tool change with the new support at home program? 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>6. What are the new classification levels for the new Home Support Program?</p> <p>7. If there are more classification levels in in the new Support at Home program – how will the Department manage this increase in demand, especially if there are already delays?</p>		
SQ24-000172	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Gerard Rennick	Moderna's statement on mRNA therapies	<p>Page 26 of Moderna's own annual report says: "Although we expect to submit BLAs for our mRNA-based product candidates in the United States, and in the European Union, mRNA therapies have been classified as gene therapy medicinal products" SEC Filing BioNTech. Why does the Gene Regulator disagree with Moderna's statement and those of the regulatory authorities?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000173	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Medical Research Future Fund	<p>On 6 February, Minister Butler announced \$35 million from the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) to the University of Sydney to establish a manufacturing facility that can produce, store and ship bioengineered corneas across Australia and the world.</p> <p>1. Which program as part of the MRFF did this funding come from?</p> <p>2. Was this funding awarded as part of the MRFF 2023 National Critical Research Infrastructure Grant Opportunity?</p> <p>a. Is it correct that \$35 million was awarded to a single project despite the grant opportunity guidelines stating the maximum amount that could be awarded to a single</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>project across the streams is \$7 million?</p> <p>3. Was this grant awarded as part of a competitive grant round?</p> <p>4. Was this proposal peer reviewed?</p> <p>5. Did the Minister receive any representations from the University of Sydney, other Ministers or MPs regarding this project?</p>		
SQ24-000174	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Gerard Rennick	Genetically modified organism and transferring of genetic material	<p>20. The Gene Technology Act 2000 (legislation.gov.au) defines a genetically modified organism as "an organism that has been modified by gene technology; and organism means any biological entity that is: capable of transferring genetic material". The body produces endogenous reverse transcriptase which can convert mRNA into DNA – why didn't the OGTR test for the possibility that the reverse transcriptase could convert mRNA into DNA?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000175	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Gerard Rennick	Offshore manufacturing and DNA contamination	<p>21. In a previous set of estimates it was claimed that the OTGR isn't responsible for drugs manufactured offshore. AstraZeneca was manufactured offshore and still required a licence from the OTGR. Does the OTGR still stand by this claim?</p> <p>22. Given the manufacturing process included the use of Plasmid DNA, some of which becomes contaminants inside the lipids that entered human cells, how can the OTGR claim that there is no risk of DNA contamination?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000176	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Gerard Rennick	Application for therapeutic goods that contain GMOs	23. As per this link: https://www.genetechnology.gov.au/using-gene-technology/human-health - When the TGA receives an application for therapeutic goods that contain GMOs, it must consult the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR). The OGTR administers the Gene Technology Act 2000 and keeps records of all GM products approved for supply in Australia. Did the TGA consult with the OTGR – if so, can the correspondence please be provided? If not, why not?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000177	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Gerard Rennick	Pfizer Nonclinical report and risk to DNA genome	24. Page 45 of the Pfizer Nonclinical report shows that the lipids went into the oocytes. How can the OTGR claim that there is no risk to the DNA genome?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000178	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Meals on Wheels Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Government support 'Meals on Wheels' services and the 'Future Fit' project to ensure future viability and program consistency across the country? 2. What is the current status of the 'Future Fit' project? 3. How many 'Meals of Wheels' services are funded under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP)? Please provide a list of all funded organisations, their service areas, funding amount and current grant end date. 4. Please list the dates, times and who was present at meetings the a) Department and b) Minister have had with 'Meals on Wheels' peak bodies (ie. State / Territory wide bodies), and individual, contracted 'Meals on Wheels' service providers since June 2022. 5. Have there been any complaints about the progress of the 'Future Fit' project? If so, what were the nature 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>of the complaints?</p> <p>6. Does the Minister support the completion of the 'Future Fit' project and will the Government guarantee its completion?</p> <p>7. Who holds the intellectual property (IP) for the 'Future Fit' project?</p> <p>a) Will the data, policies, procedures and information collected for the project be made freely available in the future? If not, why not?</p>		
SQ24-000179	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Gerard Rennick	Compliance with the Government's vaccination policy	<p>25. The Australian COVID-19 Vaccination Policy (health.gov.au) page 5 states, "The OGTR will be required to approve and license any COVID-19 vaccines being administered in Australia that use GMOs. These include all the adenovirus vaccines and some of the mRNA vaccines. Protein subunit vaccines will not generally require OGTR approval." Australian COVID-19 Vaccination Policy (health.gov.au). Why is the OTGR not complying with the Government's own vaccination policy?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000181	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Gerard Rennick	Efficient transfection and contamination limit for DNA encapsulated inside lipids	<p>26. "Efficient transfection" refers to the technique of embedding mRNA in lipid nanoparticles (LPs) to sneak the mRNA into cells, a process called "transfection" (as opposed to viral "infection," which happens naturally). The LP technique didn't exist back when the FDA came up with its 10 ng contamination limit in the 1980s. In light of how easily contaminant DNA in the LPs can now transfect into human cells, should not the 10 ng limit be revised? I also note that the 10 ng limit was meant to apply to a?single dose and never contemplated multiple</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				doses per year, an "innovation" scientists came up with after the shots started making the injected more likely to become infected.?Why doesn't the OTGR lower the contamination limit for DNA encapsulated inside lipids?		
SQ24-000182	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 vaccine and increasing risk of harm to body	<p>1. Does the TGA understand that the Covid-19 vaccine actually increases the expression of the spike protein and in doing so makes the vaccine more toxic than the actual virus because more spike proteins are produced?</p> <p>2. Does the TGA understand that the process of transfection enables the Covid vaccine to cross the cell membrane of any cell, even those without an ACE receptor so the vaccine is actually more infectious (in terms of entering cells) than the virus?</p> <p>3. How does increasing the risk of harming the body as outlined in the prior two examples make the vaccine safer than the virus?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000183	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	N1-methylpseudouridine use in mRNA	<p>4. The TGA has stated in a previous QoN, "N1-methylpseudouridine is a naturally occurring modified nucleotide, highly abundant and naturally widespread in cells and its use does not change its mRNA features." This statement is incorrect as the use of Methylpseudouridine was deliberately used to improve the durability of the mRNA and the expression of the spike protein - how can the TGA claim its use doesn't change the mRNA features?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000184	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 vaccines and autoimmune response	5. "There is no definite evidence to suggest that COVID-19 vaccines can cause autoimmune diseases. Despite numerous studies looking for associations between COVID-19 vaccines and autoimmunity, no vaccines have consistently been shown to cause autoimmune disease." This reply from a former TGA QoN seems to contradict the statement made in the indemnity inquiry that myocarditis is an autoimmune response from the vaccine - how can the TGA argue that an autoimmune response doesn't create the potential for autoimmune disease when its own Nonclinical report for the Pfizer Covid vaccine clearly states the vaccine elicits a T-cell response against the body's otherwise healthy cells that were transfected by the vaccine?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000185	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Toxicity testing	6. Page 50 of this link from the WHO 6952 ECE TEXT (who.int) says - "Genotoxicity studies are normally not needed for the final vaccine formulation. However, they may be required for vaccine components such as novel adjuvants and additives. If needed, the in vitro tests for mutations and chromosomal damage should be done prior to first human exposure. The full battery of tests for genotoxicity may be performed in parallel with clinical trials (28). Carcinogenicity studies are not required for vaccine antigens. However, they may be required for particular vaccine components such as novel adjuvants and additives." Given two of the lipids in the Pfizer vaccine were novel, why wasn't toxicity testing done in accordance with the WHO guidelines?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000186	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Mucosal antibodies testing	7. Page 54 of this link from the WHO 6952 ECE TEXT (who.int) says – "Development of appropriate assays for measuring mucosal immune responses is critical for vaccines that are expected to function as mucosal immunogens because serological assays alone may not reflect the relevant immune response for a mucosal vaccine. Thus, in addition to measuring serological responses, it may be necessary to evaluate T cell responses, antibody-secreting cells and cytokine production. In addition, assays may need to be developed to assess the induction of local and systemic responses at sites distant from administration of the vaccine antigen." Why weren't mucosal antibodies tested by Pfizer in the trials as per the WHO recommendations?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000187	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Pfizer DNA/RNA ratio levels	8. FOI 3390-11 shows that different measuring processes were used to test the DNA/RNA ratio levels. Specifically, the DNA/RNA ratio test was measured with qPCR which is a very insensitive test. The Fluorescence assay is more sensitive and finds RNA of all lengths showing a much smaller content value of 0.48mg/ml. The UV spectroscopy test which is similar to a qPCR test showed an RNA content value of 2.27mg/ml. By using a more insensitive test, Pfizer has been able to dilute the content of DNA by a factor of five enabling the required safety level to be reached. Why did the TGA allow Pfizer to game the DNA levels of the Covid vaccines and not ask that the safety tests be conducted with the more sensitive fluorescence test?	Written	15/02/2024

				9. FOI 3390 document 11 (tga.gov.au) - Why is there double stranded RNA in the Covid vaccines? How does the TGA know that this isn't DNA?		
SQ24-000188	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	DNA contamination	10. FOI 3390 document 11 (tga.gov.au) - How does the TGA know the larger 67 particles greater than 10 microns aren't complexes formed by DNA? Scientists are telling me that particles this big have to be DNA. If it isn't DNA, then what is it? 11. Did the TGA check for DNA contamination in the Covid vaccine batches or did they just rely on Pfizer?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000189	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	ynthetic mRNA in vaccines	12. QoN SQ22-000294 - In a prior set of estimates the TGA gave the answer to the half-life of an mRNA as being - "The half-lives of native mRNA in mammalian cells range from minutes to hours (not 48 hours), depending on factors such as transcript function and cell type." The mRNA used in the vaccine is not native mRNA but synthetic mRNA which was not tested in trials. Why did the TGA avoid answering the question I asked – is it because the TGA doesn't actually know how long synthetic mRNA lasts in the human body?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000190	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Stoma Appliance Scheme	1. The 2023-24 Budget included agreement to conduct a review of the SAS Schedule. What is the purpose of having another review into the SAS, when recommendations from past reviews have yet to be implemented? 2. What is the timing for the SAS Review recommendations to be made available? 3. Why have the 2012 benchmark prices not been	Written	15/02/2024

				revisited in the years since indexation ceased, and will this review address this matter?		
SQ24-000191	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Advertising counterfeit therapeutic goods (medicines and medical devices)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How big a safety risk does counterfeit therapeutic goods pose to the Australian public? 2. Does the TGA actively monitor websites and the like for illegal/counterfeit advertising of therapeutic goods or does it simply act in response to complaints? 3. How many complaints does the TGA typically receive in any given year in regards to illegal advertising/counterfeit goods? 4. Is the TGA aware of advertisements for counterfeit therapeutic goods on platforms such as EBay and Amazon? 5. What powers does the TGA have to issue penalties to companies such as EBay and Amazon if they allow advertising of counterfeit therapeutic goods? 6. How many penalties have been issued in the past year? 7. Are the current penalties adequate to force these companies to comply with the relevant laws? 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000192	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Real-time Monitoring of Prescription medicines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department provide an overview of the National Real Time Prescription Monitoring System? 2. What is the timeline for bringing all States and Territories onto the National Data Exchange? 3. In which States and Territories is it mandatory for prescribers and pharmacists to participate in prescription monitoring? 4. Is there consistency across jurisdictions on the types of medicines that are recorded in the system? 	Written	15/02/2024

				5. What is the Department and the Federal Government's strategy to ensure national consistency and visibility of prescription medicines of concern?		
SQ24-000193	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Bulkbilling Data	<p>1. Please provide the bulk billing percentage by electorate for each calendar year as of 1 January that year for years 2019-2024 inclusive</p> <p>2. Please provide the bulk billing percentage for psychiatry services delivered by video telehealth to regional and rural patients, recipients of residential aged care facilities and patients of Aboriginal Medical Services and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services for each year for the years 2019-2024 inclusive.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000194	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	60-Day Dispensing	<p>1. By numbers and percentage, how many 60 days scripts have been issued since the policy change came into effect?</p> <p>2. When will the list of medicines for Stage 2 of 60 Day Dispensing be announced?</p> <p>3. When will Stage 2 come into effect?</p> <p>4. What is the current expected timeline for Stage 3?</p> <p>5. Is the Department monitoring the impact 60-Day Dispensing is having on pharmacies (such as reduced opening hours, charging for services etc)?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000195	Australian Digital Health Agency	Anne Ruston	Bulkbilling Incentive	<p>1. Please provide an overview of all medical practitioners and health providers that are eligible for the bulk billing incentive.</p> <p>2. Since 1 November 2023, what has been the expenditure specifically on the GP bulk billing incentive</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>and how many GP bulk billed services were delivered in that period?</p> <p>3. Since 1 November 2023, what was the total expenditure for the bulk billing incentive across all eligible providers and how many bulk billed services were delivered in that period?</p> <p>4. In his press release on 1 February 2024, the Minister states that an estimated 360,000 additional trips to the GP were delivered in November and December last year. What was the base figure that determined that they were "additional trips" and time-period used as the comparators to justify this statement?</p>		
SQ24-000196	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	CGM Products - Diabetes	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update of the review of CGM products? When is it likely to be finalised?</p> <p>2. Does the Review have a timeline, terms of reference, an examiner?</p> <p>3. Are related MSAC applications being considered while this review is taking place. If not, why not?</p> <p>4. How much did the CGM patient contribution increase on 1 January? Is that revenue reinvested in the NDSS?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000197	Australian Digital Health Agency	Anne Ruston	Pathology Bulk Billing	<p>1. Please provide the latest data on Medicare Pathology Services (compared to 2021) and the number of patient episodes initiated in that same period.</p> <p>2. Does the Department forecast out of pocket costs to rise for pathology services if the MBS schedule fees are not indexed?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000198	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	National Diabetes Services Scheme – Insulin Pump Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) devices are compatible with the mylife YpsoPump? 2. If a Type 1 Diabetes currently uses a CGM device that is not compatible with YpsoPump, what are there options? 3. Have any clinicians/hospitals raised concerns about the new single supplier arrangement? 4. In relation to answers provided in QoN SQ23-002138: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How was the evaluation criteria weighting (60% price, 25% to the nature and specifications and associated goods and 15% to organisational capability to deliver) developed and determined? b. Were any clinical factors/clinician input taken into consideration as part of the evaluation? c. Under this weighting, would it be correct to assume that a tender that ranked highly on price but poorly on capability to deliver would be preferred over a tender that ranked poorly on price but high on capability to deliver? Why/Why not? d. Does the Department believe this evaluation weighting risks supply issues in order to meet budgetary targets? e. What provisions are in place if the sole supplier runs into supply/shortage issues? 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000199	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Prostate Cancer Blood Test	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department outline the recent changes to the prostate specific antigen MBS testing items? 2. What is the justification for these changes? 	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000201	National Health and Medical Research Council	Anne Ruston	Primate Use in Health Research	<p>1. What is the total number of non-human primates proposed for use in research projects currently funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)?</p> <p>2. Have any non-human primates been used in Australia for the purposes of toxicology (safety) testing of drugs, therapeutics, or products in the years 2020 to 2023?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000202	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Pfizer Covid -19 Vaccine Manufacturing Processes and TGA Testing	17. In biological manufacturing the process is the product - when you change the process you change the product and have to retest the product – does the TGA agree with this statement? If not, why not? I note QoN SQ23-002095 says, "Non-clinical safety testing was not conducted on commercially produced batches." How can the TGA claim that the Pfizer Covid vaccines were safe if no safety testing was performed?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000203	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Contracts	1. I refer the Department to CN4027687 - Future of the National Medical Stockpile on the Austender website. Can the Department provide further information on this contract?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000204	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Contracts	1. I refer the Department to CN4014871 - Media Buying Services for the Medicare Urgent Care Clinics Campaign on the Austender website. Can the Department provide further information on this contract?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000206	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Presence of SV40 and other genes being in the DNA plasmid templates	18. Pfizer lied to the FDA about the presence of SV40 and other genes being in the DNA plasmid templates that were used to make the Covid vaccine. Will the TGA	Written	15/02/2024

			that were used to make the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine	sue Pfizer for fraud over their deception? If not, why not?		
SQ24-000207	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Risk of Myocarditis in Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Studies	19. The TGA says the risk of myocarditis is 2 in 100,000 or 1 in 50,000 yet there were only 20,000 people in the injection group in the trial. Isn't this proof that Pfizer didn't structure the parameters for the trial correctly by not using a large enough study?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000208	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Validation of PCR COVID-19 Tests	20. I have a copy of a PCR test used by a constituent which says the assay is not fully validated by the NATA/RCPA –what's the reason for this? Why are PCR tests not being fully validated?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000209	Department of Health and Aged Care	Lidia Thorpe	Medicare trial	<p>1. There is currently a research project investigating sustainable funding models for primary health care for First Nations prisoners that involves trialling selected Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item numbers for First Nations prisoners across three jurisdictions, led by Professor Tony Butler and Dr Jocelyn Jones. Is the Department aware of this research?</p> <p>2. Will the Department ensure that the review engages with this research team and considers its findings?</p> <p>3. Has the Department engaged with this research team or received any correspondence relating to the project, or provided input to this initiative? If so, what findings and requests have been presented to the Department?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000210	Department of Health and Aged Care	Lidia Thorpe	Contracts the Department has	4. Can you please provide a list of all contracts the Department has entered with NOUS Group in 22/23 and 23/24 to date, including project area and budgets?	Written	15/02/2024

			entered with NOUS Group			
SQ24-000211	Department of Health and Aged Care	Lidia Thorpe	Death rate In Moree	<p>4. What data does the Department have on the death rate In Moree, North West NSW, per capita and by First Nations status and cause of death?</p> <p>4. What factors has the Department highlighted as contributing towards the high death rate of First Peoples in Moree, NSW, where there is at least a funeral a week for the local Aboriginal community, and what strategies are in place to address this?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000213	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Approval of REMDESIVIR as a treatment for COVID-19 in Australia	<p>21. In regard to the approval of REMDESIVIR as a treatment for Covid in Australia, did the TGA research the 50% death rate when it was used to treat Ebola? And what trials/research did they carry out before approving it for use in Australia to show that it was safe and effective for the treatment of Covid?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000214	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Why didn't the TGA immediately follow the FDA's recall on 6th November 2023 that said not to use certain brands of saline?	<p>22. "Authorities are investigating whether there are further contaminated saline products in Australian hospitals after a man's death at a busy hospital and 44 other infections in one state. The saline products are said to be contaminated with Ralstonia pickettii, a bacteria that can lead to septic shock and death in immunosuppressed people." Queensland: Contaminated saline product possible cause behind hospital death amid mass recall news.com.au - Australia's leading news site.</p> <p>Why didn't the TGA immediately follow the FDA's recall on 6th November 2023 that said not to use certain brands of saline? https://www.fda.gov/medical-</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				devices/safety-communications/recall-certain-saline-and-sterile-water-medical-products-associated-nurse-assist-fda-safety		
SQ24-000215	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Pneumococcal Vaccines - Database of Adverse Event Notifications (DAEN)	58. Over the past three years (6/2/21 to the 6/2/24), there have been over 6,000 reports to the TGA's Database of Adverse Event Notifications (DAEN) of pneumococcal as a reaction to receiving a pneumococcal vaccine. Why are the pneumococcal vaccines not preventing pneumococcal? Why has there been an influx of reports in the last few years? See below photos:	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000216	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	TGA - Specialists	57. Can the TGA state how many doctors work for the TGA and how many of them are specialists? Can their specialities and number of each speciality please be listed?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000217	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccines - Guidance on Adverse Effects	50. The Federal Department of Health's latest publication on 12 January 2024 entitled 'Guidance on Myocarditis and Pericarditis after COVID-19 vaccines' is endorsed by Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) and contributions are made by the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSANZ), the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM), the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine (ACEM), and the Paediatric Research in Emergency Departments International Collaborative (PREDICT). Why are these organisations normalising myocarditis and pericarditis as acceptable adverse events to the COVID-19 vaccines	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>considering these clinical conditions are serious? I note there are a large number of papers that claim that heart damage is permanent in adults and can lead to heart failure and death. Mechanisms of Cardiac Regeneration - PMC (nih.gov).</p> <p>51. Page 3 of the "Guidance on Myocarditis and Pericarditis after Covid-19 vaccines" states that 'AstraZeneca was associated with a small risk of myocarditis and pericarditis, though this risk appeared lower than the Moderna or Pfizer'. This statement must mean that the Department of Health accepts that myocarditis and pericarditis can occur following the administration of AstraZeneca, so why does the Federal Government's Vaccine Injury Claim Scheme omit these clinical conditions from the eligibility criteria?</p> <p>52. Do the contributing organisations for the publication of "Guidance on Myocarditis and Pericarditis after COVID-19 Vaccines" published 12 January 2024 also support the omission of myocarditis and pericarditis from the AstraZeneca eligibility criteria for the Federal Governments Vaccine Injury Claim Scheme?</p> <p>53. Page 9 of the "Guidance on Myocarditis and Pericarditis after Covid-19 vaccines" publication states that 'each additional dose of vaccine provides a smaller increment of protection against severe disease. E.g. receiving dose 3 of a COVID-19 vaccine is likely to provide greater incremental benefit than receiving Dose 4'. Based on this statement, why are Australians urged by the Department of Health to receive boosters now up to the 6th and 7th? Why is ATAGI and the TGA ignoring the reality of immune imprinting or antigenic</p>		
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				<p>sin?</p> <p>54. Page 10 of the "Guidance on Myocarditis and Pericarditis after Covid-19 vaccines" states that 'myocarditis and/or pericarditis occurs after Novavax at a similar rate to the mRNA vaccines', however, 'the rates of myocarditis and/or pericarditis following Novavax in individuals who have had myocarditis/pericarditis following an mRNA vaccine, and visa versa, are unknown'. Based on this statement, why has the Department of Health allowed Australians to receive the mRNA and non-mRNA COVID-19 vaccines extemporaneously when there is no evidence to show it is safe to do so? Does the Department of Health not appreciate the severity of these cardiac issues and the pain many Australians are suffering long term?</p> <p>55. Page 10 of the "Guidance on Myocarditis and Pericarditis after Covid-19 vaccines" states that myocarditis and pericarditis are claimable clinical conditions under the COVID-19 vaccine injury claim scheme. Does the Department of Health realise some victims of these clinical conditions have been awaiting more than two years for compensation? If not, why not as I am being regularly contacted by people who are waiting on compensation or being refused compensation despite obtaining specialists reports saying their injury was caused by the vaccine.</p> <p>56. Why weren't people given the batch number of the vaccine when they were vaccinated so that injuries could be traced by batch?</p>	
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SQ24-000218	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Does the TGA track reported deaths and adverse events by batch number?	23. Does the TGA track reported deaths and adverse events by batch number? If not, why not given the Covid vaccine was only granted provisional approval? Why didn't the TGA make it mandatory for reporters to provide the batch number - how can the TGA review the safety of the vaccine properly if it's not collecting batch data?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000219	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Cumulative analysis of post-authorisation adverse events for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine	24. In the cumulative analysis of post-authorisation adverse events for the Pfizer Covid vaccine, why are at least 10 different strains of pneumonia listed? Why would a vaccine cause pneumonia?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000220	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID Vaccine Testing - FOI 2389-3	48. On page 8 of TGA FOI 2389-3, it states that the LNPs are composed of four different lipids in a defined ratio. How can this process be tested to ensure that the ratio remains stable for all batches? 49. On page 9 of TGA FOI 2389-3 it states, "The antigen may be incorporated into the cellular membrane or secreted into the extracellular environment and induce an adaptive immune response. In addition, as S protein is the antigen that recognizes and drives infection of the host cells, it is a key target of virus neutralizing antibodies. Furthermore, as RNA-expressed S protein is fragmented intracellularly, the resulting peptides can be presented at the cell surface, triggering a specific T cell-mediated immune response with activity against the virus." This statement implies that the Covid Vaccine spike protein can leave the cell. This contradicts statements by TGA officials stating that the Vaccine	Written	15/02/2024

				spike protein does not leave the cell. Can the TGA state categorically that the Vaccine spike protein does not leave the cell?		
SQ24-000221	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	mRNA code in the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine	25. Which part of the mRNA code in the Pfizer Covid vaccine was encoded to make sure spike proteins or their peptides never left the cell membrane? i.e. what was the anchoring sequence?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000222	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccines - Adverse Reactions	47. I note the reported and suspected death of a 17-year-old from the Shingrix vaccine on the TGA DAEN. Why was the Shingrix vaccine administered to a 17-year-old, given it was recommended for people over 50? Has the TGA looked into this? If not, why not?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000223	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 PCR Tests	Can the TGA please provide the nucleotides/amino acids of the Covid-19 virus that were used in PCR tests to indicate a person was positive to Covid-19? If not, why not?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000224	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccines - Testing	Does the TGA acknowledge the risk that endogenous reverse transcriptase can covert RNA into DNA? How does the TGA know that reverse transcription doesn't take place from the mRNA that transfects cells? How does the TGA know the body doesn't use its own endogenous reverse transcriptase to retrotranscribe vaccine mRNA into DNA? Has testing been done over a longer timeframe to eliminate this risk? "Reverse transcriptase (RT), also known as RNA-dependent DNA polymerase, is a DNA polymerase enzyme that transcribes single-stranded RNA into DNA. This enzyme is able to synthesize a double helix DNA once the RNA	Written	15/02/2024

				has been reversed transcribed in a first step into a single-strand DNA." https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/neuroscience/reverse-transcriptase#:~:text=Abstract-,Reverse%20transcriptase%20(RT)%2C%20also%20known%20as%20RNA%2Ddependent,into%20a%20single%2Dstrand%20DNA.		
SQ24-000225	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccination Rollout - Briefings	44. Can the TGA provide all Estimate briefings in relation to the rollout of the Covid vaccines for the last three years?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000226	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Shingles Vaccine - Doses of Shingrix Vaccine	43. "The government invested a total of \$826.8 million into its vaccine program, which covers anyone aged 65 and over, First Nations people 50 years and over, and immunocompromised people 18 years and over at high risk of herpes zoster infection. The 2-course Shingrix vaccine usually costs up to \$560 and provides around 10 years of protection." How many doses did we get for \$826 million dollars? Vaccines for shingles have been around for a long time – Is there a similar drug that is off patent? Shingles: Australian government defends vaccine rollout amid GP concerns over delays news.com.au - Australia's leading news site	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000227	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Spikevax Trial - Length and Participant Numbers	42. Why did the Spikevax trial only go for only 15 days and why were there only 50 in the trial? How can this sort of trial possibly be comprehensive enough to determine the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000228	Department of Health	Anne Ruston	Movement Disorder Nurse Specialist Pilot	1. When is the NOUS group review into the Movement Disorder Nurse Specialist Pilot due?	Written	15/02/2024

	and Aged Care			2. Will the report be released publicly?		
SQ24-000229	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Linearised plasmid	1. Regarding Question on Notice Q23-001076, trial data on the safety of using Linearised plasmid DNA template was not provided. Can the TGA please point to the studies that verified the safety of the product produced by this manufacturing technique? If not, why not?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000230	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccine autopsies	1. How can the TGA rule out deaths that died within a week of receiving the Covid vaccine without a proper autopsy proving it wasn't the vaccine? I note that John Skerritt said on the Today Show that injuries could occur up to 6 -8 weeks after receiving vaccine. For the 30% of reported and suspected deaths within one week of receiving the vaccine, why weren't autopsies performed to investigate tissue samples?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000231	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 - Angiotensin Converting Enzyme 2 Receptor (ACE2)	40. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7744810/ - This study seems to suggest that the ACE2 receptor seems to be absent in the spleen, thymus, lymph nodes, bone marrow, and in several cells of the immune system. This means the Covid vaccine can enter the organs of the immune system. The Covid virus however can't enter the cells of the immune system without the presence of the ACE receptor, making the vaccine more dangerous to the immune organs. Has the TGA examined the additional risk that the Covid vaccine poses to the health of a person because of this? If not, why not? 41. Tissue distribution of ACE2 protein, the functional	Written	15/02/2024

				receptor for SARS coronavirus. A first step in understanding SARS pathogenesis - PMC (nih.gov) - The cells of the immune system such as B and T lymphocytes and the spleen, thymus, lymph nodes, bone marrow, and macrophages were consistently negative for ACE2. The pathway of the vaccine enters the immune system and induces an autoimmune response against the immune system which the virus can't do because it can't enter organs that don't have ACE receptors. Has this risk ever been considered by Pfizer or the TGA?		
SQ24-000232	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 deaths	1. Paragraph 34 of TGA FOI 4217 shows that 2 children were reported and suspected as dying 4 days after taking the Covid vaccine, 1 child died 5 days after taking the vaccine, 1 child died 13 days after taking the vaccine and 1 child died 17 days after the vaccine. Were autopsies performed on these children to determine if they died from the Covid vaccine? If not, why not given the closeness to time of vaccination? If not, then how can the TGA rule out these children's deaths as having been from the Covid vaccine?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000233	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccines - TGA FOI 4205 - Database of Adverse Event Notifications (DAEN)	39. TGA FOI 4205 says, "Reporting of a death to the TGA does not mean that the vaccine caused the death or that the reporting doctor/individual considers that it was caused by a vaccine." This statement is misleading. If the health professional or other person ticks suspected, it means they think the death was caused by the vaccine. Why is the TGA deliberately misleading the	Written	15/02/2024

				public about the fact that the DAEN does report "suspected" cases?		
SQ24-000234	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccines - TGA FOI 4263 - Determinations on Cause of Death	38. In paragraph 30 and 31 of FOI 4263, the TGA says, "As previously explained to you (in correspondence dated 15 March 2023 and in the meeting on 6 April 2023) the TGA reviews all adverse events after COVID-19 vaccination where a fatal outcome is recorded. The TGA does not, however, make formal determinations on the cause of death following the administration of the COVID-19 vaccination. All fatal outcomes following vaccinations are published on the TGA's DAEN as having a 'possible' causal link. In some cases, the TGA has determined that the COVID-19 vaccination was the 'likely' cause of death, and this information is also published on the TGA website." Given this statement from the TGA, does this confirm that the TGA can't rule out the reported and suspected deaths as being caused by the vaccine?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000235	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccines - Expiry Dates and Storage Requirements	37. Can the TGA provide the "RNA stability data" it received from Pfizer that showed it was safe to extend the expiry date of the vaccines and change the storage requirements from circa -70 degrees to -20 to zero degrees? If not, why not?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000236	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccines - Pfizer Testing	36. Why did Pfizer feel the need to insert three stop codons? And do the stop codons work for Methylpseudouridine? If so, can tests be provide showing they work?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000237	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccines - Indemnities	35. In regard to indemnities given for the Covid vaccines, why did the TGA waive away liability to Big Pharma and how can they justify it given that Covid had such a low mortality rate in young people? Who in the TGA made the decision to waive indemnity and where is the evidence/advice used to make this decision? Can the correspondence between the Health Department and/or the TGA between them and Pfizer waiving indemnity please be provided.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000238	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Spike Protein	How can the TGA be sure that the spike protein manufactured by the bound ribosome on the endoplasmic reticulum wasn't encapsulated by an exosome after the spike protein was produced? Can tests showing that vaccine spike proteins weren't encapsulated in the exosomes please be provided? I note bound ribosomes produce exosomes for export from the cell.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000239	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccines - Health Minister Correspondence	34. Can the Health Department provide all communications between Professor Murphy and Greg Hunt between 1/02/2020 and 31/05/2022 and Professor Skerritt and Mark Butler between 23/05/2022 and 31/12/2023 regarding Covid Vaccines?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000240	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccines - TGA Communication with Senator Rennick	33. Can the TGA provide all communication between itself and Health Ministers involving Senator Rennick between July 2021 and December 2023?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000241	Department of Health	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccines - Minister	32. Can the TGA provide all communications between Professor Skerritt and Greg Hunt between 1/02/2020 and 22/05/2022 regarding Covid vaccines?	Written	15/02/2024

	and Aged Care		Communication with Professor Skerritt			
SQ24-000242	Department of Health and Aged Care	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement?</p> <p>6. How many staff in the agency/department/statutory authority work permanently from home?</p> <p>7. do any staff with remote working arrangements now based outside of Australia?</p> <p>8. Of those based outside of Australia, is the agency/department/statutory authority aware of their current location, and what security protocols do you have in place for their device access?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000243	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccines - mRNA and COVID Batch Testing	Re Question on Notice SQ23-001093, this question was not answered. How does the TGA know that mRNA in	Written	15/02/2024

				the Covid batches that is not fully complete is not harmful to the human body?		
SQ24-000244	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement?</p> <p>6. How many staff in the agency/department/statutory authority work permanently from home?</p> <p>7. do any staff with remote working arrangements now based outside of Australia?</p> <p>8. Of those based outside of Australia, is the agency/department/statutory authority aware of their current location, and what security protocols do you have in place for their device access?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000245	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccines - Acceptable Safe	28. Re Question on Notice SQ23-001203, how does the TGA know what is an acceptable safe level of DNA for encapsulated DNA? Safety specifications used by the	Written	15/02/2024

			Levels of DNA for Encapsulated DNA	TGA were designed for naked DNA not encapsulated DNA which is a novel technology used for the first time by the Pfizer vaccine. What tests were conducted to show what levels of DNA were allowable into the cell without causing harm?		
SQ24-000246	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority? 2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements? 3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday? 4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office? b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team? Departmental staff 5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement? 6. How many staff in the agency/department/statutory authority work permanently from home? 7. do any staff with remote working arrangements now based outside of Australia? 8. Of those based outside of Australia, is the agency/department/statutory authority aware of their current location, and what security protocols do you have in place for their device access? 	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000247	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000248	Australian Digital Health Agency	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement?</p> <p>6. How many staff in the agency/department/statutory authority work permanently from home?</p> <p>7. do any staff with remote working arrangements now based outside of Australia?</p> <p>8. Of those based outside of Australia, is the agency/department/statutory authority aware of their</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				current location, and what security protocols do you have in place for their device access?		
SQ24-000249	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement?</p> <p>6. How many staff in the agency/department/statutory authority work permanently from home?</p> <p>7. do any staff with remote working arrangements now based outside of Australia?</p> <p>8. Of those based outside of Australia, is the agency/department/statutory authority aware of their current location, and what security protocols do you have in place for their device access?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000250	Australian Sports Commission	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements -	1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?	Written	15/02/2024

			Australian Sports Commission	<p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement?</p> <p>6. How many staff in the agency/department/statutory authority work permanently from home?</p> <p>7. do any staff with remote working arrangements now based outside of Australia?</p> <p>8. Of those based outside of Australia, is the agency/department/statutory authority aware of their current location, and what security protocols do you have in place for their device access?</p>		
SQ24-000251	Department of Health and Aged Care	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000252	Australian Sports Foundation	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement?</p> <p>6. How many staff in the agency/department/statutory authority work permanently from home?</p> <p>7. do any staff with remote working arrangements now based outside of Australia?</p> <p>8. Of those based outside of Australia, is the agency/department/statutory authority aware of their current location, and what security protocols do you have in place for their device access?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000253	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000254	Cancer Australia	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Cancer Australia	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement?</p> <p>6. How many staff in the agency/department/statutory authority work permanently from home?</p> <p>7. do any staff with remote working arrangements now based outside of Australia?</p> <p>8. Of those based outside of Australia, is the agency/department/statutory authority aware of their current location, and what security protocols do you have in place for their device access?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000255	Australian Digital Health Agency	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Australian Digital Health Agency	2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>		
SQ24-000256	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement?</p> <p>6. How many staff in the agency/department/statutory authority work permanently from home?</p> <p>7. do any staff with remote working arrangements now based outside of Australia?</p> <p>8. Of those based outside of Australia, is the agency/department/statutory authority aware of their current location, and what security protocols do you have in place for their device access?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000257	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000258	Australian Sports Commission	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Australian Sports Commission	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000259	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000260	National Blood Authority	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - National Blood Authority	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement?</p> <p>6. How many staff in the agency/department/statutory authority work permanently from home?</p> <p>7. do any staff with remote working arrangements now</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000261	Australian Sports Foundation	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000262	National Health Funding Body	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - National Health Funding Body	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000263	Cancer Australia	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Cancer Australia	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000264	National Health and Medical Research Council	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000265	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000266	National Mental Health Commission	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - National Mental Health Commission	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000267	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team? Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000268	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000269	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000270	National Blood Authority	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - National Blood Authority	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000271	Professional Services Review	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Professional Services Review	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000272	Department of Health and Aged Care	Michaelia Cash	List of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority</p> <p>1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details:</p> <p>a. Location of the property or land;</p> <p>b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased;</p> <p>i. If leased – when does the lease expire;</p> <p>c. Total footprint in square metres; and</p> <p>d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000273	Sport Integrity Australia	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement?</p> <p>6. How many staff in the agency/department/statutory authority work permanently from home?</p> <p>7. do any staff with remote working arrangements now based outside of Australia?</p> <p>8. Of those based outside of Australia, is the agency/department/statutory authority aware of their current location, and what security protocols do you have in place for their device access?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000274	National Health Funding Body	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - National Health Funding Body	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?		
SQ24-000275	Department of Health and Aged Care	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way?</p> <p>10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance?</p> <p>11. (if yes) – How does that work?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000276	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement?</p> <p>6. How many staff in the agency/department/statutory</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000277	National Health and Medical Research Council	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000278	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000279	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p> <p>3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday?</p> <p>4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place?</p> <p>a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office?</p> <p>b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team?</p> <p>Departmental staff</p> <p>5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement?</p> <p>6. How many staff in the agency/department/statutory authority work permanently from home?</p> <p>7. do any staff with remote working arrangements now based outside of Australia?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000280	National Mental Health Commission	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - National Mental Health Commission	2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year? a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted? b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000281	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority? 2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements? 3. What is the average number of staff that are WFH on any given workday? 4. What is the most senior level of employee who has a formal work from arrangement in place? a. What is that arrangement – how many days a week do they attend the office? b. Are they in charge of a team of employees? How many in that team? Departmental staff 5. Does the agency/department/statutory authority have a breakdown across all offices on how many have a formal working from home arrangement? 6. How many staff in the agency/department/statutory	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000282	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way?</p> <p>10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance?</p> <p>11. (if yes) – How does that work?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000283	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000284	National Sports Tribunal	Michaelia Cash	Working from home arrangements -	<p>1. What is the proportion of staff that are on formal Work from Home (WFH) arrangements in the agency/department/statutory authority?</p> <p>2. How many have informally used WFH arrangements?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-000285	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Michaelia Cash	List of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority - Australian Commission on	<p>1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details:</p> <p>a. Location of the property or land;</p> <p>b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased;</p> <p>i. If leased – when does the lease expire;</p> <p>c. Total footprint in square metres; and</p> <p>d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Safety & Quality in Health Care	hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).		
SQ24-000286	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year? a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted? b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000287	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000288	Professional Services Review	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Professional Services Review	2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year? a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted? b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000289	Sport Integrity Australia	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000290	Australian Digital Health Agency	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way?</p> <p>10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance?</p> <p>11. (if yes) – How does that work?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000291	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Michaelia Cash	CN4015461	<p>With reference to contract notice CN4015461, published by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission on the Austender website on the 10th November 2023 relating to venue hire:</p> <p>(1) To what event did this venue hire relate, and precisely where was the event held.</p> <p>(2) Can an itemised list of all costs relating to the event be provided.</p> <p>(3) Can a guest list for the event be provided, including, without limitation, details of any Ministers, ministerial staff or APS staff who attended.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>(4) Can an itemised list be provided for:</p> <p>(a) any food served; and</p> <p>(b) any beverages served, including the names and vintages of any wines or champagnes.</p> <p>(5) Were any catering services procured for the purposes of the event, for example waiters, kitchenhands, or cleaning staff; if so, can full details be provided.</p> <p>(6) Was any entertainment provided at the event; if so, can full details be provided.</p> <p>(7) Was any audio visual equipment or were any services procured for the purposes of the event; if so, can full details be provided.</p> <p>(8) Were any decorations purchased for the purposes of the event; if so, can an itemised list be provided.</p> <p>(9) Can any photographs of the event be provided.</p> <p>(10) Can copies of any presentations delivered at the event be provided.</p>		
SQ24-000292	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000293	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Michaelia Cash	CN4011672	With reference to contract notice CN4011672, published by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission on the Austender website on the 24th	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>October 2023 relating to venue hire:</p> <p>(1) To what event did this venue hire relate, and precisely where was the event held.</p> <p>(2) Can an itemised list of all costs relating to the event be provided.</p> <p>(3) Can a guest list for the event be provided, including, without limitation, details of any Ministers, ministerial staff or APS staff who attended.</p> <p>(4) Can an itemised list be provided for:</p> <p>(a) any food served; and</p> <p>(b) any beverages served, including the names and vintages of any wines or champagnes.</p> <p>(5) Were any catering services procured for the purposes of the event, for example waiters, kitchenhands, or cleaning staff; if so, can full details be provided.</p> <p>(6) Was any entertainment provided at the event; if so, can full details be provided.</p> <p>(7) Was any audio visual equipment or were any services procured for the purposes of the event; if so, can full details be provided.</p> <p>(8) Were any decorations purchased for the purposes of the event; if so, can an itemised list be provided.</p> <p>(9) Can any photographs of the event be provided.</p> <p>(10) Can copies of any presentations delivered at the event be provided.</p>		
SQ24-000294	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Michaelia Cash	CN4011666	With reference to contract notice CN4011666, published by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission on the Austender website on the 23rd October 2023 relating to venue hire:	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>(1) To what event did this venue hire relate, and precisely where was the event held.</p> <p>(2) Can an itemised list of all costs relating to the event be provided.</p> <p>(3) Can a guest list for the event be provided, including, without limitation, details of any Ministers, ministerial staff or APS staff who attended.</p> <p>(4) Can an itemised list be provided for:</p> <p>(a) any food served; and</p> <p>(b) any beverages served, including the names and vintages of any wines or champagnes.</p> <p>(5) Were any catering services procured for the purposes of the event, for example waiters, kitchenhands, or cleaning staff; if so, can full details be provided.</p> <p>(6) Was any entertainment provided at the event; if so, can full details be provided.</p> <p>(7) Was any audio visual equipment or were any services procured for the purposes of the event; if so, can full details be provided.</p> <p>(8) Were any decorations purchased for the purposes of the event; if so, can an itemised list be provided.</p> <p>(9) Can any photographs of the event be provided.</p> <p>(10) Can copies of any presentations delivered at the event be provided.</p>		
SQ24-000295	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>		
SQ24-000296	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way?</p> <p>10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance?</p> <p>11. (if yes) – How does that work?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000297	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000298	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?		
SQ24-000299	Australian Sports Commission	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Australian Sports Commission (Australian Institute of Sport)	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000300	National Sports Tribunal	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments - National Sports Tribunal	2. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agency/department/statutory authority since 2021-22 Financial year? a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted? b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000301	Australian Sports Foundation	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Australian Sports Foundation Limited	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing	Written	15/02/2024

				performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?		
SQ24-000302	Cancer Australia	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Cancer Australia	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000303	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000304	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Food	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way?	Written	15/02/2024

			Standards Australia New Zealand	10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?		
SQ24-000305	National Sports Tribunal	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - National Sports Tribunal	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000306	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000307	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000308	Australian Digital Health Agency	Michaelia Cash	List of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority - Australian Digital Health Agency	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000309	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Michaelia Cash	List of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory	Written	15/02/2024

			statutory authority - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).		
SQ24-000310	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000311	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding	Written	15/02/2024

				hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).		
SQ24-000312	Sport Integrity Australia	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - Sport Integrity Australia	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000313	Professional Services Review	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - Professional Services Review	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000314	Independent Health and Aged Care	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance -	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of	Written	15/02/2024

	Pricing Authority		Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?		
SQ24-000315	National Blood Authority	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - National Blood Authority	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000316	National Health Funding Body	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - National Health Funding Body	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000317	National Health and Medical Research Council	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way?</p> <p>10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance?</p> <p>11. (if yes) – How does that work?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000318	National Mental Health Commission	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - National Mental Health Commission	<p>9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way?</p> <p>10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance?</p> <p>11. (if yes) – How does that work?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000319	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Organ & Tissue Authority	<p>9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way?</p> <p>10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?		
SQ24-000320	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000321	Professional Services Review	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Professional Services Review	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000322	Sport Integrity Australia	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Sport Integrity Australia	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is	Written	15/02/2024

				the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?		
SQ24-000323	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000324	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Australian Industrial Chemicals Scheme	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000325	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Office of the Gene	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance	Written	15/02/2024

			Technology Regulator	appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?		
SQ24-000326	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000327	National Sports Tribunal	Michaelia Cash	Employee Productivity and Performance - National Sports Tribunal	9. How do you assess the productivity of employees within the agency/department/statutory authority? Do you have any indication of the productivity of employees working from home – has it changed in any way? 10. How often do employees undergo performance appraisals? How is WFH built into that process now – is the WFH arrangement taken into account with assessing performance? 11. (if yes) – How does that work?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000328	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - Office of the	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory	Written	15/02/2024

			Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>authority or leased;</p> <p>i. If leased – when does the lease expire;</p> <p>c. Total footprint in square metres; and</p> <p>d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).</p>		
SQ24-000329	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details:</p> <p>a. Location of the property or land;</p> <p>b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased;</p> <p>i. If leased – when does the lease expire;</p> <p>c. Total footprint in square metres; and</p> <p>d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000330	National Mental Health Commission	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - National Mental Health Commission	<p>1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details:</p> <p>a. Location of the property or land;</p> <p>b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased;</p> <p>i. If leased – when does the lease expire;</p> <p>c. Total footprint in square metres; and</p> <p>d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).		
SQ24-000331	National Health and Medical Research Council	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - National Health & Medical Research Council	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000332	National Health Funding Body	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - National Health Funding Body	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000333	National Blood Authority	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details:	Written	15/02/2024

			statutory authority - National Blood Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms). 		
SQ24-000334	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/ statutory authority - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms). 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000335	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/ statutory authority - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and 	Written	15/02/2024

				d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).		
SQ24-000336	Cancer Australia	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - Cancer Australia	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000337	Australian Sports Foundation	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - Australian Sports Foundation	1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details: a. Location of the property or land; b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased; i. If leased – when does the lease expire; c. Total footprint in square metres; and d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000338	Australian Sports Commission	Michaelia Cash	Property held within the agency/department/statutory authority - Australian Sports Commission	<p>1. Please provide a list of all property/land that is in the possession of the agency/department/statutory authority with the following details:</p> <p>a. Location of the property or land;</p> <p>b. Is it owned by the agency/department/statutory authority or leased;</p> <p>i. If leased – when does the lease expire;</p> <p>c. Total footprint in square metres; and</p> <p>d. Total footprint in sqm excluding areas specifically designated for interaction with the public (eg: excluding hearing rooms for particular matters, but including kitchens, breakout and internal meeting rooms).</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000339	Department of Health and Aged Care	Kerrynne Liddle	Kids Helpline	<p>1. Given the escalation of children at risk and the need for children and young people to have advice a call away at any time, can you provide any detail on an increase in funding to the Kids Helpline since November?</p> <p>2. If so, can you provide detail? And how much funding was sought?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000340	Department of Health and Aged Care	Lidia Thorpe	Review of First Nations Health Care in Prisons	<p>1. As per AusTender, in November 2023 the Department contracted NOUS Group to conduct a 'review of First Nations Health Care in Prisons'. Aside from the contract value of \$600,000, can you please provide details of the total budget for this review, including Departmental costs and any consultations that the Department is conducting to inform the review?</p> <p>2. How many FTE's in the Department are working on this review? Are there staff from NIAA or any other agencies involved in the review?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				3. What is the scope and objectives of the review? Can you please provide the terms of reference and related briefing materials?		
SQ24-000341	Department of Health and Aged Care	Lidia Thorpe	Prison Health for First Nations	<p>8. What will be the consultation process for the review?</p> <p>4. How is the Department ensuring that First Peoples with lived experience of the prison system are informing and guiding the review?</p> <p>15. Which First Nations Community Controlled Organisations are involved in the review, and in what capacity?</p> <p>9. I understand the Group intends to conduct a series of closed roundtables. Can you please provide a list of locations and dates for each roundtable that has happened or is scheduled, including a list of invited attendees and who has confirmed attendance.</p> <p>6. Who is on the steering committee for the review, and what additional positions is the project team seeking to add to the steering committee? Are people on this committee being remunerated for their work, and if so how much?</p> <p>5. Of the consultants from NOUS working on this review, what prior experience in custodial health do they have, and how many of them are First Nations?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>7. What was the selection criteria for deciding who should conduct the review, and how was NOUS Group selected? How were independent experts, who have done the large majority of work and research in this field for the last few decades, consulted on who to select and the best way to conduct the review?</p> <p>10. If the Department is not satisfied that the work by NOUS is meeting expectations, what avenues does it have for addressing unsatisfactory decisions made by NOUS, particularly in relation to the composition of the steering committee, the review process and public consultation process?</p> <p>11. How will the review explore avenues to improve the accessibility and availability of the following services for First Nations people in prison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. dental health care b. developmental healthcare needs for minors, including neuropsychological and paediatric services c. disability services d. access to medicines e. specialist care f. infectious diseases g. telehealth services h. sexual and reproductive healthcare i. healthcare for older offenders j. palliative care k. drug and alcohol services l. mental health care services m. social and emotional wellbeing supports 		
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				<p>n. suicide prevention and means restriction</p> <p>o. benefits and cost-benefit analysis of diversionary schemes</p> <p>p. continuity of care from the community to prison and vice versa, including information sharing</p>		
SQ24-000342	Department of Health and Aged Care	Lidia Thorpe	1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody	<p>12. Has the Department instructed the reviewers to consider the relevant recommendations from the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, a number of which relate to custodial health, and explore avenues for their implementation?</p> <p>13. Which recommendations from the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody are being considered in this review?</p> <p>14. Will the review consider coronial inquest reports and recommendations arising from these? FNHD HCIP</p> <p>15. The Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) is currently looking into access to medicines in custodial settings. How will the review consider access to medicines and the advice provided by PBAC on this matter?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000343	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Increasing number of Mental Health Practitioners	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I have just a few opening questions for the minister. Minister-yes or no-will government commit to increasing the number of mental health practitioners that are available under Medicare?</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: We've made a commitment to the mental health sector since we came in, Senator Steele-John, and I'm certainly happy to take that question on notice in terms of what particular numbers we may be looking at. You may recall that through the referendum</p>	10	15/02/2024

				we certainly committed \$10 million. That went to the Aboriginal community health sector and NACCHO in general to assist. We are very focused on wanting to look into the mental health sector, and I can provide those numbers for you.		
SQ24-000344	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	ADHD Medication Shortage	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Okay. Now, Minister, I am really deeply concerned about the continuing shortage of Vyvanse in Australia. It's a medication utilised by many people with ADHD.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Minister, people with ADHD have been without this critical medication for so long now, and it is doing real harm. This is an emergency in our community. I came to estimates in October and asked for the dates expected for the resolution of these shortages, and Professor Lawler informed me at the time that there was a belief that the shortages would be resolved by 31 December. Professor Lawler has just informed myself, and yourself, that the earliest date for any of these categories of shortage to be resolved is now March and for some people April. Has your government reached out to the American government and expressed to them the urgent need for their manufacturing capability to be increased, to resolve this literal emergency that we're experiencing in the community?</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: I can certainly take that question on notice for you, Senator Steele-John, in terms of Minister Butler-in terms of direct conversations with the US.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Yes. Imagine if my wheelchair was the product of a pill I took multiple times a day and</p>	11-12	15/02/2024

				that pill was not available due to a supply chain issue in the United States and that while I couldn't get it I had to crawl around on the floor, and now I'm being told that I won't be able to get my wheelchair pill until April. That is literally the situation that so many ADHDers are in. This medication is their form of assistive technology, and it is urgent that we resolve this supply line shortage for them. So please do take that on notice.		
SQ24-000345	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Protocols in relation to communiques	<p>Senator RUSTON: Sure. I'm happy for that. The question now is not about the updated reviews. I'm just keen to understand, from a whole-of-portfolio perspective, what your protocols are in relation to communiques that were published at a particular time and dated relevant to the time that the communiques were actually agreed to by the members of whatever body that published these communiques. I'm interested in what your overall policy is around making changes to those and why, on 12 January, there were changes made to the communiques of 25 July, 27 August, 15 September, 12 October, 22 November and 15 December. They are all now showing that they were updated on 12 January. I'm just keen to understand what would enable you to go and change a communique that had already been published?</p> <p>Mr Lye: You would be aware that the taskforce was housed in Prime Minister and Cabinet, and we provided a lot of support to that secretariat. I'm sure there'll be a simple explanation for any changes. It might relate to being moved onto a different platform or the like, but we'll find out for you and give you an answer in the</p>	12	15/02/2024

				<p>aged care outcome. We certainly provided some expertise and resourcing to the taskforce, but it was housed in PM&C, so I'd probably need to check with them and then come back to you.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: For some reason, the communique of 16 June has not been amended. That still shows 23 June as the last time that communique was touched, which was probably the day it was published in the first place. It's interesting that that one hasn't been touched, but it says that all the rest of them have been amended.</p> <p>Mr Lye: I'm not aware of any editing or post-release editing that's happened. It could be some formatting; it could be anything. But we'll check for you, and we we'll get you an answer.</p>		
SQ24-000346	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Aged Care Review Report Tabling	<p>Senator RUSTON: Was the department made aware of the offer by the opposition to work constructively with the government to try and ensure clarity for the aged-care sector? I think you'd have to agree it's pretty unsettled at the moment and struggling to make decisions going forward because of the lack of clarity it has around a number of things in the sector. Clearly the ultimate outcome of all of this is making sure that all Australians are getting the certainty of care and support that they rightly deserve in their older years. The inability for this kind of information to be made available to them so that they can have some input to provide feedback into this system is causing completely unnecessary concern despite the fact that the alternative government has offered support. The question then is: are you getting feedback from the</p>	13-14	15/02/2024

				<p>sector that they are becoming quite unsettled by both the delays in this particular report and the lack of information and detail that's contained in the exposure draft for the new Aged Care Act?</p> <p>Mr Lye: No, we're not getting that feedback. I think, as you rightly point out, particularly the financial viability in the residential part of the sector has been under considerable stress. They and our data indicate that that trajectory is changing and that the gap between what makes this sector investable and healthy and the reverse is closing. So I think people are probably more optimistic than they have been, and they understand that the taskforce has been an opportunity to deal with a set of structural issues that are very longstanding. Given the fact that the taskforce has happened and that the government is looking at the outcome of that process, I think they have faith that there's a genuine interest in trying to address those remaining structural issues, which, particularly in residential care, are barriers to viability.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I think you've got a much more optimistic view of the sector than the sector is projecting to me. Just finally, Minister, will you seek to get an undertaking that this really important review report, which is so important to the aged-care sector and the people that it cares for, will be tabled by the end of the month? If not, could you provide me with advice as to why the government is refusing to allow sunlight in on something that is so important and causing so much distress to the wider community?</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: I know we'll be talking further about</p>		
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				this in the aged-care sector, but I'll certainly take your question on notice.		
SQ24-000347	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Universal Access to reproductive health care	<p>Senator WATERS: Thanks everyone and welcome, Minister. I hope you can hear me okay. I'll proceed as if you can. Just some questions to start with about the Senate inquiry into universal access to reproductive health care, which this committee conducted, and the report that was tabled last May. The government response to that was due in August. That was seven months ago. Where is the response to that report?</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: We have a departmental rep coming to the table, Senator Waters.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you very much.</p> <p>Dr Develin: That report is still under consideration by government.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: What is the hold-up?</p> <p>Dr Develin: There's no particular hold-up. There are obviously lots and lots of recommendations in that report that span across the sector, and so it's under consideration.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: When you say 'under consideration', does that mean you've provided some draft responses to the minister? Or is it still under consideration by the department? Has it gone to the minister yet?</p> <p>Dr Develin: I'd have to take it on notice whether it's been provided to the minister, but certainly, as the deputy secretary, I have seen drafts of the proposed response.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Okay. When did you last see a draft?</p> <p>Dr Develin: I certainly read one on the weekend and</p>	14-15	15/02/2024

				<p>provided comment back to the team.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Okay. Do you have an anticipated response time frame? It's very late now and everybody is really interested in what the government's going to do about these important recommendations. What time frame are you working to?</p> <p>Dr Develin: I'll have to take that on notice, but certainly it is very close in that a well-crafted response is underway.</p>		
SQ24-000348	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	19A Process	<p>Senator WATERS: Will the approval under that section 19A facilitate permanent approval of those items to be supplied domestically, or is it just a stopgap measure?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: That is a process that we undertake in response to anticipated or current shortages. That is temporarily related to the shortage.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Okay. So if there's a great response to that interim product, will there be a process to consider listing that product under our normal domestic processes for normal availability?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: Our normal domestic processes for evaluation and approval do rely on a sponsor coming to us to have a product formally evaluated and included on the Register of Therapeutic Goods. The section 19A is very much an emergency response to shortage. We would welcome discussions with sponsors at any time should they wish to have a product formally added. I don't know whether you-</p> <p>Mr Henderson: We regularly engage with sponsors of those 19A medicines, and we encourage them to apply for registration in Australia. We are also able to work</p>	16	15/02/2024

				<p>with them to extend those 19A approvals to ensure we have that coverage through the relevant shortage.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: On notice, would you mind providing me more on that 19A process. Often the availability of modern medicines-I'm thinking particularly in the contraceptive space-is somewhat limited and dependant on suppliers deciding whether they want to opt into either the TGA listing or MBS and PBS processes. I'm interested in what the government can do to compel the supply of affordable medicines for Australian citizens, and I don't know much about that area. If you could kindly direct me to something I can read-on notice, please-to better understand what powers the government has to facilitate affordable medicines for consumers, that would be really great. I'm interested in that 19A process and anything else akin to it.</p>		
SQ24-000349	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Antivirals and safety protocols	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Are you aware of Professor Skerritt's involvement in approving antivirals molnupiravir and remdesivir, which are killer drugs, it seems-they've got very bad records overseas. What I'm saying is: rather than putting safety paramount, are the TGA and the department of health removing barriers to pharmaceutical company approvals?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: I see. Thank you for the question, Senator. No.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: The patent cliff is a real problem-I'll explain what that is in a minute-facing the pharmaceutical industry. Billions of dollars of sales are at risk as patents expire around the same time,</p>	22-23	15/02/2024

				<p>producing a loss of revenue totalling \$200 billion this decade for the pharmaceutical companies. MRNA technology, which has not been tested, will be the saviour of the drug industry, allowing drugs that are now off patent to be replaced with new mRNA drugs. I understand that in America they're favouring two companies, one of which is Pfizer. That means the new drugs will be subject to patent, meaning profits all around-wonderful!-except for taxpayers.</p> <p>Minister, has your government-and the previous government-made a deliberate decision to allow patents on these novel mRNA products to save the profitability of the pharmaceutical industry over considerations of safety and financial cost to taxpayers?</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: I might start with acknowledging that Professor Skerritt did a commendable job in his previous role, and we certainly wish him all the best in what he's doing going forward I think your questions place a slur on people's character, and you might want to have a good look at that. People who move on, whether it's in political life or in other forms of organisations, deserve the opportunity to move on.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: And I want to protect the taxpayer by making sure there are no conflicts of interest. You didn't answer my question, Minister.</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: I'll take your question on notice.</p>		
SQ24-000350	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	WHO Pandemic Instrument	<p>Senator ROBERTS: I'll move on to the World Health Organization's International Health Regulations and the so-called pandemic treaty or accord or protocol or whatever it's called these days. The World Health</p>	23	15/02/2024

				<p>Organization is currently reviewing two separate proposals to increase its powers-firstly, the pandemic agreement. A recent version of that document is on the World Health Organization website, dated 30 October 2023. Is this the latest version? If not, can I have the latest version?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I do think there may have been an additional draft, but I'll check and come back to you. I'm happy to provide the latest publicly released documents that are being considered.</p>		
SQ24-000351	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	ADHD Law Reform	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Returning briefly to the government's response and progress of the recommendations of the ADHD report, has the health minister raised the issue of ADHD law reform at a national meeting of health ministers yet? They happen rather regularly, so I'm hoping that this has been raised.</p> <p>Mr Comley: Some of the discussions in the health ministers meeting are confidential. We can take that on notice, to say whether it was raised. I don't recall that coming up as a formal agenda item in a health ministers meeting, but I'll take on notice whether it has been discussed with health ministers at some point.</p>	24	15/02/2024
SQ24-000352	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Electronic Scripts - Vyvanse	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: So is your evidence to the committee today that Vyvanse-I'm being very specific here-is a medication that you can receive an eScript for?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I'd need to check whether or not it is on the PBS at the moment.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: It's on the PBS, yes.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: Then, yes, it would be available, unless</p>	24-25	15/02/2024

				<p>it's one of the medicines not available for electronic prescriptions because of safety reasons that have been recommended by the commission for safety and quality.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I think what your colleague is about to do is to come to the table and talk to us about the impact of-</p> <p>Mr McCabe: No, I was just going to clarify that electronic scripts cover both prescriptions that are on the PBS and private scripts. As Ms Shakespeare has indicated, if it's a controlled medicine, there are additional steps that the prescriber needs to take but they are still available as eScripts.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Could you outline for the committee, just so that we are aware, what those additional steps are that you need to take.</p> <p>Mr McCabe: I'd have to have a look at it because it's subject to state and territory regulations, so it's different in every state. There are additional considerations that prescribers need to undertake-I don't have them off the top of my head-but eScripts have made that much simpler for prescribers.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: But there are still those additional steps that need to be taken, which makes it harder to get an eScript.</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: I would highlight that there are certain real-time prescription monitoring provisions within a number of the states, and, because of that variability-I'm wanting to be absolutely clear on this, so it might perhaps be better if we bring that back to you if you're comfortable with that.</p>		
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SQ24-000353	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Draft Government Response to the ADHD Report	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Which, in the case of this medication, are the basics. Please bring that information back to us next time. Again, this is an emergency for people. This is my final question on this. As I have referenced in relation to the shortage of supply, we know that this is a medication which is experiencing a supply chain shortage; however, it is regulated in the Australian context as if it were a dangerous medication when it's very clear that it is a safe and effective slow-release medicine. What steps has the government been taking in the last three months since this was made very clear to you in the inquiry to downgrade Vyvanse from being considered a schedule 8 drug?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: Thank you for the question. I would highlight that the formulation of individual medicines are a feature of the scheduling of medication. You would be aware, I suspect, that this is a medication that has significant therapeutic as well as non-therapeutic effects on individuals. It's very carefully titrated by specialists to find the right dose. The issue of the scheduling of a medication is not simply down to the formulation or pharmacogenetics of a single tablet. It's also down to the fact that they are dispensed in 30-tablet lots and that in that volume they are potentially open to misuse, abuse or significant effects. We do regularly review the scheduling of medications. The current view is that schedule 8 is an appropriate schedule for this medication.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: When is it due to be reviewed?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: I don't have that in front of me.</p>	25	15/02/2024
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SQ24-000354	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	UCC Teddy Bears - Distribution	<p>Senator RUSTON: Okay. Minister, you might be able to provide me with feedback about who these teddy bears were distributed to, because I have contacted a couple of my colleagues who have urgent care clinics within their electorates and they say they have not received a teddy bear, and yet, if you go online and have a look at</p>	27	15/02/2024

				<p>social media, there are a number of Labor Party members of parliament who are posting that they've got the UCC teddy bears. I'm just keen to understand how many members of parliament have received these teddy bears, and which ones.</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: I can certainly take that on notice for you, Senator.</p>		
SQ24-000355	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	UCC Teddy Bears - Value for Money	<p>Senator RUSTON: This is maybe for the department: what was the projected impact of the reach of the teddy bears in terms of the value for money? The minister just that this was about reach. I'm wondering what analysis the department did in terms of the reach of teddy bears as opposed to putting an ad in the paper.</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: We are also putting ads in various locations-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I didn't ask that.</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: We're not evaluating the teddy bears independently of the rest of the investment. They are, as I said, about \$4,000 of a \$5.9 million investment into promoting urgent care clinics.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Where were the teddy bears made?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	27	15/02/2024
SQ24-000356	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Medicines Expenditure	<p>Senator RENNICK: All drugs. I want to know how much money the health department spends on drugs, and I want to see a line item listing.</p> <p>Mr Comley: What I'm struggling with is that, in the predominant effect, what we do is we are part of the process that advises which drugs will be available in Australia and which will be listed on the PBS. I'm</p>	28	15/02/2024

				<p>struggling with our role in actually purchasing pharmaceuticals. With vaccines we have in the past, but-</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Including PBS. That's part of the expenditure. The PBS cost was something like \$18 billion, so I want a list of any drugs that you buy directly and then a list of any PBS subsidies. I want to know how much the drug costs and how much it's being sold for through the pharmacy by sponsor. I just want to see how the money is being spent and compare it to frontline services.</p> <p>Mr Comley: I just baulk at us as a department buying these drugs when in fact that's not really the way it works.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We're happy to talk about how the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme works, but I might ask Professor Singer to first talk about the directly purchased medicines which are held in the National Medical Stockpile and the extent to which we can provide any information about that.</p> <p>Prof. Singer: We do purchase drugs for the use of the National Medical Stockpile, which essentially is a series of drugs that are used for emergency purposes-for example, we used them as part of the pandemic, where they were distributed either to states and territories or directly to general practices. I can tell you that, for example, since the start of the pandemic, there has been around \$3½ billion in personal protective equipment. In terms of drugs, I can't give you an actual cost from the figures I've got here, but I can tell you that there were 755,000 COVID-19 treatments that were</p>		
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				<p>deployed through the NMS which essentially were provided to states and territories, the Aboriginal community controlled health centres and-</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: I thought something like 300 million COVID vaccines were bought.</p> <p>Prof. Singer: These are treatments, not vaccines. I'll have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Take it on notice. I want a list of what you buy directly and then a list of your PBS schedule by drug and how much each drug is subsidised by.</p> <p>Prof. Singer: To be clear, the direct purchases for the National Medical Stockpile are not part of the PBS.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: I know. I want to know about your direct purchases and then your PBS schedule and by how much each drug is subsidised. On the tax expenditure statement, it said the PBS cost was \$18 billion. I just want to see how that's broken up line by line.</p> <p>Mr Comley: Why doesn't Ms Shakespeare comment on what is currently published with respect to the PBS and which information is available.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Could you provide that on notice? I've got to get through more questions.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: All of the PBS medicines and their published prices are published at pbs.gov.au. There are, I think, 9,000 different brands, and they're all published.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Does that also show how much the government pays and how much it's subsidised by?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: In many cases it does. There are some cases where we have agreements with companies where they rebate us for a proportion of the price. That</p>		
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				<p>is not published, and I'm not able to provide that to you. Senator RENNICK: Are you able to provide the volume? I want to reconcile that back to the \$18 billion. You can say: 'This drug is subsidised. It costs \$10, and we sell it for \$5; we give a \$5 rebate.' But then I want to see the actual quantity.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I can provide you with aggregate data about the rebates provided from medicines companies to the government, but they're covered under commercially confidential deeds for individual medicines. I can give you aggregate data, and we'll provide that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Wann: Just in terms of numbers, the net spend on PBS is about \$12½ billion.</p>		
SQ24-000357	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Waminda Services Usage	<p>Senator WATERS: That's again really good news. I appreciate that. While we're on birthing on country, do you have any data on the usage of services offered at Waminda, which is the one centre that was funded by the current government?</p> <p>Mr McCabe: I don't. I might check with Professor McMillan.</p> <p>Prof. McMillan: The Waminda service is still working through some of its final delivery modalities to get its program underway. We continue to work with them, but we might take on notice what, if any, services they currently have, as they were developing that program with the local community.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Great. Thank you. And could you take on notice, please, the time frames that you're working</p>	30	15/02/2024

				to to have that fully functional. Thank you so much for your time, Professor McMillan.		
SQ24-000358	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Reproductive Health Services and Contraception during Emergencies	<p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. Lastly, in 2022 there was a University of Newcastle study published called Women's leadership and a community 'saving itself': learning from disasters, health and well-being impacts of the Northern Rivers flood 2022, which related to the accessibility or otherwise of reproductive health care in the Northern Rivers region following the big floods there. Has the department had a look at that report? In a broader question, what's being done to make sure that people who need it can access contraception and termination services during emergencies and natural disasters?</p> <p>Prof. McMillan: I can't speak to whether the report has been reviewed, but the team from the maternity program may be able to speak to this.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. That is my last question, so thanks for your time.</p> <p>Ms Goodchild: Unfortunately, I will have to take the first half of the question on notice in terms of the review that you referenced. Obviously, we do have a lot of measures in place to ensure that women and girls have access to reproductive health services and contraception both during emergencies and not. I do understand that, as you know, there have been changes to the MS-2 steps and regulations, which allow nurses, nurse practitioners, midwives and doctors to prescribe them. There are also emergency contraception facilities available in doctors' bags, which goes to an emergency</p>	30-31	15/02/2024

				<p>situation as well.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I'll await further detail on notice about whether you've considered that report and put any more detail on those bones.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We also have emergency arrangements that we regularly activate to ensure continued access to medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. That includes contraceptives and reproductive medicines included on the PBS. Continued dispensing arrangements allow people to access medicines in an emergency without being able to provide their script, if they need access to medicines. We recently put those in place following the flooding in Far North Queensland.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Good. On notice, can you give me a bit of background on that and whether you intend to have that as a standing option available across the country?</p> <p>Thanks for your time.</p>		
SQ24-000359	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	COVID-19 Vaccines - Batch Testing	<p>Prof. Lawler: Thank you for the question. I would just highlight that we've received these questions regarding the batch testing of vaccines and the associated release a number of times before, and we've answered these questions-most recently, I think, SQ23-002145. Those answers are clearly on the record.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: That's not the one I have. Secondly, there are 44 good manufacturing process certificates for all COVID vaccines, yet there are 410 batches listed in your COVID vaccine batch release assessment. Some of those are duplications and some, admittedly, are for AstraZeneca, but the number seems off. Can you please</p>	32	15/02/2024

				<p>give me on notice a full list of Pfizer batch numbers and the corresponding good manufacturing process-or is it true that good manufacturing process was only used from the bivalent vaccines onwards?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: Thank you for the question. I'm happy to either take that on notice or to return to that under outcome 1.8 when my-</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Perhaps you could take it on notice.</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: Absolutely.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Thank you.</p>		
SQ24-000360	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Azithromycin - Withdrawal Recommendation	<p>Senator RENNICK: Yes, I actually did. I'm just curious if you can look into this: the national COVID evidence taskforce recommended that azithromycin, an antibiotic, not be given to people with COVID. I'm interested to know why you would recommend the withdrawal of an antibiotic. Basically, you could still give the same drug to people who didn't have COVID, but I don't know why'd you recommend pulling an antibiotic given that people often get secondary bacterial infections from a viral infection-especially older people. I know you won't be able to answer that on the spot, so could you take that on notice and look into it, because I'd like to know which doctor and all of that decided that and why it was done.</p> <p>Prof. Singer: We will take it on notice. But certainly one of the problems with a macrolide antibiotic like azithromycin is that some of them are associated with cardiac problems, and it's possible that that's the reason why. But we will look into it.</p>	33	15/02/2024

SQ24-000361	Professional Services Review	Malcolm Roberts	Professional Services Review Scheme - Outcomes	<p>Senator ROBERTS: My last question. In 2011 there was an inquiry held by the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee into the Professional Services Review scheme. Supplementary comments by senators Eric Abetz and Bridget McKenzie included that the processes of the Professional Services Review scheme were deficient and led to unjust outcomes. Senator Abetz's view was that merit review would be a mandatory requirement for the system to be considered fair and just. This flies in the face of your own view, that merit review is unnecessary. Minister, when will the structure of the Professional Services Review scheme be reconsidered?</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: I will take that question on notice.</p>	37	15/02/2024
SQ24-000362	Professional Services Review	Anne Ruston	Medical practitioners and disqualification during this financial year	<p>Senator RUSTON: Just as a matter of stats, how many doctors have you investigated so far this financial year?</p> <p>Dr Di Dio: This financial year up until last week we are up to 85 referrals we have received from Medicare, which is tracking towards one of our busiest ever years.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Obviously these are ongoing inquiries, but on average in recent times how many doctors have been suspended as a result of your investigations, as a percentage of the number that you investigate?</p> <p>Dr Di Dio: We have partial and complete disqualifications for Medicare. In relation to where we've been up to so far this year, approximately 46 practitioners received a partial disqualification from Medicare. I'll take that on notice and give you far greater detail. What I mean by 'partial' is, for example, if a practitioner is referred to us for care plans and a large</p>	37	15/02/2024

				<p>percentage, or perhaps even 100 per cent, of their care plans are deemed by their peers to be inappropriate practice, they may receive a disqualification either from the acting director or the determining authority, depending on which stage of the process they are, for just that item, the care plans, not for anything else, because they haven't been found to have done anything wrong in relation to the other 95 per cent of their practice.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: No problem. I was just interested in terms of how many people get referred and how many you find to have been in breach. I understand there is a sliding scale of a little tiny bit that's not quite up to speed as opposed to some egregious sorts of things. That would be interesting.</p>		
SQ24-000363	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	PBAC approval to listing - Average period	<p>Senator RUSTON: Forty-nine, okay. What was the average period from a PBAC approval to listing for each financial year over the past 10 years?</p> <p>Ms Platona: I will get that for you.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: You don't have to answer that right now.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We don't have that.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Could you take it on notice?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: Yes.</p>	43	15/02/2024
SQ24-000364	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Health Insurance - Increase in Premiums	<p>Senator RUSTON: Have you been asked to do any work around concerns about the increase in premiums in relation to the cost of living, and how has that played in terms of your advice to government? Has the cost-of-living crisis and the concerns around people abandoning</p>	45	15/02/2024

				<p>their private health insurance played into that decision-making?</p> <p>Mr Kelleher: It's been made very clear to us that the government and the minister are concerned about the cost of living. The assessment that we've done on the premium applications has called out what is happening with the costs and the changes in costs of private health insurance premiums in a significant amount of detail. That has formed part of our analysis that we've provided to the minister.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: There were also some reports late last year in relation to policies having gone up by 8 per cent. How is that possible, or is that not correct?</p> <p>Mr Kelleher: I'll answer how it is possible. When the minister considers premium change applications, he's considering premium change applications for each and every product. What is announced at the end of the premium round process is both the insurer's average change and the industry's average change. Some products go up a little; some go up more than what is reported as the average. So in an event where a two per cent change may occur, you could anticipate that that will be made up of zero per cent, five per cent and 10 per cent changes. It's a bit of a spectrum there.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I think that same article reported something like premiums of \$8,000. Is that possible?</p> <p>Mr Kelleher: I would have to take it on notice to review that particular article. I do recall it, from some time ago, but I'm just uncertain of the specifics in it.</p>	
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SQ24-000365	Department of Health and Aged Care	Helen Polley	Hospice Funding - Federal Government and Tasmanian State Government commitments	<p>Senator POLLEY: I want to go to the election commitment that was given by both major parties at the last federal election, which we, as the federal government now, have honoured, of \$20 million towards a hospice in Northern Tasmania. The state Liberal government are about to go to caretaker mode as they've called a very early election, so I want to get an update, if I can, as to where we're at and what contracts have been signed. My understanding is that the first payment from the federal government was made some time ago. Have there been contracts signed? Has the site been chosen? What consultation has taken place with the community in relation to the siting of that hospice?</p> <p>Ms Schofield: As you mentioned, it was an election commitment for \$20 million over four years from 2022-23 for the construction of the new standalone, dedicated hospice. That funding from the Commonwealth is administered through a project schedule in an agreement with Tasmania, obviously. That was executed in early June last year. The first payment for 2022-23 was made towards the end of June, following the receipt of the first progress report from Tasmania. That was essentially a draft plan for the steps that the Tasmanian government would be going through to construct that hospice.</p> <p>Senator POLLEY: Can you table that?</p> <p>Ms Schofield: I'll take that on notice.</p>	45	15/02/2024
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SQ24-000366	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Urgent Care Clinics - Eligibility Guidance	<p>Senator RUSTON: Correct-and what are the baselines against which you measure that success?</p> <p>In relation to the actual locations and the choice of where the clinics are located, were there any specifics that were set around what a particular clinic must be in order for it to be eligible for the funding? Obviously, you had to agree to be open during certain hours and be able to do certain things, but I was just wondering. We've only got 58, so obviously they had to be chosen in terms of priority locations. Was there a set of criteria that the department used to determine where the clinics would go?</p> <p>Dr Develin: I'll let the team fill in more detail, but obviously you need to understand the primary care workforce in the area. They obviously needed to demonstrate that they could provide the clinical and personal safety requirements. We also needed, obviously, to look at community demand, and you also need to work to match it to the local emergency department demand as well. As I said, we're still bedding down the model, but I'll let the team talk to any of the further details.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Yes. I don't need the detail. I'm just wondering: was there a piece of paper that was published somewhere that said, 'In order for you to be eligible for an urgent care clinic, this is what you need to meet'? I'm not asking who met it and who didn't. When you made the decision, 'An urgent care clinic can go there,' what did they have to do in order to meet that? What were they given?</p> <p>Ms Sinclair: In consultation with the states and</p>	48-49	15/02/2024
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SQ24-000367	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Department Interactions with ForHealth	<p>Senator RUSTON: Has the department had any interactions with ForHealth or anything to do with the owners of the corporate structure that ForHealth exists within?</p> <p>Dr Develin: That's probably a very broad question across the department, because I imagine we have a range of stakeholder forums and stakeholder meetings with the primary care sector.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: In relation to UCCs, then?</p> <p>Dr Develin: I think we would have to take that on notice in terms of any of the consultations.</p> <p>Mr Comley: We can take it on notice. I'm pretty sure I've met with them, and I think that one of the reasons they may be heavily into UCCs is that they often specialise in more thin-market areas where often there is a smaller number of providers. We can certainly take on notice anything about the corporate structure, but I think that may be an explanation as to why they may have been successful in a number of those areas where there are not a lot of providers available. My recollection of meeting them, if I am correct, is that part of their corporate objectives is a bit of a corporate social responsibility objective of trying to have a higher proportion of bulk-billing and a higher proportion of</p>	50-51	15/02/2024

				<p>access to people who have difficulty accessing medical services.</p> <p>Mr Comley: Chair, can I just put this on the record? I've just been advised that I did meet with the CEO of ForHealth on 12 October.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Could you give me the name of the CEO of ForHealth?</p> <p>Mr Comley: The name of the CEO is Andrew Cohen.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Thank you.</p>		
SQ24-000368	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Monthly Bulk-Billing Rates since 1 November 2023 - Electorate Breakdown	<p>Ms Shakespeare: Our GP training program numbers, while they were quite low last year, have bounced back this year. While we won't get all of the general practice training placements filled, we've got oversubscription in some parts of the program. We've got rural generalists in some parts wanting to train in numbers above where we are. So I think that there are green shoots, and we're quite encouraged that the work we have done to reform GP training is going to increase the number of general practitioners. The colleges are delivering that program now, including in the ACT, so a lot of effort are going into growing the GP workforce. We've got incentives through Medicare, which we've got very early data on, and they do seem to be making a difference. We've also got funding that's going to be available to work with states and territories around primary care reform, including in the ACT, under the National Health Reform Agreement. So there are quite a lot of different strains of activity.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Thank you. Just on the data, could I just ask on notice that you provide the full</p>	53	15/02/2024

				electorate breakdown of monthly bulk-billing rates since 1 November 2023, if you have that and are able to provide that as soon as possible.		
SQ24-000369	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Urgent Care Clinics - Secretary meetings with CEOs of successful tenderers	<p>Senator RUSTON: Mr Comley, you said you met with Andrew Cohen. I'm wondering whether you met with any of the other CEOs of the successful tenderers for the UCCs.</p> <p>Mr Comley: I'd have to take that on notice. I meet with a lot of people.</p>	54	15/02/2024
SQ24-000370	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Shingrix Vaccine - Model for Demand	<p>Senator RUSTON: Prior to Shingrix being available on the NIP, what was your understanding of the number of Australians who had gone and purchased a Shingrix vaccination themselves?</p> <p>Ms Grinbergs: I would have to take that question on notice. I don't have that data with me.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: You said that the ABS statistics should have told you that, so are the ABS statistics on how many people are over 65 or how many people currently took vaccinations?</p> <p>Ms Grinbergs: The statistics would be based on who is captured within that eligible population group, so it would have considered people explicitly over 65, those who are eligible under the age of 50 and those who are immunocompromised as well.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: You said you developed a model for demand. Surely that model of demand would have taken into account how many people were prepared to pay out of their own pocket for a shingles vaccine, and yet you're telling me that you don't know how many</p>	56	15/02/2024

				<p>people had previously got a shingles vaccine that they had to pay for themselves.</p> <p>Ms Grinbergs: I would have to take that detail on notice, in terms of how we undertook that.</p>		
SQ24-000371	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Shingrix Vaccine - Expected Uptake	<p>Mr Henderson: We've also looked to reinforce supplies of this vaccine through approval through 19A, which we mentioned earlier in the day-a product approved overseas but not yet approved in Australia-just to be sure there are those reinforced supplies of shingles vaccinations in Australia.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So not Shingrix necessarily? We're talking about Shingrix.</p> <p>Mr Henderson: In relation to Shingrix: as Professor Lawler mentioned, under the Therapeutic Goods Act sponsors of vaccines and medicines are required to notify the TGA if there's an expected or anticipated shortage in a six-month period, and we have not received such notification yet from the sponsor of Shingrix.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: What was your expected uptake, then? Was your expected uptake only 850,000 people?</p> <p>Ms Grinbergs: I'll have to take that on notice in terms of what might have been modelled for this particular year. But the number of doses anticipated to be utilised was that 1.7 million-so, on that basis, it would be potentially 850,000.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: What would be a normal uptake for a vaccination that was free?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I don't know if other people at the table have a comment. I'm partly thinking that even with a</p>	58	15/02/2024

				<p>very common vaccination like influenza, where the take-up rate is a long way from 100 per cent in annual vaccination-there'd be a whole range of other vaccinations. I'm not dodging the question; I'm thinking about the material I've seen when we've looked at campaigns to increase vaccination rates, and my recollection of that material is that the take-up rates vary quite significantly across different vaccines depending on the perspective of the individual in terms of how well informed they are, what they think the consequences are of not having a vaccine and a range of other factors. I don't think there is a one-size-fits-all on what is the likely take-up of the vaccination once it's become free.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I'm happy to take any information you've got on notice. There just seems to be a discrepancy in what the public narrative is and what you say the actual situation is.</p>		
SQ24-000372	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Shingrix Vaccine - Cost	<p>Senator RENNICK: I'll touch on the Shingrix vaccine very briefly. I note there was an article in News.com.au that said the program cost \$800 million for five million vaccines, which works out at \$160 a pop. Is that article correct-is it \$800 million?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I'll just get someone to the table. Before they answer-the question of what it will cost is obviously a matter of the take-up. We'll have an estimate of how many people are likely to take it up, and that will determine the cost. It's not a capped program, so if more people came forward seeking to have the vaccine then the cost would increase above</p>	62	15/02/2024

				<p>that estimate.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: But what if it was below that?</p> <p>Mr Comley: If it's below, it's like with any other vaccine.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: [inaudible] it was about a 20 per cent uptake. Are we only paying for what we use?</p> <p>Mr Comley: As I was saying, I don't know the precise number, but there was never an assumption that you'd have 100 per cent uptake, because that's not what we observe with vaccines.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: I'm more concerned about what the cost is and what the per-unit cost is. I guess that's what I'm trying to get at.</p> <p>Ms Grinbergs: I will have to take that on notice. I don't have the individual cost per dose with me today, but I can provide that later. I'll check on that. What I would also say is that the vaccine itself has a three-year shelf life. Given the demand, we're not expecting that there will be wastage.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Because only 850,000 people have taken it up so far?</p> <p>Ms Grinbergs: No. To date there have been 555,000 doses administered, and some people will have had two doses of the vaccine, so it's not necessarily 550,000 people that have actually had the vaccination at this point.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: How long is it before this is off patent? I'm very conscious of how much we spend on drugs. If the \$800-million figure is correct, that's half the cost of the Sunshine Coast hospital, which was built for \$1.6 billion and provides 700 beds. I'm curious about what's on patent and what's not on patent when it</p>		
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				<p>comes to these drugs. I would've thought a vaccine was some sort of-</p> <p>Mr Comley: This is on patent in the sense that it's a proprietary brand; it's not a generic. We'll take on notice whether we can provide the cost of the vaccine. The main reason I'm hesitating is the same reason Ms Shakespeare mentioned before: sometimes the cost we pay is confidential, and that's partly to protect the Australian government's bargaining power.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: What about off-label or generic? Is there a similar generic drug that could help provide immunity for shingles?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I'll go to Professor Lawler. My understanding is that there wasn't a generic for Shingrix.</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: Not that I'm aware, but I may have to review the database and come back to you on that.</p>		
SQ24-000374	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Rapid Antigen Tests - Ceasing Free Tests	<p>Senator RICE: But in relation to COVID, the issue is that we have many people in our community who simply cannot afford to buy RATs. They simply cannot afford it. They are spending their very limited income on food rather than rapid antigen tests. You didn't answer my question: was there any analysis done of the costs and benefits of ceasing the free rapid antigen tests?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: There would definitely have been a review. I've seen information about the number of rapid antigen tests—</p> <p>Senator RICE: Could you take on notice to provide that, please?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: The government has put in place</p>	67-68	15/02/2024

				<p>arrangements which support access to diagnostics in much the same way as we have supported access to diagnostics for other types of viruses through Medicare. Senator RICE: Through Medicare means you have to go to a GP, and if you're on a low income you then have to find a bulk-billing GP, which, as we know, is very difficult.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: The government is making significant investments to improve access to bulk-billing-</p> <p>Senator RICE: Even with those investments, it is still very difficult to find a bulk-billing GP.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: It's early days, but the signs are good.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Could you take on notice to give the committee the details of that review that was done, please?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: The government has put in place arrangements which support access to diagnostics in much the same way as we have supported access to diagnostics for other types of viruses through Medicare.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Through Medicare means you have to go to a GP, and if you're on a low income you then have to find a bulk-billing GP, which, as we know, is very difficult.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: The government is making significant investments to improve access to bulk-billing-</p> <p>Senator RICE: Even with those investments, it is still very difficult to find a bulk-billing GP.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: It's early days, but the signs are good.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Could you take on notice to give the committee the details of that review that was done, please?</p>		
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SQ24-000375	Cancer Australia	Wendy Askew	Clinical Trials Website	<p>Senator ASKEW: Is there some sort of central register where clinical trials and their outcomes are maintained? The evidence I've heard over the past few weeks has been that it's very spasmodic and there's no central point where you can actually find that out, especially if you've been diagnosed with cancer and you're suddenly searching for some hope and looking for details. There's no sort of central repository where you can go looking to find details.</p> <p>Prof. Keefe: I think you'll find there is clinical trials government website, but we will chase it up for you and provide it.</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: If you could provide that on notice, that would be fantastic.</p>	72	15/02/2024
SQ24-000376	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Malcolm Roberts	A1269 Hazard and Risk Assessment - Food Safety Aspects of Cell-Based Food	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Your document, which was in that pile there, A1269 hazard and risk assessment, that document references the food safety aspects of cell-based food from the United Nations and the World Health Organization-both organisations I have very little regard for, but nonetheless even they list 53 potential hazards from lab grown meat. That report concludes on page 118: 'Risk assessment was only the first part of the process of approving lab grown meat for human consumption. What needs to follow are our regulatory authorities cooperating with each other to share information around these potential health risks, which can be pretty severe.' Rather than doing that and asking for in-depth studies, is FSANZ intending on waving these products through?</p> <p>Dr Cuthbert: We will continue to do our assessment,</p>	75	15/02/2024

				<p>and that assessment is quite broad, to determine the safety that needs to be considered through the process.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Has Vow addressed all your concerns?</p> <p>Ms Leemhuis: We have received a raft of information from the applicant, Vow, but in addition to that we do look globally at what other evidence is available to inform our assessment.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Okay. Could you take on notice-I won't take up the committee's time now because we're behind schedule-the approval processes or the steps that you take to consider an application, please? Did you ask Vow for genotoxicity studies in rats, commonly used to ascertain the safety of the product on reproduction and on the growth of cancers or organ damage.</p> <p>Ms Leemhuis: We regularly ask for toxicity studies for almost all applications that we receive. I'd have to take on notice the specific studies we received for this one, although they will be referenced in the A1269 report online.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Including genotoxicity?</p> <p>Ms Leemhuis: Including genotoxicity, yes.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: The approval process seems to be, 'Well, we can't find literature that says'-this is casting the net broadly about the approval process, not necessarily yours-'this novel food is dangerous, so we won't do the work to fill that gap and make sure this product is safe.' That sounds like malfeasance. Have you done much work with other agencies, including your own, on whether the process is rigorous?</p>		
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SQ24-000377	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	David Pocock	BPA and PFAS in Food Packaging - Monitoring for transfer of chemicals	<p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: I'm interested to find out what work has been done on BPA and PFAS in food packaging. We've seen the EU announce that they're going to get rid of it and to ban it. We've seen other moves in some US states. I'm interested in what FSANZ is working on.</p> <p>Ms Leemhuis: We don't regulate food packaging itself, so some of those questions could be better directed to AICIS, the chemical regulator, but we do monitor the food for transfer of chemicals. We did-I can't quite remember the date but I can take it on notice-do a survey to look at the migration of chemicals from packaging to food. We found the risk to be very low overall in terms of that migration. Regarding PFAS, we have done a total diet study which looked at the whole food supply and found levels well below health based guidance values.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Do you not have jurisdiction for packaging that's in contact with food?</p> <p>Ms Leemhuis: We can establish maximum levels for some of the chemicals if they do come across to foods, but we establish that in the food and not in the</p>	76-77	15/02/2024

				<p>packaging.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: So this isn't a concern for you?</p> <p>Ms Leemhuis: We monitor it quite regularly through total diet studies and other surveys. Nothing is coming up that suggests a concern at this point, but we also monitor the global literature around all of these issues and if an issue comes up we can take action.</p>		
SQ24-000378	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	David Pocock	Responsibility for Labelling on Packaging	<p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Who's responsible for labelling on packaging? Say if an egg carton or fast food packaging has PFAS in it, who would say to them, 'If you use PFAS in an egg carton you have to say it has PFAS on it.' A lot of people in the community are concerned about the build-up of chemicals. I understand you kind of say, 'It's small' and it is now, but surely we've got to be thinking that if these are forever chemicals then a small amount over a century is troubling. We're seeing PFAS in penguins off Tasmania. Whose job is that?</p> <p>Ms Leemhuis: When it comes to labelling, we're responsible for the food in the packaging, not for labelling the contents of the packaging itself, so we've got that responsibility.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Who do I speak to about that?</p> <p>Ms Leemhuis: I'm not sure there is labelling for what chemicals are in packaging.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Really?</p> <p>Ms Leemhuis: I don't know. We'd have to take that on notice, but I can say it's not us.</p>	77	15/02/2024

SQ24-000379	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Legal Activities Undertaken - Meals on Wheels	<p>Senator RICE: I just want to know what the department is aware of. Has the department received any legal letters from Miles Morgan other than those involved in the extension of their contract?</p> <p>Mr Herald: The department received a letter about two hours ago requesting that the department be more - how do I describe this?</p> <p>Mr Lye: Circumspect.</p> <p>Mr Herald: circumspect in the way in which our department engages with them in relation to freedom-of-information requests lodged by members of the Meals on Wheels network.</p> <p>Senator RICE: This is a legal letter to you about that?</p> <p>Mr Lye: Senator, I think we should take some time to-</p> <p>Senator RICE: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Lye: We've only just received it.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Yes, two hours ago. In terms of the money that has been expended as part of the contract with Miles Morgan Australia, does the department know whether any of that money has been spent on these legal actions?</p> <p>Ms Connolly: We're not aware, Senator.</p> <p>Senator RICE: But you would require acquittal of all the moneys in the contract.</p> <p>Mr Lye: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Herald: We are aware that, in the process, expenditure was undertaken in relation to legal activities, but that doesn't go into legal action.</p> <p>Senator RICE: What are the legal activities?</p> <p>Mr Herald: Legal advice around the work that they're doing-making sure that privacy laws are met and all that</p>	86	15/02/2024
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				<p>sort of stuff.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Can you take on notice to provide the committee with the details that you can give us about what you know about what those legal activities are that Miles Morgan have undertaken. Considering that Meals on Wheels services are usually locally based organisations with very few paid staff and resources, it's pretty astonishing that the consultancy firm that's hired to help them is potentially taking legal action against them. Has the department intervened in Miles Morgan's behaviour in this regard?</p> <p>Mr Herald: We're not aware of any action by Miles Morgan Australia to take legal action against services, so I can't say that we understand the context of the question.</p> <p>Ms Connolly: Senator, I think the answer to your question is no in relation to legal matters between Miles Morgan and Meals on Wheels organisations. We're not aware of it, but we will look into it.</p>		
SQ24-000380	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Breakdown of Spending with MMA Including IP Purchased	<p>Senator RICE: Okay. When you say that, yes, you own the IP, does that mean that, going forward, given that MMA are no longer going to be involved, you will be able to use that IP without having to pay licence fees to MMA?</p> <p>Mr Herald: We're still working through specific commercial arrangements. But the answer that question is a generic yes, noting what Ms Connolly said, which is that some of the IP is pre-existing material that we do not own, so there was an arrangement that needs to be settled in that space, moving forward,</p>	88	15/02/2024

				<p>which was always the intent. The intent was always that the IP that is held by the Commonwealth will be transferred to another entity at the appropriate point.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Sorry, can you repeat that?</p> <p>Mr Herald: It will be transferred to another entity at the appropriate point. The Commonwealth entered into the arrangement to support the development of this software as a function of our policy development and research activities. We never held any intent to own the IP, even though under the contractual terms we do own it. In terms of moving forward into BAU, we would look to devolve that to another entity. That entity would be subject to negotiation with the Meals on Wheels network.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Could you provide on notice how the \$7½ million plus the \$1.6 million has been spent with MMA, a breakdown of that, as much as you are able to give me, including what IP had been purchased with that 7½ and 1.6.</p> <p>Mr Herald: Certainly.</p>		
SQ24-000381	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Status Report on the Admission of Chapter 4 of the Aged Care Act	<p>Senator RUSTON: In the rules around the Aged Care Act in particular, the admission of chapter 4 of the Aged Care Act, I'm just wondering if I could get a status report on where the department is in drafting any of the rules, but particularly chapter 4.</p> <p>Ms Metz: Just so everyone is clear, chapter 4 is around the funding mechanisms. We are working with the Office of Parliamentary Counsel on those provisions, but they are contingent also on outcomes of the Aged Care Taskforce.</p>	88	15/02/2024

				<p>Senator RUSTON: So you have started drafting them but they are not completed. You are waiting for further advice from government in relation to-</p> <p>Ms Metz: Outcomes of the task force.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So when did the process start with Parliamentary Counsel in relation to the fees, payments and subsidies component in chapter 4?</p> <p>Ms Metz: I don't know exactly when we provided drafting instructions to them but we have been working with them and discussing those things for some time.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Would be possible to provide us with a date?</p> <p>Ms Metz: I can take that on notice. I don't know it off the top of my head.</p>		
SQ24-000382	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Software Contract Details - Miles Morgan Australia	<p>Senator RICE: I have a few follow-up questions to my questioning about Miles Morgan Australia's contract with the department. With regard to the contract that you've just entered into, which ends on 9 March, I want to check the figures that you gave me. Can you tell me what they are again in terms of the \$1.6 million?</p> <p>Mr Herald: There are subcomponents to all of this, which we can provide on notice, but essentially there's activity relating to the existing software-the maintenance of it, tech development and transition processes. That's-</p> <p>Senator RICE: Sorry, could you slow down and repeat that?</p> <p>Mr Herald: Maintenance and other activities involving development and transition. That's \$614,000. There's transition to BAU, which is an effort to work collectively</p>	96-97	15/02/2024

				<p>with the incoming Whitehorse staff-the new employees- to train and upskill them and to do all of those sorts of activities to get everyone on board. We're talking about dozens of people here and multiple activities. Then we have close-out and document handover, which is \$307,000. That's in relation to broader activities across the entire program, which is across 80 services.</p> <p>Senator RICE: What was the transition to BAU?</p> <p>Mr Herald: \$613,000.</p> <p>Senator RICE: That doesn't quite add up to \$1.6 million.</p> <p>Ms Connolly: Those figures are GST exclusive.</p> <p>Mr Herald: That adds up to \$1.53 million.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Can you give me some more detail about the \$614,000 for the software?</p> <p>Mr Herald: In order to ensure that I don't provide the incorrect information, I'll take the full breakdown on notice.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Can you explain the various parts of it again? You had maintenance—</p> <p>Mr Herald: There are maintenance costs involved in all of the subcontracting with the IT providers. There's—</p> <p>Senator RICE: Are those maintenance costs just for that eight-week period?</p> <p>Mr Herald: Yes. There are licensing costs and there are maintenance costs because it is a product that is under continuous development and refinement. So there are—</p> <p>Senator RICE: But, with regard to the licensing costs, you said that the department owns the IP.</p> <p>Mr Herald: The department owns not all of the IP, as we explained before.</p>	
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				<p>Senator RICE: Right. Are there going to be ongoing licensing costs for the rest of the IP that we don't own?</p> <p>Mr Herald: That is part of the ongoing discussions that need to be had. A full licensing model will be negotiated between all parties, focusing on Meals on Wheels services themselves.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Could you take on notice the details? With regard to the licensing of the bit that we own, which we don't need to pay licensing for, and the bit that we'll continue to pay for, what proportion is in each bucket?</p> <p>Mr Herald: We can provide a more detailed breakdown.</p> <p>Senator RICE: So that was maintenance, but that's just for the eight- or nine-week period, whatever it is?</p> <p>Mr Herald: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RICE: You haven't told me what proportion of the \$614,000 that is. That's because you don't have that detail to hand—or do you?</p> <p>Mr Herald: No. I can dig out the contract but that's about it.</p> <p>Senator RICE: And what was the next category?</p> <p>Mr Herald: Transition to BAU. These are the milestones—</p> <p>Senator RICE: No, I mean within the software category. You said that there were a number of things included.</p> <p>Ms Connolly: User onboarding</p> <p>Mr Herald: User onboarding. As Whitehorse officials come in and migrate to BAU, there are user processes involved with the IT itself. This is language which is coming out of the milestone payments. I'd just ask to</p>		
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				take the exact detail on notice, Senator, to make sure I'm not misleading the Senate.		
SQ24-000383	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	CHSP Providers - Councils Exiting Documentation	<p>Mr Lye: That's the challenge in the Meals on Wheels situation too: we're trying to work with Meals on Wheels around identifying the social good and also the social activity that's being provided to clients or groups of clients.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Is there a possibility of offering more, increasing funding to those councils that want to continue, noting that they currently make very clear that things are not viable financially for them at the moment?</p> <p>Mr Lye: While the final framework of Support at Home is not settled, we do have in our minds that these markets are not perfect markets, so, in some instances, the fee-for-service model might not be the best model to use. We think there will be exceptions in the final design that will give us the scope to potentially grant-fund or-</p> <p>Senator RICE: But how about in the interim? I know of one council in particular, which I won't name, that has raised this with me. They say they're keen but they're under a lot of pressure to get out now, so they're not even going to stick around to be potentially involved with Support at Home.</p> <p>Mr Herald: There are a couple of things in all of that. Without understanding the existing contractual terms of the council, it's hard to provide advice, but CHSP operates under a unit price range, and many of the councils exist at the lower to middle end of the range.</p>	99-100	15/02/2024

				<p>We do have processes in place whereby providers can negotiate to move up the range if they can provide the business case and the evidence. We do provide that advice through our communications materials. What we find is an element of reluctance or that, for whatever reason, they don't go through those processes to seek a realignment of their contract. As Mr Lye suggests, one way around it could be to do an active engagement with the Victorian councils themselves and push: 'Do you want to do this?'</p> <p>Senator RICE: I would encourage you to do that.</p> <p>Mr Herald: The problem we have to deal with is that there's an element of risk around the grant rules around us approaching providers and saying, 'You should.'</p> <p>Mr Lye: I think we can find a way.</p> <p>Senator RICE: There's your broader, more targeted consultation, yes.</p> <p>Mr Herald: We are very much open to doing that. We do look at a range of other things in the contract compliance space, but we don't say no; we just need the evidence from those councils.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Where the councils have exited, do you have documentation of who has taken over running the services? Have some of the services ceased in some local government areas?</p> <p>Mr Herald: No.</p> <p>Senator RICE: They've all been taken over by someone.</p> <p>Mr Herald: Correct.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Could you take on notice to provide me with the documentation as to who is now running the services that councils previously did run?</p>		
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				<p>Mr Herald: Would you like that over the period of the last three years?</p> <p>Senator RICE: That would be great.</p> <p>Mr Herald: It will be a large list.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Thanks very much. Is that enough from me for the moment?</p>		
SQ24-000384	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	ACAT Assessments - Timeframe for Assessing ACAT Assessors	<p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Thanks for staying with us. I'd love to talk about ACAT assessments, if that's alright. In response to a question on notice, the department said that the average waiting time for an ACAT assessment in the ACT is 55.4 days and that the national average is 35.6 days. The median is also higher in the ACT-26 versus 17. It's a huge difference, particularly when you consider that people may need to wait another four months for their package to be put together. I'm interested in why the ACAT waiting time is so much higher in the ACT than it is in the rest of the country.</p> <p>Ms Atkinson: The ACAT assessments in the ACT are contracted to the ACT government by the Commonwealth, so the ACT government is the supplier for assessments. You are quite right, the performance on timeliness in the ACT is not in line with where we're at nationally, and it's unclear to me exactly why that is. Those are questions that we've asked in our contract management conversations with the ACT government, and we continue to do so. In the short term, we'd be looking to understand what's going on and to understand what needs to change to get those waiting times back in line with our expectations.</p>	100	15/02/2024

				<p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Effectively, you're saying it's the ACT government's fault. But you did give them the money. You said you're going to assess it.</p> <p>Mr Lye: Maybe we could give you-</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Have you assessed whether they have enough ACAT assessors?</p> <p>Mr Lye: We do a rolling look at the performance of all of our ACAT and RAS partners, including the states, and we do have conversations with them where they fall below performance. I think what Ms Atkinson's saying is that that will be coming with the ACT government. But I think that, in fairness-</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Is there a time frame on that?</p> <p>Mr Lye: We can take that on notice. We're doing a regular process, but maybe we could give you an indication. I know we've had trouble in other jurisdictions, without naming them. Typically it's been where they've been under significant workforce pressure within that jurisdiction. That can be a reason.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: The thing I'm hearing from aged-care applicants as that there is a lack of assessors.</p>		
SQ24-000385	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	ACAT Assessments - Assessment Figures at State and Territory Level	<p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Great. I'd love to impress upon you the urgency of this. I'm hearing stories of people looking for an ACAT assessment who are being told to call an ambulance and go and spent three days in hospital because their ACAT assessment will happen within three days in hospital. That is obviously a pretty awful thing for an older person to do.</p> <p>Ms Connolly: That's concerning</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: That then affects all of us when</p>	101-102	15/02/2024

				<p>you have hospitals, you're spending the extra money, being full. On that, I do have a couple of data requests. I'm trying to see how many people are getting ACAT assessments in hospitals. On notice, can you provide how many ACAT assessments have been conducted for patients in hospitals as a percentage of total assessments-if possible, by states and territories? Also, what is the average wait for an ACAT assessment for a patient in a hospital by states and territories.</p> <p>Mr Lye: Would you like those numbers now. I think we might have some of those numbers for you now if you'd like them.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Sure. If we have time.</p> <p>CHAIR: I'm not allowed to be anywhere else.</p> <p>Ms Atkinson: I'll need to go back to my team to break it down by state.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: As soon as possible.</p> <p>Ms Connolly: We have national data, not state and territory.</p> <p>Ms Atkinson: We do have national data.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: What's the national data?</p> <p>Ms Atkinson: Was the question: the number of ACAT assessments in a hospital?</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Yes. How many ACAT assessments are conducted for patients in hospitals as a percentage of the total assessments?</p> <p>Ms Atkinson: Bear with me a moment.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: While you're looking, my other questions were on the draft Aged Care Bill.</p> <p>Mr Lye: Okay. We'll get you the figures. We can provide you on notice with an update on the short term.</p>		
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				<p>What Ms Atkinson was outlining for you is we think we've got a longer-term solution to this issue.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Yes, I understand-</p> <p>Mr Lye: But we can come back to you on notice about the ACT and what we can tell you about that.</p> <p>Ms Atkinson: The national figures on ACAT assessments in community for the financial year 2022-23 are that we had 151,283 assessments in community. In the same financial year we had 55,607 assessments in a hospital setting.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: If you can put that in the state and territory level that would be great. Regarding the Aged Care Bill exposure draft. I've started consulting, and I have a few questions in order to try and get an understanding of a couple of things. The exposure draft contains reference to supporters and representatives who, I understand, will be legally appointed persons for the purpose of supported decision-making. I've heard quite a few concerns from legal experts, advocates and even providers about how this interacts with state and territory legislation, including guardianship. The concern that's been communicated to me is that you could be a legally appointed guardian for a loved one and make all their decisions for them until you step foot into their residential aged-care facility, where your legal orders may not be accepted. I'm interested in whether there's been any discussion between the department and the states and territories about this issue and how it might work.</p>		
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SQ24-000386	Department of Health and Aged Care	Maria Kovacic	CHSP and Home-Care - Wait Times	<p>Senator KOVACIC: Is there a possibility that the government is attempting to withhold packages over the next 18 months to reduce transfer burden onto the new program?</p> <p>Mr Lye: No.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: Are you aware of any sector calls to increase the number of home-care packages?</p> <p>Mr Lye: I think it's fair to say that everybody in the community who is seeking a home-care package would like more packages.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: Yes. Obviously it's clearly a national priority.</p> <p>Mr Lye: It is. The nature of demand for aged-care services is fundamentally changing from requests for residential aged care to home care-to care in the home.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: Would it be possible-on notice is fine if you don't have it at hand-for CHSP and home-care wait times per electorate?</p> <p>Mr Lye: I'm not sure that we could do that, but we will take it away.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: Try, and if you don't have it by electorate, if we could have it by LGA, perhaps.</p> <p>Mr Herald: We'll be able to have that, or some measure of that, for home-care packages, but we won't have that for CHSP, because the nature of CHSP is fundamentally different. The other thing I would add to Mr Lye's commentary around the home-care packages is that we also need to consider the wait times for home-care packages in the context of what's available under CHSP as well. Opportunities to work in CHSP space as well will help on that demand profile and home-care packages.</p>	104-105	15/02/2024
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				It's a holistic narrative over the next few years on how those two things talk to each other.		
SQ24-000387	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	Aged-Care Safety Inspections - Site Audits and Quality Audits	<p>Senator RICE: I've got questions for the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner. Ms Anderson, it's good to see you again. Last estimates, I asked you about consultancy firms that were undertaken to undertake aged-care safety inspections, and you told me that there were four firms that you were using: RSM, HDAA, SAI Global and KPMG. Could you please give me an update as to whether you're still using those four firms or, in general, the program of contracting out these audits.</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Yes, we continue to use those three firms.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Three or four?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Three. As I advised in the last meeting, we had four initially. We relinquished one, and we now have three. These quality services providers-or audit service providers, more accurately-continue to do their job of undertaking site audits on our behalf, providing us with reports that we then make a decision on.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Of the audits, what are the updated figures for the audits regarding the number that they are doing compared with your staff?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: The third party providers-those three organisations-have undertaken 217 site audits in the six months from July to December, so that's six months worth of figures. In the same period we have undertaken 42 site audits, but we have undertaken another 1,700 site visits.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Of the 217 that the three firms are doing, are they all audits?</p>	105-106	15/02/2024

				<p>Ms Anderson: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator RICE: So, in fact, are they undertaking the bulk of the audits?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: No, that's not strictly true.</p> <p>Senator RICE: You said that your staff had undertaken 42 site audits.</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Yes, 42 site audits. They have also undertaken 231 quality audits. Forgive me, I know the language can be confusing. Those are site audits undertaken for home services providers.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Are those included in your 1,700 site visits?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: They're included in that number. I'm happy to provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Have you got the numbers there for what those site visits break down into?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Yes, there are 42 site audits and review audits. A site audit is for the purposes of accreditation or reaccreditation of a residential aged-care service. A review audit is where we have a high level of concern that there are risks which are not being well addressed and we go and have a look onsite. It is run pretty much like a site audit, hence the name. There are 42 of those and there are 231 quality audits, which are the equivalent of a site audit for home services providers.</p> <p>Senator RICE: So not for residential aged care?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: No. These are home service providers.</p> <p>Senator RICE: What does a site visit to those mean, given that they're providing services to people in their homes?</p>		
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				<p>to.</p> <p>Ms Anderson: The majority of those would be unannounced, but I don't have the exact number.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Perhaps you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Happy to.</p> <p>Senator RICE: And the breakdown.</p>		
SQ24-000388	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	Breakdown of Procurement - Real, Potential and Perceived Conflicts of Interest	<p>Senator RICE: Okay. In response to my question on notice SQ23-001984 you said, 'Since the commencement of the procurement process'-when did you commence your procuring?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I don't know when we commenced procuring, but the third-party providers commenced delivering audits in October 2021.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Right. Your response said: Since the commencement of the procurement process ... 528 potential, perceived or actual conflicts have been declared by the TPP suppliers and/or their key personnel.</p> <p>Those conflicts, are they with particular site visits? Can you give me more of a breakdown about what those potential, perceived or actual conflicts were?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I may have to take the detail of that question on notice, but I can say that is an accumulative total. It's not a point in time number as of now; it has accumulated since, or possibly prior to, October 2021. So 2½ years have passed in order for that number to be identified. The other point I'd make is that a proportion of that, in fact a sizeable proportion of that 542 was associated with SAI Global, which is no longer delivering audit services for us. So the number has come down-</p>	106-107	15/02/2024

				<p>Senator RICE: Is that one of the reasons why they're no longer delivering services?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: No. There were a range of other reasons, including that they were less interested in continuing than the other providers. But I would just make that point, that it is not a number that is current.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Okay. I'm trying to get a sense of it. So it's accumulative. Some of them would be conflicts of interest with a particular site they were visiting. Would others be conflicts of interest with a provider overall?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Yes. The detail of that is something that I would need to provide on notice. It's not something I have in my notes.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Okay. If you could take on notice the breakdown-and I'm interested in which of them were real, potential and perceived given that you gave me those three categories.</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Yes. I will look to the level of detail that we can provide. The other point I'd make is that, because of our proactive approach, the effort we put into this is designed to avoid the realisation of any conflict whatsoever. Throughout the procurement process in getting these providers on board, and then with a regularity of at least monthly, we asked them to redeclare any conflicts. And then before we allocate a site audit to one of these providers, we ask them again. At any of those stages if there's any sense that there may be a conflict then they will not be doing that audit. It does not go to them. We actively avoid the realisation of any conflict through very careful management of the allocation of audits to</p>		
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				<p>providers.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Okay. You said that most of these potential, perceived or actual conflicts of interest were SAI Global.</p>		
SQ24-000389	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	Quality Assessment - Breakdown of Feedback	<p>Ms Anderson: Typically, when we go back either to a commission quality assessor or to somebody who was working with them on the report or to one of these third-party providers, we're asking, rather than telling, them: 'How did you reach that conclusion? Can you please draw that out more clearly? What is the link between that paragraph and the two paragraphs which follow?' It's that sort of questioning. So when this report is made available on a procedural fairness basis to the subject service, they can understand and follow very clearly the line of observation and the conclusions reached from that.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Do you have any breakdown, when you say more work is required, as to any categories of the type of work that that is?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I've pretty much sketched them out for you. That's the information I have available at this stage.</p> <p>Senator RICE: No-in terms of the proportions. It's still a bit vague to me as to how many of them are actual issues with the quality of the work they did in the actual audit on site and how much is the quality of the work in terms of the way they have expressed their work in the reporting.</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I'm happy to come back to you on notice with whatever detail we have available.</p>	107-108	15/02/2024

SQ24-000390	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	Audits - Responsible Team	<p>Senator RICE: In terms of this extra work that was required, were there extra costs involved to the commission to have that extra work undertaken?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: No; we pay on a completed report.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Just in terms of the cost you pay per completed report: is it cheaper for the commission to outsource these audits than to do ones in-house?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Some of this is commercial-in-confidence, so I will keep it fairly general. The deeds of standing offer have a costing to them. Each of the providers submitted their costs. We had a negotiation and we reached a final position, which then found its way into a contract, and those costs are what is agreed between the parties as being the cost per audit. Those three costs are different, and obviously they've been subject to very close scrutiny to ensure that we accept that there are justifications for the cost structure that they've put to us. As I think I may have responded in previous estimates, we do have a contract management arrangement within the commission to oversee the management of these three deeds of standing offer. That's a cost we have identified separately from our normal running costs.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Is that separate from the information that you shared with me in the question on notice-the dedicated quality assurance team? Is that a separate team?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I don't know. I may need to come back to you with a response to that.</p>	108	15/02/2024
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SQ24-000391	Department of Health and Aged Care	Maria Kovacic	Support at Home Program - ICT Budget	<p>Senator KOVACIC: I want to turn to the ICT part of the new Support at Home program. Could I get an understanding of what the budget for this project is over this financial year and over its projected lifetime?</p> <p>Mr Lye: Senator, the people who look after the ICT for the program are in the corporate part of the department, so I think the senior officer who's responsible is no longer with us tonight.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: Can you perhaps take it on notice?</p> <p>Mr Lye: Yes, we're happy to. There might be questions we can answer.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: Perfect. In terms of the budget for that project, are you able to answer that question or do you need to take that on notice? It was the budget for the project over this financial year and over its projected lifetime.</p> <p>Ms Connolly: We will need to take that on notice.</p>	109	15/02/2024
SQ24-000392	Department of Health and Aged Care	Maria Kovacic	Support at Home - IT Budget Changes	<p>Mr Maldon: Sure. Happy to serve. Just building on my colleagues' statements here, we're continuing to work really closely with the DTA, regularly. We have weekly conversations. They're actually part of our governance boards, so this is one of the projects that they've got an absolutely tight watch on. In addition, we're working with them on assurance plans. What I would say in relation to the concerns that were raised is that they're point-in-time assessments that look at risks and issues. We're moving really fast in the IT delivery space, and so we've moved on from that point in time, and are continuing to work closely with the DTA.</p>	109	15/02/2024

				<p>Senator KOVACIC: So you're no longer in that medium-to-low rating, in your view?</p> <p>Mr Maldon: We're moving through it. Again, what we've got to do with DTA-and again it would be a question for them, for their confidence assessment; I can't speak to that-</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: Including your view-</p> <p>Mr Maldon: We're certainly providing them with the information so that they can hopefully make those confidence assessments themselves.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: Okay. Have there been changes in the budget of this project, and, if so, when, why and by how much?</p> <p>Ms Connolly: We'll have to take the detail of the when, why and how much on notice, but, yes, I can certainly say that there have been changes in the budget over the previous budgets contexts.</p>		
SQ24-000393	Department of Health and Aged Care	Maria Kovacic	Support at Home - Paring Back and Expansion of Features and Functionalities	<p>Senator KOVACIC: My next question finishes that off. Has any scope of the project then changed? For example, have any features or functionalities that were originally envisaged by the department been pared back or entirely removed?</p> <p>Ms Connolly: As part of the policy design process, I'm sure that there have been some paring back and some expansion. As for the detail that you might be looking for, is there a particular area that you-</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: No. Just generally speaking, has it moved from being this type of a model to that type of a model, from delivering XYZ to delivering ABC? Perhaps that's something you can provide on notice.</p>	110	15/02/2024

				<p>Ms Connolly: Yes, I might provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: If so, what are the features? What was specifically scaled back or removed and why?</p> <p>Ms Connolly: I can take that on notice.</p>		
SQ24-000394	Department of Health and Aged Care	Maria Kovacic	Support at Home - Cost of Remediation Work	<p>Senator KOVACIC: Did the DTA provide any advice to the department in relation to how to improve the health or otherwise ensure the delivery of the project?</p> <p>Mr Maldon: They continue to provide advice through those mechanisms and again through the regular dialogue, and then what we do is shore that up in assurance plans which we then submit to them.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: What has been the cost of the remediation work?</p> <p>Ms Connolly: I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	110	15/02/2024
SQ24-000395	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Star Ratings in residential care - Staffing rating	<p>Senator RICE: My question is: if you go in, is it clear that, even though it's an overall three-star facility, in staffing it's only one star if they're not meeting their care minutes? How is it presented to people?</p> <p>Ms Laffan: It's presented with the star rating, but alongside the star ratings are the care minute targets. That's also published. Registered nurse coverage is also published alongside the star rating, so you can compare the two. It's not just one source of information.</p> <p>Mr Lye: We'll get you the link, but maybe we need to give you an example. I gather what you're after is: how bad would you have to be on staffing for it to influence your overall star rating?</p> <p>Senator RICE: That's one, but the other is: how clear is it to people that they haven't met their care minutes?</p>	112	15/02/2024

				<p>Mr Comley: Without asking the question for the senator, I think it is: what's the maximum star rating you can get on the staffing component alone if you don't meet your care minutes?</p> <p>Senator RICE: I'm still confused. Is there an individual star rating for the staffing component?</p> <p>Mr Lye: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RICE: There is?</p> <p>Mr Comley: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RICE: What's the maximum that you could get on that staffing component if you didn't meet the care minutes?</p> <p>Mr Lye: We'll come back to you.</p> <p>Senator RICE: That's not-you say you'll come back me; when will you come back to me?</p> <p>Mr Lye: We'll come back to you on notice. We can try to get to it as quickly as we can.</p>		
SQ24-000398	Department of Health and Aged Care	Bridget McKenzie	Date of vacancies - Australian Sports Commission Board	<p>Senator McKENZIE: Excellent. So talk me through those numbers. How many vacancies are there? I'm happy if the department can help you out with that, if they're handling the process.</p> <p>Mr Comley: Yes, I think it's actually, in a sense, appropriate for the department to do it, because it appoints the board and then determines the CEO, who reports to the board.</p> <p>Mr Exell: So there's three vacancies.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: And how long would those vacancies exist?</p>	115	15/02/2024

				Mr Exell: I don't know the details of how long those vacancies had been there. I can take it on notice.		
SQ24-000399	Department of Health and Aged Care	Bridget McKenzie	Review on the AIS Remaining in Canberra	Mr Exell: It was joint, between infrastructure and the Minister for Sport. We received a copy of that report. On 10 February, a joint media release from Minister Wells and Senator for the ACT Katy Gallagher announced that the report had been provided and then confirmed or accepted the recommendation around the AIS remaining in Canberra and noted that the remaining recommendations of that review would be considered by government as part of the budget process. Senator MCKENZIE: When was the department notified of this decision? Mr Exell: Last week. I'll take on notice the exact time- Senator MCKENZIE: A week ago? Mr Exell: That sounds about right, but I'll take on notice the exact time.	116	15/02/2024
SQ24-000400	Department of Health and Aged Care	Bridget McKenzie	Olympics Infrastructure Costs	Senator MCKENZIE: This is the place where these sorts of things are discussed at quite a granular level. Following on from the minister's intervention, my question is: is the government still committed to funding a fifty-fifty split of the infrastructure costs, Minister? Senator McCarthy: Given that you had failed to sign any agreement or provide a cent for the Olympics venue infrastructure, we are-like with everything-trying to clean up your mess. Senator MCKENZIE: That doesn't answer my question. After your intervention about the fifty-fifty- Senator McCarthy: I can certainly take that-	117	15/02/2024

				<p>Senator McKENZIE: is your government prepared to pay-</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator McKenzie and Senator McCarthy, pause and take a breath. Senator McCarthy, please finish your answer, and then I'll come back to you for the call, Senator McKenzie.</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: I will take your question on notice.</p>		
SQ24-000401	Department of Health and Aged Care	Bridget McKenzie	Olympics - Rowing Location	<p>Senator McKENZIE: What's the understanding of where rowing will be hosted at this point in time? You won't be held to it, because you've also said there are lots of caveats about change.</p> <p>Mr Exell: My colleagues might have it, but, at this stage, I'll take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: But, at this time, there's a lot of-</p> <p>Mr Exell: I'm happy to take on notice the current planning for the location of the rowing, but I don't have it. We'll quickly look-</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Mr Perkins, are you not in touch with your rowing NSO? Have they not had a chat with you?</p> <p>Mr Perkins: At this point in time, it's a matter for Infrastructure and government. Those decisions are for them-</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: No, I appreciate that that's their decision.</p> <p>Mr Perkins: As far as the sports are concerned, they have multiple events between now and then that they're focused on. I can honestly say that, in my conversations with Rowing Australia, no-one has ever asked me where the rowing will be in 2032. But I imagine that that's something that Infrastructure would</p>	120	15/02/2024

				<p>be making decisions on. Mr Exell: We're very happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: I appreciate that, Mr Perkins, and I know it's not the NSO's decision and not your decision, but I am very confident that these things are discussed within sporting bodies in a casual and informal way-the ongoing iterative conversations that are clearly going on. I'm seeking to understand where sports like rowing and athletics are planned to be held in Brisbane 2032. Mr Haslam: There are 16 venues that are part of the investment by the Commonwealth and the Queensland government that are part of the IGA that you were mentioning earlier, in terms of it being signed by the governments of the Commonwealth and Queensland in February last year. So there are specific venues that are being co-invested in. But, off the top of my head, I'm honestly not sure about the location of rowing. Senator McKENZIE: Maybe on notice, you could provide something. Mr Haslam: I'm happy to.</p>		
SQ24-000402	Australian Sports Commission	Bridget McKenzie	NSO Funding - Participation Grant Contracts	<p>Senator McKENZIE: I fully appreciate that. A lot of community clubs don't have stacks of cash in the bank-the types of clubs that will need girls' change rooms-but they have a lot of dads and mums-but more dads-who are tradies and can help with in-kind contributions. Is that being considered given community clubs will not have the bags of cash? Mr Haslam: Without going into that detail, issues related to co-investment and what may be required</p>	122	15/02/2024

				<p>were certainly a consideration with all the working groups and people we discussed it with.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: I want to understand the national sporting body funding, please. Can I have a list of the national sporting bodies that have contracts expiring this year?</p> <p>Mr Perkins: Could you clarify the question? I'm not sure what you mean.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Are any contracts for the NSO funding amounts expiring in 2024?</p> <p>Mr Perkins: Yes, all of our high-performance, pathways and participation grants expire this year. The high-performance and pathways have been extended to 30 December.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Hang on, I'm writing this down-the pathways?</p> <p>Mr Perkins: Pathways and high-performance, those two separate buckets of grant funding, were extended in late 2021, I think it was. No, it was late 2022, I should say. They were extended to 30 December this year, 2024. As it stands right now, the participation grant contracts with the NSOs that currently exist expire on 30 June; however, we do have a program that is currently being assessed that was announced at the end of last year.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: What was that program? Sorry, I don't have that information in front of me.</p> <p>Mr Perkins: That's okay. I have everything but that. I may have to come back to you on that. I don't have the details of that, but it was a \$10.1 million participation grant program that was released at the end of last year.</p>		
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				<p>Senator MCKENZIE: Is that funnelled through the NSOs?</p> <p>Mr Perkins: NSOs are able to apply, as are community groups. State associations were given the opportunity to apply for those grants which are currently being assessed.</p>		
SQ24-000403	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	World Health Organisation - International Health Regulations and Pandemic Treaty Accord	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Mr Comley, before I go any further, I want to follow up on an answer that was given this morning when I asked questions about the International Health Regulations and the pandemic treaty accord- or whatever it is lately. I asked about the dates of the latest versions of both. One of your officials said the date of the latest version was on the website, and that's not correct. The date you said about the latest version is not on the website.</p> <p>Mr Exell: My understanding for the pandemic treaty text, that's the October version. It was earlier in 2023. Again, I agreed to take that on notice. I don't have the specific date for the IHRs. I'm happy to provide the link for the latest-</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: I appreciate that you're taking it on notice because they're not on the WHO website.</p>	123	15/02/2024
SQ24-000404	Department of Health and Aged Care	Wendy Askew	Inquiry into the Effective Approach to Prevention, Diagnosis and Support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	<p>Senator ASKEW: I think that this actually should have been raised earlier in the day, so I doubt that you'll have the officials here. The Community Affairs References Committee tabled a report from the inquiry into the effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for fetal alcohol spectrum disorder in March 2021 which detailed 32 recommendations. To date, there hasn't been a government response. My question</p>	124	15/02/2024

				<p>is: when will the government respond? Also, has it been drafted and been provided to-</p> <p>Mr Comley: I would have to take those on notice.</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: I thought you would. Can you also take notice whether any of the 32 recommendations have been acted on, and, if so, can you advise what actions have been taken and on which recommendations? It's protracted now, so it has become quite a lengthy time-</p> <p>Mr Comley: I understand. We'll take that on notice.</p>		
SQ24-000405	Department of Health and Aged Care	Maria Kovacic	National Coronavirus Helpline - Shut Down Date	<p>Senator KOVACIC: Can the department confirm that the National Coronavirus Helpline was shut down in December?</p> <p>Mr Bouwhuis: That's my understanding, but I might take that on notice. I think it was about December.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: So the assumption is yes, but you'll confirm. Were stakeholders informed of the decision?</p> <p>Mr Bouwhuis: I wasn't involved in that particular decision, but it is consistent with the general wind-down from the COVID position where we had a lot of measures in place through the COVID pandemic and also through the winter period, and then we phased them down over the months following winter, so it is consistent with that. I'd have to take on notice the level of consultation before it was phased down.</p>	125	15/02/2024
SQ24-000406	Department of Health and Aged Care	Maria Kovacic	Funding Status - Research into Long COVID	<p>Senator KOVACIC: Okay. On 24 April 2023 Minister Butler announced \$50 million for research into long COVID. This was considered with the House's health committee's recommendations following the long COVID inquiry. Can the committee please have an</p>	125	15/02/2024

				<p>update as to whether any organisations have received funding for this as yet?</p> <p>Ms Quilty: Yes. I'll just locate that list.</p> <p>Mr Comley: The information I have is that the first two grant opportunities disbursing the \$50 million in funding opened on 6 September to enable projects to commence from Q2 2024. I think that means that we may or may not have received applications that we're assessing, but the first two grant opportunities have been opened as part of that \$50 million program.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: So essentially it has been opened but you've done nothing further?</p> <p>Mr Comley: We can come back on notice, but it seems to me that we haven't concluded the assessment of those applications to determine who will actually get the funding under that envelope.</p>		
SQ24-000407	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Evidence to Support the Approval of Molnupiravir	<p>Senator ROBERTS: My questions are to the TGA, and these questions go to the approval for molnupiravir. This is a drug developed in 2014 to treat encephalitis. It was then repurposed for influenza but was discontinued after concerns it was mutagenic. Merck then bought the company and used their influence with regulators-such as the TGA, apparently-to have the product approved as a treatment for COVID. This was on the back of a single trial where the preliminary results supported the application but the final results showed that, if anything, it had negative efficacy. Given the weight of evidence, in study after study, that molnupiravir has zero to negative efficacy, why is it still approved?</p>	125-126	15/02/2024

				<p>Prof. Lawler: While one of our medical officers, Dr Kaye Robertson, comes to the table to respond, I would just highlight a couple of things. I take the comment that you made that the drug company used its influence on the TGA. There is a process that we follow, obviously, in the evaluation of all medications. Sponsors bring them for evaluation of safety, quality and efficacy, and that's the process that is undertaken, rather than one of influence. I think it's important to note that. In terms of the question you raised around why the medication is still approved for the indication that it has, I'll ask Dr Kaye Robertson to respond to that.</p> <p>Dr Robertson: The TGA considered the evidence to support the approval of molnupiravir from the dossier that was submitted by the sponsor, in accordance with our standard processes, and drew the conclusion that, at the time, the benefits outweighed the risks. In terms of the specifics of any subsequent information that has been provided to the TGA, I am actually not in a position to comment with certainty. This is not the area I work in particularly, and I think we would be best advised, if the senator pleases, to take this question on notice and provide you with further detail.</p>		
SQ24-000408	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Molnupiravir and NHC - Ongoing Safety Data and Testing	<p>Senator ROBERTS: The approval required Merck to continue to provide ongoing safety data and testing around mutagenicity and interaction with the mRNA vaccines. Have they done that, and does the data justify retaining approval?</p> <p>Dr Robertson: I have before me the AusPAR that was published in relation to the studies that assessed the</p>	126	15/02/2024

				<p>risk of mutagenicity. We can provide that to you in our response. I am reading from that, and it says:</p> <p>'Molnupiravir and NHC were mutagenic in the bacterial assay (with and without metabolic activation). Molnupiravir and NHC were not genotoxic in in vitro and in vivo micronuclei tests, and in vivo mutation assay at the cII locus (in Big Blue Transgenic F344 Rats). Equivocal results were obtained in an in vivo Pig-a mutagenicity assay ... Carcinogenicity studies are not generally required for drugs for short term clinical use. However, the sponsor has initiated a short-term carcinogenicity in ... mice.'</p> <p>This was put to the clinicians on the ACM and other invited experts regarding this matter. It was considered at the time that, on balance, the drug remained to have a positive benefit-risk balance.</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: I thank Dr Robertson for that response. I'd also just add, Senator, that, because you're asking for some quite specific currency and comprehensiveness of ongoing postmarket reporting, we'll take that on notice and bring that information back to you.</p>		
SQ24-000409	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Myocarditis - Endogenous Reverse Transcriptase	<p>Senator RENNICK: Thanks, Chair, I need to move on to my next question. Does the TGA or the health department recognise that myocarditis causes permanent damage to the heart?</p> <p>Prof. Singer: Yes, myocarditis can cause permanent damage to the heart. It's not a universal thing, but I would note there are many causes of myocarditis.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: I accept that too. I just wanted you to admit that. Is the department aware of endogenous</p>	129	15/02/2024

				<p>reverse transcriptase? Do you know what that is?</p> <p>Prof. Singer: I have some idea, but I'm not an expert on the way that DNA and RNA work. But yes; I am aware of reverse transcriptase.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: You admit then that there is a possibility that that enzyme can take RNA, convert it back to DNA.</p> <p>Prof. Singer: No, I do not accept that as a notion. I don't believe that that's possible.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: It's not possible, so that doesn't happen? The definition of endogenous reverse transcriptase is just that: an enzyme produced by the body that converts RNA into DNA.</p> <p>Prof. Singer: I'm not aware of any science that demonstrates that that takes place. I'm happy to take the question on notice.</p>		
SQ24-000410	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Vaccines - Antigen converting enzymes	<p>Senator RENNICK: Are you aware that the immune-system organs of the spleen and the bone marrow don't have ACE receptors?</p> <p>Prof. Singer: What kind of receptors are you talking about, Senator? I'm not sure.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Antigen-converting enzymes, the receptor that the virus uses to cross the cell membrane and enter a human cell.</p> <p>Prof. Singer: I don't have that level of knowledge in relation to-</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Who does?</p> <p>Prof. Singer: Virologists have that level-</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Did you look at the risk that, because the immune system normally has fewer organs or</p>	129-130	15/02/2024

				<p>enzymes on its cell membrane, it's harder for a virus to cross into cells of the immune system-that's why AIDS is the exception, because it does get into the white blood cells? Did you look at that when you decided to use a drug that uses transfection, that is designed to cross the cell membrane of any organ in order to deliver its product? You've just opened up the body to a whole new risk of your immune system being damaged by a vaccine that can cross the cell membrane of a white blood cell.</p> <p>Prof. Singer: I would note that I personally was not involved in any decisions you're describing there. Those are scientific questions, and I can't-</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Is there anyone who can answer that question?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: If I may: I think we might be struggling to understand the technical aspects of the question in the way you've asked it. It might be easier for us to provide a comprehensive answer to your question if we understand it more effectively. We might take that on notice, if we may.</p>		
SQ24-000411	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Qualifications of Medical Officers in the TGA	<p>Senator RENNICK: I have one more question, please, Chair. What are the qualifications of the doctors in the TGA that override the rulings or the decisions made by specialists? I've got people who've got vaccine injuries that go through, fill out a form and get specialists to say that their injury was caused by the vaccine. Services Australia then gives it to the TGA doctors. I've been told by an ex-employee of the TGA that your doctors aren't qualified to override specialists. Are they-the TGA</p>	131	15/02/2024

				<p>doctors that are overriding these specialists-specialists? If they are overriding specialists, why are people who've been injured being told to see a specialist? Some of these people are having enormous difficulty getting in to see a specialist. Why are the specialists being overridden?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: In general terms, the qualifications of medical officers at the TGA include those who are medically qualified, be it through a bachelor of medicine or a bachelor of surgery. There are also those with general practice and some with specialist qualifications.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: What are those specialist qualifications?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: It depends on the doctor.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: How many doctors are there, if you don't mind my asking?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: I don't mind your asking at all. I will get that number to you. We have the lion's share-a significant proportion of the doctors working in the department work with us at the TGA.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: If I could get the number of doctors, which ones are specialists and what their specialties are, I would appreciate it. Thanks, Chair.</p>		
SQ24-000412	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	New Drug Approvals - Number of Rejections	<p>Senator ROBERTS: In terms of new drug approvals for calendar 2022, 2023 and 2024, three years-we're in the third year-140 drugs were listed as approved. Is there a separate list of rejected applications?</p> <p>Mr Henderson: We do publish the medicines that are</p>	131-132	15/02/2024

				<p>under evaluation as well as the medicines that are approved. Medicines are either rejected or a lot of times medicines are withdrawn by the sponsor.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Do you publish them?</p> <p>Mr Henderson: No, we just publish the number of medicines that have been approved as well as the medicines that are under evaluation.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: How many were rejected?</p> <p>Mr Henderson: I'll need to take that on notice for those periods.</p>		
SQ24-000414	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	COVID-19 Vaccines - Safety Investigations into Blood Clots	<p>Senator ROBERTS: I turn to blood clots. There's an aspect of these injections that just doesn't go away; in fact, it is becoming more common. Embalmers are reporting that bodies that they are embalming are affected by large blood clots. There are multiple videos and photos online. Dr John Campbell, a British doctor, did an excellent show recently on this. Have you looked at this issue? We know that it's a problem with some of the injections.</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: Taking on board the fact that it's difficult for us to corroborate or validate some of the comments that you made, I'll ask Ms Kay to comment.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: I just want to know if you've looked at it.</p> <p>Ms Kay: We have not confirmed an association between mRNA COVID-19 vaccines and thrombosis, or blood clots. We have released an extensive list of the safety investigations that we've undertaken in response to a question on notice. I can provide that to you again so that you can see which safety signals we have</p>	133	15/02/2024

				<p>investigated. I can't tell you off the top of my head right now whether blood clots is one of those.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Could you also tell me how you've done that evaluation?</p> <p>Ms Kay: Right, okay.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: You can take it on notice.</p>		
SQ24-000415	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Medical Assessment of Statistical Signals	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Can you tell me about the medical assessment?</p> <p>Ms Kay: The medical assessment of those statistical signals? Certainly. It's an accepted approach in pharmacovigilance to undertake what's called a disproportionality analysis, where we look for signals of disproportionate reporting of a particular adverse event with a particular exposure-a medicine or a vaccine. It's also accepted in pharmacovigilance that those statistical signals need to be put through a medical assessment to understand whether they might have arisen through bias or whether there may be a signal there that needs to be further investigated. There are quite a number of different aspects that are considered in that assessment, and I'd be happy to provide you with that information on notice.</p>	133	15/02/2024
SQ24-000416	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Draft Government Response to the Senate Select Committee into the Provision of Dental Care in Australia	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Could you please come back before the end of the session today with that answer. Have you also prepared a draft response for the government in relation to the report of the Senate select committee into the provision of dental care in Australia?</p> <p>Ms Field: I will have to wait for another colleague-</p>	25	15/02/2024

				Senator STEELE-JOHN: Can anybody answer that? Ms Field: We'll have to take it on notice.		
SQ24-000417	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	ADHD Report	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: On ADHD, the ADHD report created by the Community Affairs References Committee was provided to the government last November. We are overdue in a response to that report from government. One of the recommendations of the report is to make prescribing practices more consistent across Australia, particularly across the states and the territories. Has the government made any progress on standardising these prescribing rules nationally?</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: Senator Steele-John, that was tabled in December; we still have three months, which is the end of this month.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: November.</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: November, so we still have time to report on that inquiry.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: We're now in February.</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: That's right. I will take that question, along with the previous one, on notice for the minister. But can I just add it's incredibly distressing to have heard your particular personal story there. As you know, I have a son in a wheelchair, and I know exactly what that's like. I certainly will, for all of those who are listening and obviously who those that you represent, get those answers back to you.</p>	11-12	15/02/2024
SQ24-000420	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Medical Manufacturing –	3. Within the health department, how many funding programs offer companies concessional loans, equity investment or guarantees?	Written	15/02/2024

			National Reconstruction Fund			
SQ24-000421	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.the previous turnaround requirement; and 2.the date the change was requested.? <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>1. How many briefs have been returned to the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Department for redraft?</p> <p>2. Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?</p>		
SQ24-000422	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices??</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000423	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio??</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.??</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.?</p>		
SQ24-000424	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000425	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Department of	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio??</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Health and Aged Care	<p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.??</p> <p>4.How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.?</p>		
SQ24-000426	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023??</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.		
SQ24-000427	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000428	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Digital Health Agency	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.? Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000429	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?? If so, when was this advice provided to the Department? Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement. If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide: the previous turnaround requirement; and	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?</p>		
SQ24-000430	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices??</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment.?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000431	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.?</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.?</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000432	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Australian Commission on	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio??</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.??</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.?</p>		
SQ24-000433	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000434	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Department of	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Health and Aged Care	<p>Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>		
SQ24-000435	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-000436	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023??</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>		
SQ24-000437	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000438	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.?</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000439	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency</p>	<p>c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following: a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ24-000440	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	<p>Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency</p>	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-000441	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000442	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 -	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Australian Digital Health Agency	Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.		
SQ24-000443	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000444	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.		
SQ24-000445	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership. Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000446	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses. a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate? b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut: i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to? d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-000447	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written	15/02/2024

			Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. 		
SQ24-000448	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-000449	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	<p>Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care</p>	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000450	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	<p>Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care</p>	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000451	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000452	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-000453	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ24-000455	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-000456	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim,</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ24-000457	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office. <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; 		
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				i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.		
SQ24-000458	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000460	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 – Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000461	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Australian	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p>	Written	15/02/2024

	in Health Care		Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p> <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed</p>		
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				<p>since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the name of the review; the purpose of the review; the name or names of the reviewer(s); the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); the budgeted cost of the review; the amount spent; the date the review was due to be completed; the date the review was completed; if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review. 		
SQ24-000462	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000463	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - Australian	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>		
SQ24-000464	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000465	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 -	<p>32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.		
SQ24-000466	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024. Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000467	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas – Department of Health and Aged Care	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000468	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth	34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?	Written	15/02/2024

			Information and Advertising Campaign - Australian Digital Health Agency	Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.		
SQ24-000469	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees – Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000470	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces – Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000471	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses – Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on</p>	Written	15/02/2024
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				<p>AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-000472	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000473	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ24-000474	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 – Department of Health and Aged Care</p>	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. 		
SQ24-000475	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; i. the number of applications refused; and i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000476	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000477	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 –	15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written	15/02/2024

			Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-000478	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ24-000479	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 – Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000480	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000481	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>39.</p> <p>a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>b. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000482	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>40.</p> <p>a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000483	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; i. the number of applications refused; and i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.		
SQ24-000484	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 – Department of Health and Aged Care	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date? 21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000485	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 – Department of Health and Aged Care	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000486	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024

			year - Australian Digital Health Agency			
SQ24-000487	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 – Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-000488	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Australian Digital Health Agency	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000489	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Digital Health Agency	39. a.How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ24-000490	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000491	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign?</p> <p>Has that research been provided to a Minister's office?</p> <p>Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000492	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 – Department	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			of Health and Aged Care	<p>Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ24-000493	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 – Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office. <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; 		
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				<p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.</p>		
SQ24-000494	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration?</p> <p>Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000495	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 – Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000496	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Australian Commission on Safety	<p>41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?</p> <p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with</p>	Written	15/02/2024

	in Health Care		& Quality in Health Care	direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates? 74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.		
SQ24-000497	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 – Department of Health and Aged Care	32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate? a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000498	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	43.Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign? Has that research been provided to a Minister's office? Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research? 66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or	Written	15/02/2024

				communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.		
SQ24-000499	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Australian Digital Health Agency	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000500	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - Australian Digital Health Agency	46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024. 47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022? 48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level. 49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000501	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration? Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000502	Australian Digital	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at	50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or	Written	15/02/2024

	Health Agency		15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	more days per week. 51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.		
SQ24-000503	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000504	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024. 47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022? 48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level. 49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000505	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 – Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000506	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000507	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 -	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024

			Australian Digital Health Agency			
SQ24-000508	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week. 51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000509	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity. 58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023. 59. Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000510	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth	34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?	Written	15/02/2024

			Information and Advertising Campaign – Department of Health and Aged Care	Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.		
SQ24-000511	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including; a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000512	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office	36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister,	Written	15/02/2024

			received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; ii. the number of applications refused; and iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.		
SQ24-000513	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday? 55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday? 56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000514	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000515	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday? 55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday? 56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the	Written	15/02/2024

				Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?		
SQ24-000516	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Department of Health and Aged Care	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000517	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year – Department of Health and Aged Care	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000518	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement – Department of Health and Aged Care	39. 39 a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week? v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ24-000519	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers?</p> <p>61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000520	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000521	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?</p> <p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled;</p> <p>5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and</p> <p>6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response.</p>		
SQ24-000522	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000523	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers?</p> <p>61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000524	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments?</p> <p>65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000525	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Australian Digital Health Agency	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000526	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker. 68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000527	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000528	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits? 70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000529	Australian Commission	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed	Written	15/02/2024

	on Safety and Quality in Health Care		2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>security clearances, since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance?</p> <p>Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months?</p> <p>Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?</p>		
SQ24-000530	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Election commitments- Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments?</p> <p>65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000531	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000532	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 -	<p>67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker.</p> <p>68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Australian Digital Health Agency	the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.		
SQ24-000533	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits? 70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000534	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023? 72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000535	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000536	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 -	1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>Food Standards Australia and New Zealand</p>	<p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ24-000537	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	<p>Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Food Standards</p>	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Australia and New Zealand	<p>the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment.</p>		
SQ24-000538	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.		
SQ24-000539	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000540	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Food Standards	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Australia and New Zealand	<p>Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>		
SQ24-000541	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000542	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Australian Radiation Protection and	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>		
SQ24-000543	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.		
SQ24-000544	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000545	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000546	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023. 29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.</p>		
SQ24-000547	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000548	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000549	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose. 		
SQ24-000550	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000551	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate? b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-000552	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); 	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand</p>	<p>e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following: a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ24-000553	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	<p>Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand</p>	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-000554	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000555	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>40.</p> <p>a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000556	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000557	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?</p> <p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000558	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>		
SQ24-000559	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign? Has that research been provided to a Minister's office? Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000560	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide: a. the previous turnaround requirement; and</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>b. the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ24-000561	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration?</p> <p>Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000562	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000563	Department of Health	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - Department of	<p>46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

	and Aged Care		Health and Aged Care	<p>47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p> <p>49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>		
SQ24-000564	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000565	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Department of	52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.	Written	15/02/2024

			Health and Aged Care	<p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>		
SQ24-000566	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000567	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?		
SQ24-000568	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers? 61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000569	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Department of Health and Aged Care	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000570	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received? 75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following: 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for	Written	15/02/2024

				the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response.		
SQ24-000571	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000572	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Department of Health and Aged Care	64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments? 65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000573	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker. 68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the	Written	15/02/2024

				retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.		
SQ24-000574	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits? 70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000575	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023? 72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000576	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Department of Health and Aged Care	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000577	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
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				<p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-000578	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ24-000579	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the name of the review; the purpose of the review; the name or names of the reviewer(s); the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); the budgeted cost of the review; the amount spent to date; and the date the review is due to be completed. <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the name of the review; the purpose of the review; the name or names of the reviewer(s); the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); the budgeted cost of the review; the amount spent; the date the review was due to be completed; the date the review was completed; the date the review was provided to the Department; 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p> <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.</p>		
SQ24-000580	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				1 July 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ24-000581	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate? a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000582	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024. Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000583	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000584	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned. 	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000585	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; i. the number of applications refused; and i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000586	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000587	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000588	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home three	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ24-000589	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000590	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?</p> <p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000591	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign? Has that research been provided to a Minister's office? Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000592	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration? Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000593	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000594	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p> <p>49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>		
SQ24-000595	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000596	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023. Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.		
SQ24-000597	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000598	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday? 55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday? 56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000599	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers? 61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000600	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000601	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.		
SQ24-000602	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	<p>62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?</p> <p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000603	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment.		
SQ24-000604	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000605	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments? 65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000606	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker. 68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000607	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Food	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits?	Written	15/02/2024

			Standards Australia and New Zealand	70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?		
SQ24-000608	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023? 72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000609	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Food Standards Australia and New Zealand	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000610	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio? Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister. Please denote any change in this allocation since	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>		
SQ24-000611	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000612	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000613	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000614	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.		
SQ24-000615	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership. Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000616	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses. a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate? b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut: i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to? d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates? e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-000617	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>1 Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>2. the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ24-000618	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000619	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental	3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - National Sports Tribunal</p>	<p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>		
SQ24-000620	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	<p>Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - National Sports Tribunal</p>	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>		
SQ24-000621	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000622	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - National Sports Tribunal	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000623	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - National Sports Tribunal	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.</p>		
SQ24-000624	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - National Sports Tribunal	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000625	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - National Sports Tribunal	<p>12 In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <p>i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <p>i. External labour hire</p> <p>ii. Consultancy</p> <p>iii. Advertising campaigns</p> <p>iv. Travel</p> <p>v. Legal expenses</p> <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-000626	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare</p>	<p>c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following: a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ24-000627	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	<p>Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare</p>	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-000628	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal</p>	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ24-000629	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000630	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and	Written	15/02/2024

			February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>		
SQ24-000631	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000632	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written	15/02/2024

			year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>		
SQ24-000633	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000634	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-000635	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ24-000637	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces- Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000638	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to	26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal</p>	<p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed. <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office. 		
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				<p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review. 		
SQ24-000639	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ24-000640	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate? a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000641	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	33 Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024. Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000642	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from	12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses. a. What was the value of savings that the	Written	15/02/2024

	Safety Agency		Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p>		
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				<p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-000643	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - National Sports Tribunal	<p>34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000644	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.		
SQ24-000645	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000646	Australian Radiation Protection	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in	15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any	Written	15/02/2024

	and Nuclear Safety Agency		financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-000647	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>ii. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>ii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000648	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial	<p>37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			year - National Sports Tribunal			
SQ24-000649	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - National Sports Tribunal	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000650	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000651	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - National Sports Tribunal	39 a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ24-000652	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - National Sports Tribunal	<p>40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000653	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - National Sports Tribunal	<p>41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?</p> <p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000654	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign? Has that research been provided to a Minister's office? Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000655	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000656	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration? Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000657	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of	Written	15/02/2024

			July 2023 - National Sports Tribunal	the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.		
SQ24-000658	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - National Sports Tribunal	<p>46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p> <p>49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000659	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.		
SQ24-000660	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - National Sports Tribunal	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023. Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000661	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000662	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				work on Anzac Day Public Holiday? 56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?		
SQ24-000663	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers? 61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000664	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - National Sports Tribunal	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000665	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received? 75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following: 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice;	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office;</p> <p>4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled;</p> <p>5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and</p> <p>6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response.</p>		
SQ24-000666	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000667	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Election commitments - National Sports Tribunal	<p>64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments?</p> <p>65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000668	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker.</p> <p>68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.		
SQ24-000669	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits? 70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000670	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023? 72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000671	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - National Sports Tribunal	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000672	Australian Radiation	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial	Written	15/02/2024

	Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency		merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>		
SQ24-000673	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000674	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000675	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
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				<p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-000676	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ24-000677	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the name of the review; the purpose of the review; the name or names of the reviewer(s); the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); the budgeted cost of the review; the amount spent to date; and the date the review is due to be completed. <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the name of the review; the purpose of the review; the name or names of the reviewer(s); the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); the budgeted cost of the review; the amount spent; the date the review was due to be completed; the date the review was completed; the date the review was provided to the Department; 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p> <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.</p>		
SQ24-000678	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				1 July 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ24-000679	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate? a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000680	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024. Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000681	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000682	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices	2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission</p>	<p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>		
SQ24-000683	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Australian Sports Commission</p>	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.		
SQ24-000684	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Australian Sports Commission	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000685	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000686	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth	34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?	Written	15/02/2024

			Information and Advertising Campaign - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.		
SQ24-000687	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Sports Commission	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000688	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Australian Sports Commission	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose. 	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000689	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Australian Sports Commission	11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership. Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000690	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including; a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000691	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from	12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Australian Sports Commission</p>	<p>Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p>		
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				<p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-000692	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission</p>	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.		
SQ24-000693	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; i. the number of applications refused; and i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000694	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000695	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000696	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ24-000697	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000699	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>1 Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7 a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ24-000700	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign?</p> <p>Has that research been provided to a Minister's office?</p> <p>Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000701	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000702	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration?</p> <p>Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000703	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>		
SQ24-000704	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000705	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-000706	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000707	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000708	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000709	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p> <p>49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000710	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.		
SQ24-000711	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000712	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>59. Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>		
SQ24-000713	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000714	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000715	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers?</p> <p>61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?		
SQ24-000716	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000717	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000718	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership. Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000719	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments? 65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000720	Australian Radiation Protection	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in	23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards: a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?	Written	15/02/2024

	and Nuclear Safety Agency		financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p>		
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				<p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-000721	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy 	Written	15/02/2024

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts. g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target? h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target? i. If so, why and was it approved? 		
SQ24-000722	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare? b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim. c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims? d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence? <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission? b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting 	Written	15/02/2024

				confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ24-000723	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including 	Written	15/02/2024

				brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.		
SQ24-000724	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed. <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p> <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.</p>		
SQ24-000725	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-000726	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000727	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written	15/02/2024

			year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>		
SQ24-000728	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000729	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-000730	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ24-000731	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office. <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; 		
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				<p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.</p>		
SQ24-000732	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000733	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15	<p>32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	was provided, and the context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.		
SQ24-000734	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024. Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000735	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000736	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including; a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000737	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; ii. the number of applications refused; and iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000738	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000739	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000740	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week? v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week? c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees? d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000741	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network? i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000742	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates? 42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates? 74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000743	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created. 31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated,	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>		
SQ24-000744	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign? Has that research been provided to a Minister's office? Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000745	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration? Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000746	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000747	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements- Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p> <p>49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000748	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000749	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000750	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000751	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?		
SQ24-000752	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers? 61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000753	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000754	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received? 75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following: 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>was provided to the Minister's office;</p> <p>4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled;</p> <p>5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and</p> <p>6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response.</p>		
SQ24-000755	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000756	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000757	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments?	Written	15/02/2024

				65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?		
SQ24-000758	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024- Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker. 68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000759	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits? 70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000760	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023? 72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance?	Written	15/02/2024

				Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?		
SQ24-000761	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000762	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024. Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000763	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and	34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.	Written	15/02/2024

			Advertising Campaign - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency			
SQ24-000764	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker. 68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000765	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits? 70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000766	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and	Written	15/02/2024

				accommodation. 19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?		
SQ24-000767	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023? 72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000768	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000769	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 -	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date? 21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns	Written	15/02/2024

			Australian Sports Commission	in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.		
SQ24-000770	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000771	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates? 42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates? 74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000772	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year	23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards: a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission</p>	<p>on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's</p>		
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				<p>staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-000773	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000774	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to	26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission</p>	<p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed. <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office. <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed</p>		
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				<p>since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the name of the review; the purpose of the review; the name or names of the reviewer(s); the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); the budgeted cost of the review; the amount spent; the date the review was due to be completed; the date the review was completed; if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review. 		
SQ24-000775	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?</p> <p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the number of the Question on Notice; the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 	Written	15/02/2024

				6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response.		
SQ24-000776	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000777	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000778	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February	<p>33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>Please provide:</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			2024 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>		
SQ24-000779	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Australian Sports Commission	<p>34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000780	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ24-000781	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>i. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000782	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Australian Sports Commission	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000783	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year -	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial	Written	15/02/2024

			Australian Sports Commission	year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.		
SQ24-000784	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Sports Commission	39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week? c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees? d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000785	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Sports Commission	40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network? i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000786	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations -	41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?	Written	15/02/2024

			Australian Sports Commission	<p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.</p>		
SQ24-000787	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the Oaic;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000788	Australian Radiation Protection	Jane Hume	Freedom of information	36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?	Written	15/02/2024

	and Nuclear Safety Agency		applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; i. the number of applications refused; and i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.		
SQ24-000789	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000790	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister? If so, when was this advice provided to the Department? Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement. If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide: 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested.	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ24-000791	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000792	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Ministers offices? If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment.		
SQ24-000793	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week? c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees? d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000794	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign? Has that research been provided to a Minister's office? Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?	Written	15/02/2024

				66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.		
SQ24-000795	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration? Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000796	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - National Blood Authority	3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio? Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister. Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023. 4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer? Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.	Written	15/02/2024

				Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.		
SQ24-000797	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Australian Sports Commission	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000798	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - Australian Sports Commission	46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024. 47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022? 48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level. 49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000799	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week. 51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the	Written	15/02/2024

				amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.		
SQ24-000800	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - National Blood Authority	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000801	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Australian Sports Commission	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.		
SQ24-000802	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000803	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday? 55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday? 56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000804	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers? 61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000805	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Australian Sports Commission	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000806	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000807	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received? 75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following: 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000808	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000809	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - National Blood Authority	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000810	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Australian Sports Commission	64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments? 65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000811	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker. 68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000812	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits? 70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000813	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023? 72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000814	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Commission	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000815	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - National Blood Authority	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.</p>		
SQ24-000816	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - National Blood Authority	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000817	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - National Blood Authority	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <p>i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>v. Legal expenses</p> <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <p>i. External labour hire</p> <p>ii. Consultancy</p> <p>iii. Advertising campaigns</p> <p>iv. Travel</p> <p>v. Legal expenses</p> <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-000818	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 -	1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?	Written	15/02/2024

			Australian Sports Foundation	<p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ24-000819	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); 	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority</p>	<p>e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following: a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ24-000820	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	<p>Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation</p>	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000821	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000822	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-000823	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000824	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Radiation Protection and	<p>40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

	Safety Agency		Nuclear Safety Agency	b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.		
SQ24-000825	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000826	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000827	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas -	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.	Written	15/02/2024

			Australian Sports Foundation	Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.		
SQ24-000828	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000829	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the name of the interdepartmental committee; a list of the membership; the date it was established; and its purpose. 	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000830	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000831	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000832	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-000833	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 -	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for? 	Written	15/02/2024

			National Blood Authority	<p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p>		
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				k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023		
SQ24-000834	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000835	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in	15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation</p>	<p>Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-000836	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	<p>Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation</p>	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?		
SQ24-000837	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000838	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign?</p> <p>Has that research been provided to a Minister's office?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

	Safety Agency		Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>		
SQ24-000839	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000840	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000841	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation</p>	<p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p>		
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				<p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-000842	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed. <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p> <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.</p>		
SQ24-000843	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare? b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim. c. What has the Department/agency learned from past</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ24-000844	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office. <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; 		
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				i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.		
SQ24-000845	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - National Blood Authority	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000846	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ24-000847	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate? a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000848	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate? a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000849	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024. Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>		
SQ24-000850	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000851	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	<p>33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.		
SQ24-000852	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000853	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ24-000854	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of applications by Minister, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; i. the number of applications refused; and 	Written	15/02/2024

				i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.		
SQ24-000855	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Australian Sports Foundation	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000856	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - National Blood Authority	34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000857	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Australian Sports Foundation	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000858	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial	2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.	Written	15/02/2024

			Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>		
SQ24-000859	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>b. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000860	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Australian Industrial	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>		
SQ24-000861	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.		
SQ24-000862	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Sports Foundation	40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network? i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000863	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000864	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000865	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July	35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including;	Written	15/02/2024

			2023 to 15 February 2024	<p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ24-000866	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p> <p>c. the date it was established; and</p> <p>d. its purpose.</p>		
SQ24-000867	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?</p> <p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000868	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000869	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Australian Industrial	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>Chemicals Introduction Scheme</p>	<p>they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or</p>		
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				alternation from/to the savings target? i. If so, why and was it approved?		
SQ24-000870	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000871	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; i. the number of applications refused; and i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000872	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.		
SQ24-000873	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign?</p> <p>Has that research been provided to a Minister's office?</p> <p>Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000874	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?		
SQ24-000875	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration? Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000876	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date? 21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000877	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000878	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
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				<p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-000879	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Australian Sports Foundation	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000880	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - National Blood Authority	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000881	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.		
SQ24-000882	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000883	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration? Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000884	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide: a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed. 27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022. Please provide a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p> <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.</p>		
SQ24-000885	Australian Industrial Chemicals	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded	30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?	Written	15/02/2024

	Introduction Scheme		since 1 July 2022 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>		
SQ24-000886	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000887	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - National Blood Authority	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000888	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000889	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000890	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ24-000891	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>ii. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000892	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Australian	<p>37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme			
SQ24-000893	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000894	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000895	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024. 47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022? 48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level. 49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer	Written	15/02/2024

				than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.		
SQ24-000896	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week? v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week? c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees? d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000897	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network? i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000898	Australian Industrial Chemicals	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Australian Industrial	41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?	Written	15/02/2024

	Introduction Scheme		Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.</p>		
SQ24-000899	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign? Has that research been provided to a Minister's office? Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000900	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration? Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000901	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000902	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements- Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024. 47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022? 48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level. 49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000903	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial	50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.	Written	15/02/2024

			Chemicals Introduction Scheme	51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.		
SQ24-000904	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000905	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000906	Australian Industrial Chemicals	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 -	54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?	Written	15/02/2024

	Introduction Scheme		Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?</p>		
SQ24-000907	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers?</p> <p>61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000908	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000909	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Australian	62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?	Written	15/02/2024

			Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response. 		
SQ24-000910	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000911	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments?</p> <p>65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000912	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024- Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker.</p> <p>68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000913	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits?</p> <p>70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000914	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?		
SQ24-000915	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000916	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - National Blood Authority	39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week? c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees? d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000917	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - National Blood Authority	40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network? i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?	Written	15/02/2024

				b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.		
SQ24-000918	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign? Has that research been provided to a Minister's office? Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000919	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000920	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.		
SQ24-000921	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration? Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000922	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - National Blood Authority	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000923	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - National Blood Authority	46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024. 47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022? 48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level. 49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000924	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000925	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - National Blood Authority	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023. Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000926	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000927	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000928	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday? 55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday? 56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000929	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week. 51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000930	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers? 61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have	Written	15/02/2024

				participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?		
SQ24-000931	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000932	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - National Blood Authority	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000933	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000934	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 -	54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?	Written	15/02/2024

			Australian Sports Foundation	<p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?</p>		
SQ24-000935	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000936	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers?</p> <p>61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000937	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and	<p>54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Nuclear Safety Agency	Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?		
SQ24-000938	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Election commitments - National Blood Authority	64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments? 65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000939	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Australian Sports Foundation	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000940	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received? 75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following: 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and	Written	15/02/2024

				6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response.		
SQ24-000941	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000942	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Australian Sports Foundation	64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments? 65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000943	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker. 68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000944	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits?	Written	15/02/2024

			2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?		
SQ24-000945	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023? 72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000946	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Sports Foundation	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000947	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker. 68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the	Written	15/02/2024

				retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.		
SQ24-000948	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits? 70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000949	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023? 72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000950	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000951	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 -	57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers?	Written	15/02/2024

	Safety Agency		Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?		
SQ24-000952	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000953	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - National Blood Authority	<p>62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?</p> <p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response. 	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000954	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - National Blood Authority	<p>41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?</p> <p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000955	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000956	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments?</p> <p>65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000957	Australian Radiation Protection	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 -	67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker.	Written	15/02/2024

	and Nuclear Safety Agency		Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.		
SQ24-000958	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.		
SQ24-000959	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000960	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits?</p> <p>70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000961	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - National Health Funding Body	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>		
SQ24-000962	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance?</p> <p>Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months?</p> <p>Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000963	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024

	Safety Agency		and Nuclear Safety Agency			
SQ24-000964	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - National Health Funding Body	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000965	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000966	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas -	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.	Written	15/02/2024

			National Health Funding Body	Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.		
SQ24-000967	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - National Health Funding Body	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000968	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - National Health Funding Body	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000969	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - National Health Funding Body</p>	<p>Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p>		
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SQ24-000970	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body</p>	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000971	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000972	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?		
SQ24-000973	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000974	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000975	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p>		
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SQ24-000976	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000977	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 -	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>National Health Funding Body</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p> <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p>		
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SQ24-000978	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - National Health Funding Body	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000979	National Health	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's	32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office	Written	15/02/2024

	Funding Body		offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	seeking data or information separated out by electorate? a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.		
SQ24-000980	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024. Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000981	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising	34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.	Written	15/02/2024

			Campaign - National Health Funding Body			
SQ24-000982	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000983	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>i. the number of applications refused; and</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			2024 - National Health Funding Body	i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.		
SQ24-000984	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - National Health Funding Body	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000985	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - National Health Funding Body	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000986	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - National Health Funding Body	39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week? c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?	Written	15/02/2024

				d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.		
SQ24-000987	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - National Health Funding Body	40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network? i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000988	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign? Has that research been provided to a Minister's office? Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research? 66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000989	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration? Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000990	National Health	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of	Written	15/02/2024

	Funding Body		July 2023 - National Health Funding Body	the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.		
SQ24-000991	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - National Health Funding Body	<p>46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p> <p>49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000992	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000993	National Health	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance,	52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.	Written	15/02/2024

	Funding Body		gardening - National Health Funding Body	<p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>59. Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>		
SQ24-000994	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000995	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	<p>54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-000996	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers? 61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000997	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - National Health Funding Body	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000998	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-000999	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Election commitments - National Health Funding Body	64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments? 65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001000	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 -	67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker.	Written	15/02/2024

			National Health Funding Body	68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.		
SQ24-001001	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits? 70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001002	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023? 72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001003	National Health	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024

	Funding Body		- National Health Funding Body			
SQ24-001004	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - National Health Funding Body	<p>62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?</p> <p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001005	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - National Health Funding Body	<p>41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?</p> <p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.		
SQ24-001006	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001007	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001008	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - National Mental Health Commission	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>		
SQ24-001009	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - National Mental Health Commission	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001010	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001011	National Mental	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas -	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.	Written	15/02/2024

	Health Commission		National Mental Health Commission	Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.		
SQ24-001012	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - National Mental Health Commission	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001013	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - National Mental Health Commission	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001014	National Mental	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and	12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.	Written	15/02/2024

	Health Commission		Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - National Mental Health Commission	<p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving</p>		
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				<p>target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-001015	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission</p>	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001016	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001017	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?		
SQ24-001018	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date? 21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001019	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001020	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 -	23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards: a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for? c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding	Written	15/02/2024

			National Mental Health Commission	<p>from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p>		
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SQ24-001021	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001022	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 -	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>National Mental Health Commission</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p> <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p>		
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SQ24-001023	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001024	National Mental	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's	32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office	Written	15/02/2024

	Health Commission		offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	seeking data or information separated out by electorate? a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.		
SQ24-001025	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024. Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001026	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - National	34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.	Written	15/02/2024

			Mental Health Commission			
SQ24-001027	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001028	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001029	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; i. the number of applications refused; and i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue. 	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001030	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - National Mental Health Commission	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001031	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - National Mental Health Commission	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001032	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001033	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - National Mental Health Commission	39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ24-001034	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - National Mental Health Commission	<p>40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001035	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - National Mental Health Commission	<p>41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?</p> <p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.		
SQ24-001036	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign? Has that research been provided to a Minister's office?</p> <p>Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001037	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>		
SQ24-001038	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - National Health & Medical	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001039	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration?</p> <p>Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001040	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - National Mental Health Commission	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001041	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - National Mental Health Commission	46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024. 47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022? 48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level. 49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001042	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health &	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	15/02/2024

			Medical Research Council			
SQ24-001043	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001044	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the name of the interdepartmental committee; a list of the membership; the date it was established; and its purpose. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001045	National Health and Medical	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - National	11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	15/02/2024

	Research Council		Health & Medical Research Council	Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.		
SQ24-001046	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>v. Legal expenses</p> <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-001047	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council</p>	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ24-001048	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	<p>Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council</p>	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001049	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	<p>Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 -</p>	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>		
SQ24-001050	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001051	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001052	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
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				<p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-001053	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001054	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ24-001055	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ24-001056	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - National Mental Health Commission	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001057	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001058	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 -	<p>54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			National Mental Health Commission	<p>Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?</p>		
SQ24-001059	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission</p>	<p>57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers?</p> <p>61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001060	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Operational expenditure - National Mental Health Commission</p>	<p>60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001061	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission</p>	<p>62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?</p> <p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled;</p> <p>5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and</p> <p>6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response.</p>		
SQ24-001062	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001063	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001064	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Election commitments - National Mental Health Commission	<p>64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments?</p> <p>65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?		
SQ24-001065	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker.</p> <p>68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001066	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits?</p> <p>70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001067	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance?</p> <p>Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?		
SQ24-001068	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - National Mental Health Commission	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001069	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001070	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001071	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ24-001072	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001073	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office -	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>Sport Integrity Australia</p> <p>been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>		
SQ24-001074	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	<p>Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Sport Integrity Australia</p> <p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.		
SQ24-001075	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001076	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001077	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.</p>		
SQ24-001078	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001079	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-001080	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 -	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written	15/02/2024

			Sport Integrity Australia	<p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ24-001081	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.		
SQ24-001082	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001083	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date? 21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001084	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written	15/02/2024

			financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>		
SQ24-001085	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-001086	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ24-001087	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed. <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p> <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.</p>		
SQ24-001088	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 -	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Sport Integrity Australia	<p>created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>		
SQ24-001089	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001090	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>		
SQ24-001091	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001092	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.		
SQ24-001093	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; i. the number of applications refused; and i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001094	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Sport Integrity Australia	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001095	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Sport Integrity Australia	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001096	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Sport Integrity Australia	39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ24-001097	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001098	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?</p> <p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.		
SQ24-001099	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign?</p> <p>Has that research been provided to a Minister's office?</p> <p>Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001100	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration?</p> <p>Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001101	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Sport Integrity Australia	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001102	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements	46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024.	Written	15/02/2024

			- Sport Integrity Australia	<p>47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p> <p>49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>		
SQ24-001103	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001104	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p> <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p>		
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				<p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.</p>		
SQ24-001105	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001106	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001107	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001108	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers?</p> <p>61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001109	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Sport Integrity Australia	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001110	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - National Health &	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Medical Research Council	<p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>		
SQ24-001111	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?</p> <p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001112	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001113	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments?</p> <p>65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001114	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001115	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker.</p> <p>68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001116	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits?	Written	15/02/2024

			2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?		
SQ24-001117	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023? 72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001118	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Health & Medical Research Council	33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024. Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and	Written	15/02/2024

				e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.		
SQ24-001119	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Sport Integrity Australia	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001120	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 – Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ24-001121	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001122	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>		
SQ24-001123	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001124	Office of the Gene	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its	Written	15/02/2024

	Technology Regulator		Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	portfolio since 1 July 2023? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.		
SQ24-001125	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001126	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023. 29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. Please provide: a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership;	Written	15/02/2024

				c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.		
SQ24-001127	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - National Health & Medical Research Council	34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001128	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership. Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001129	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses. a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate? b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut: i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy	Written	15/02/2024

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-001130	Office of the Gene	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc)	13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please	Written	15/02/2024

	Technology Regulator		hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. 		
SQ24-001131	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Technology Regulator	<p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-001132	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001133	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001134	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001135	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001136	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to	1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?	Written	15/02/2024

			15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ24-001137	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 -	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment		
SQ24-001138	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio? Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister. Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023. 4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer? Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister. Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001139	Australian Organ and	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July	Written	15/02/2024

	Tissue Authority		head with Ministers - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>		
SQ24-001140	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001141	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001142	Australian Organ and	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	15/02/2024

	Tissue Authority		committees - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.</p>		
SQ24-001143	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001144	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.</p>		
SQ24-001145	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <p>i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses</p> <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-001146	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. 		
SQ24-001147	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001148	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-001149	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001150	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.		
SQ24-001151	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001152	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-001153	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim,</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ24-001154	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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				i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.		
SQ24-001155	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001156	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <p>i. External labour hire</p> <p>ii. Consultancy</p> <p>iii. Advertising campaigns</p> <p>iv. Travel</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>v. Legal expenses</p> <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <p>i. External labour hire</p> <p>ii. Consultancy</p> <p>iii. Advertising campaigns</p> <p>iv. Travel</p> <p>v. Legal expenses</p> <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-001157	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1	32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?	Written	15/02/2024

			July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>		
SQ24-001158	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001159	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign -	<p>34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-001160	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001161	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; i. the number of applications refused; and 	Written	15/02/2024

			Organ and Tissue Authority	i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.		
SQ24-001162	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001163	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ24-001164	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001165	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>b. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001166	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001167	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority</p>	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001168	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations -	41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?	Written	15/02/2024

			Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.</p>		
SQ24-001169	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign?</p> <p>Has that research been provided to a Minister's office?</p> <p>Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001170	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration?</p> <p>Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001171	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001172	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024. 47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022? 48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level. 49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001173	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week. 51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001174	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001175	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001176	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?		
SQ24-001177	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers? 61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001178	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001179	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received? 75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following: 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and	Written	15/02/2024

				6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response.		
SQ24-001180	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001181	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments? 65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001182	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker. 68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001183	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits?	Written	15/02/2024

			Organ and Tissue Authority	70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?		
SQ24-001184	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023? 72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001185	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001186	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 19. What was the total cost of staff travel for	Written	15/02/2024

				departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?		
SQ24-001187	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001188	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-001189	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim,</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ24-001190	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office. <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; 		
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				<p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.</p>		
SQ24-001191	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001192	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001193	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001194	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001195	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 	Written	15/02/2024

			2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.		
SQ24-001196	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date? 21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001197	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February	35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including; a. the number of applications withdrawn;	Written	15/02/2024

			2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ24-001198	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>i. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001199	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; ii. the number of applications refused; and iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.		
SQ24-001200	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001201	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001202	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ24-001203	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001204	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?</p> <p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001205	Office of the Gene	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 -	43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign?	Written	15/02/2024

	Technology Regulator		Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>Has that research been provided to a Minister's office? Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>		
SQ24-001206	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration?</p> <p>Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001207	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001208	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements- Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p> <p>49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>		
SQ24-001209	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001210	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown. 59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.		
SQ24-001211	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001212	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday? 55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday? 56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001213	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene	57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers?	Written	15/02/2024

			Technology Regulator	61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?		
SQ24-001214	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001215	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received? 75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following: 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001216	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 -	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024

			Office of the Gene Technology Regulator			
SQ24-001217	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments?</p> <p>65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001218	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024- Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker.</p> <p>68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001219	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits?</p> <p>70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001220	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001221	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001222	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001223	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/24 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
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				<p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-001224	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ24-001225	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001226	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the name of the review; the purpose of the review; the name or names of the reviewer(s); the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); the budgeted cost of the review; the amount spent to date; and the date the review is due to be completed. <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the name of the review; the purpose of the review; the name or names of the reviewer(s); the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); the budgeted cost of the review; the amount spent; the date the review was due to be completed; the date the review was completed; the date the review was provided to the Department; the date the review was provided to the Minister; and the date the review was provided to the Minister's office. 	Written	15/02/2024
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				<p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review. 		
SQ24-001227	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001228	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001229	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Cancer Australia	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>		
SQ24-001230	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Cancer Australia	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001231	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001232	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Cancer Australia	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001233	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001234	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Cancer Australia	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.</p>		
SQ24-001235	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Cancer Australia	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001236	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001237	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>and Legal Expenses - Cancer Australia</p>	<p>2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or</p>		
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				alternation from/to the savings target? i. If so, why and was it approved?		
SQ24-001238	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including; a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001239	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial	13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following: a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia</p>	<p>e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following: a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ24-001240	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	<p>Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia</p>	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-001241	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001242	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.		
SQ24-001243	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001244	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; i. the number of applications refused; and i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001245	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Independent Health and Aged	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024

			Care Pricing Authority			
SQ24-001246	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001247	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-001248	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim,</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ24-001249	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001250	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p> <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review;</p>		
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				<p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.</p>		
SQ24-001251	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>b. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001252	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded	30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?	Written	15/02/2024

			since 1 July 2022 - Cancer Australia	<p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>		
SQ24-001253	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001254	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>		
SQ24-001255	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Cancer Australia	<p>34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001256	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the Oaic;</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ24-001257	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>i. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001258	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001259	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Cancer Australia	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001260	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial	Written	15/02/2024

			in the most recent financial year - Cancer Australia	year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.		
SQ24-001261	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Cancer Australia	39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week? c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees? d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001262	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Cancer Australia	40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network? i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001263	Independent Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 -	43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign?	Written	15/02/2024

	Pricing Authority		Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Has that research been provided to a Minister's office? Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research? 66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.		
SQ24-001264	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Cancer Australia	41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates? 42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates? 74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001265	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign? Has that research been provided to a Minister's office? Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research? 66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social	Written	15/02/2024

				media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.		
SQ24-001266	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration? Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001267	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration? Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001268	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Cancer Australia	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001269	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001270	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - Cancer Australia	46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024. 47. How many positions within the Department/Agency	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p> <p>49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>		
SQ24-001271	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001272	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Cancer Australia	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>		
SQ24-001273	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001274	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p> <p>49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001275	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>work on Anzac Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?</p>		
SQ24-001276	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers?</p> <p>61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001277	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Cancer Australia	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001278	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	<p>62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?</p> <p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 	Written	15/02/2024

				5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response.		
SQ24-001279	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001280	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Cancer Australia	64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments? 65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001281	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker. 68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001282	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits?	Written	15/02/2024

			2024 - Cancer Australia	70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?		
SQ24-001283	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023? 72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001284	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Cancer Australia	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001285	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week. 51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001286	National Health and Medical	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024

	Research Council		year - National Health & Medical Research Council			
SQ24-001287	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - National Health & Medical Research Council	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001288	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - National Health & Medical Research Council	39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week? c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees? d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001289	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - National Health & Medical Research Council	40 a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network? i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001290	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign? Has that research been provided to a Minister's office? Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research? 66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001291	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration? Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001292	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - National	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024

			Health & Medical Research Council			
SQ24-001293	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p> <p>49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001294	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001295	National Health and Medical	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - National	52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.	Written	15/02/2024

	Research Council		Health & Medical Research Council	<p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>		
SQ24-001296	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001297	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001298	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers? 61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001299	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - National Health & Medical Research Council	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001300	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001301	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Election commitments - National Health & Medical Research Council	64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments? 65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001302	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker.</p> <p>68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001303	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits?</p> <p>70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001304	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance?</p> <p>Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months?</p> <p>Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001305	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001306	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.		
SQ24-001307	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001308	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Professional Services Review	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>		
SQ24-001309	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Professional Services Review	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001310	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001311	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Professional Services Review	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001312	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Professional Services Review	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the name of the interdepartmental committee; a list of the membership; the date it was established; and its purpose. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001313	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?</p> <p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response. 		
SQ24-001314	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Professional Services Review	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001315	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Professional Services Review	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate? b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>iv. Travel</p> <p>v. Legal expenses</p> <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <p>i. External labour hire</p> <p>ii. Consultancy</p> <p>iii. Advertising campaigns</p> <p>iv. Travel</p> <p>v. Legal expenses</p> <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-001316	National Health and Medical	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - National Health &	41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?	Written	15/02/2024

	Research Council		Medical Research Council	<p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.</p>		
SQ24-001317	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; 	Written	15/02/2024

				f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.		
SQ24-001318	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001319	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>		
SQ24-001320	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001321	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001322	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001323	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday? 55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday? 56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001324	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers? 61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001325	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 -	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.	Written	15/02/2024

			Professional Services Review	Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.		
SQ24-001326	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-001327	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25 In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ24-001328	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001329	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received? 75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following: 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001330	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide: a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review;	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p> <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p>		
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review. 		
SQ24-001331	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested. <p>7.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ24-001332	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - Professional Services Review	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001333	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1	32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?	Written	15/02/2024

			July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>		
SQ24-001334	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001335	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001336	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Professional Services Review	<p>34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001337	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and 	Written	15/02/2024

				i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.		
SQ24-001338	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>i. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001339	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>1. the previous turnaround requirement; and</p> <p>2. the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. a. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>b. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ24-001340	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Election commitments- Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments?</p> <p>65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001341	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Professional Services Review	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001342	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Professional Services Review	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001343	Office of the Inspector-	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio	2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?	Written	15/02/2024

	General of Aged Care		Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment.</p>		
SQ24-001344	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Professional Services Review	<p>39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>b. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001345	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks -	40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?	Written	15/02/2024

			Professional Services Review	<p>i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>		
SQ24-001346	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001347	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Professional Services Review	<p>41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?</p> <p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001348	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001349	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign?</p> <p>Has that research been provided to a Minister's office?</p> <p>Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>		
SQ24-001350	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration?</p> <p>Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001351	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since October 2023.</p>		
SQ24-001352	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Professional Services Review	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001353	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001354	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements	<p>46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>47. How many positions within the Department/Agency</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			- Professional Services Review	<p>have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p> <p>49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>		
SQ24-001355	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001356	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker.</p> <p>68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001357	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Professional Services Review	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001358	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001359	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001360	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001361	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001362	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers?</p> <p>61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001363	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure -	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024

			Professional Services Review			
SQ24-001364	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001365	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?</p> <p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled;</p> <p>5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and</p> <p>6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response.</p>		
SQ24-001366	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p> <p>c. the date it was established; and</p> <p>d. its purpose.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001367	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001368	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Professional Services Review	<p>64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments?</p> <p>65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001369	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker.</p> <p>68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001370	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001371	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits?</p> <p>70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001372	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	<p>71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance?</p> <p>Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months?</p> <p>Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001373	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits?</p> <p>70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001374	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Professional Services Review	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001375	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care</p>	<p>Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p>		
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SQ24-001376	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001377	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001378	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance?</p> <p>Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?		
SQ24-001379	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001380	Office of the National Rural Health	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the	Written	15/02/2024

	Commissioner		inter-departmental committees - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p> <p>29. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.</p>		
SQ24-001381	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001382	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-001383	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since October 2023.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001384	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?		
SQ24-001385	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001386	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?</p> <p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001387	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Inspector-General of Aged Care	Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.		
SQ24-001388	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ24-001389	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for? c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date? d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date? 	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-001390	Office of the National Rural Health	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc)	13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please	Written	15/02/2024

	Commissioner		hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. 		
SQ24-001391	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ24-001392	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ24-001393	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Australian Digital Health Agency	41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates? 42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates? 74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001394	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide: a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed.	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office. <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; 		
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				<p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. if the Minister or their office was made aware of the review.</p>		
SQ24-001395	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	<p>New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care</p>	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001396	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	<p>Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care</p>	<p>32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001397	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001398	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?</p> <p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response. 	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001399	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001400	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001401	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Australian Radiation Protection	<p>62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?</p> <p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response. 		
SQ24-001402	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?</p> <p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001403	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001404	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001405	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and 	Written	15/02/2024

				i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.		
SQ24-001406	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ24-001407	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>i. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001408	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ24-001409	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001410	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department; j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p> <p>28. Please provide a list of the number of internal reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review;</p>		
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SQ24-001411	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001412	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since 1 July 2022 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>31. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased, disbanded, or reconstituted as new bodies since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001413	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>32. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001414	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged	<p>39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>b. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001415	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>33. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001416	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged	<p>40 a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001417	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Office of the National Rural	<p>34. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-001418	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001419	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign?</p> <p>Has that research been provided to a Minister's office?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>		
SQ24-001420	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>36. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; i. the number of applications refused; and i. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001421	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged	<p>44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration?</p> <p>Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001422	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001423	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p> <p>49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001424	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001425	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Office of the Interim	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>59. Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>		
SQ24-001426	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001427	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday?</p> <p>56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001428	Office of the Inspector-	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15	57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from	Written	15/02/2024

	General of Aged Care		February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	external providers? 61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?		
SQ24-001429	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001430	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001431	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments? 65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001432	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim	67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker.	Written	15/02/2024

			Inspector-General of Aged Care	68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.		
SQ24-001433	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001434	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	38. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001435	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	39. a. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? i. The proportion of staff who work from home four	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>days a week?</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>c. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ24-001436	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits?</p> <p>70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001437	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance?</p> <p>Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months?</p> <p>Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001438	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	40. a. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network? i. If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? b. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001439	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001440	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates? 42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates? 74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001441	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Senate Estimate preparations - Office of the Interim	41. Has the Department/agency engaged any external companies or individuals to provide training or advice to officials on the preparation for Senate Estimates?	Written	15/02/2024

			Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>42. Has the Department/agency been provided with direction or instruction from the Minister's office on how to answer questions at Senate Estimates?</p> <p>74. Please provide a copy of the index of Senate Estimates briefs that were prepared for the Department/Agency for the Senate Estimates hearings held 12 February to 16 February 2024.</p>		
SQ24-001442	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Communication Campaigns as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>43. Has the Department/agency conducted any market research or research relating to a communications campaign? Has that research been provided to a Minister's office?</p> <p>Did the Minister's office provide any input on the development of the research?</p> <p>66. Has the Department/Agency engaged any social media influencers to assist in any promotional or communications campaigns? Please provide a list of the individuals engaged.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001443	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the Interim Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?</p> <p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following:</p> <p>1. the number of the Question on Notice;</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice;</p> <p>3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office;</p> <p>4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled;</p> <p>5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and</p> <p>6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response.</p>		
SQ24-001444	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Conflict of Interest as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>44. Has the Secretary/Agency Head provided a conflict of interest declaration?</p> <p>Has this declaration been updated since they took their position?</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001445	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Secretary/Agency head leave since 1 July 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	45. Please provide a list of dates the Secretary/Agency head took leave since 1 July 2023, and which officer of the Department/Agency acted for the Secretary during this time.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001446	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Vacant positions and acting arrangements - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>46. Please provide a list of positions that are currently vacant within the Department as at 1 February 2024.</p> <p>47. How many positions within the Department/Agency have been filled without advertising externally to the public since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>48. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have staff in acting positions where the acting arrangement has been longer than 90</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p> <p>49. As at 1 February 2024, how many positions within the Department/Agency have been vacant for longer than 90 days? Please provide a list of these positions by APS level.</p>		
SQ24-001447	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Working from Home Arrangements as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>50. Please provide a list by APS level of the number of staff with working from home arrangements of three or more days per week.</p> <p>51. Please provide as a number and as a percentage the amount of staff who have working from home arrangements within the ACT.</p>	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001448	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Property – leasing, maintenance, gardening - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>52. As at 1 February 2024, please provide a list of the office space leased by the Department/Agency, with addresses and the accommodation capacity.</p> <p>58. Please provide an annual expenditure breakdown of the general expenses the Department/agency has for general property maintenance costs from 2018 until 2023.</p> <p>Please include gardening, utility bills, cleaning, building renovations, updates and repairs in the breakdown.</p> <p>59. Please provide a list of the contracts the Department/Agency has for gardening, clearing and building maintenance.</p>	Written	15/02/2024

SQ24-001449	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Years of Service as at 1 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	53. As at 1 February 2024, what is the number of years of service of the longest continuing serving member of the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001450	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Public holiday work agreements as at 1 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	54. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Australia Day Public Holiday? 55. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on Anzac Day Public Holiday? 56. As at 1 February 2024, how many staff within the Department/Agency have put in place agreements to work on The King's Birthday Public Holiday?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001451	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Training from external providers - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	57. Since 1 July 2023, how much has the Department/Agency spent on the provision of professional development training for staff from external providers? 61. How many staff within the Department/Agency have participated in courses, programmes or activities operated by the APS Academy?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001452	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Operational expenditure - Office of the National Rural	60. How many times in the current financial year has the Department/Agency made a request for additional funding for operational expenditure?	Written	15/02/2024

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SQ24-001453	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Questions on Notice as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>62. Does the Department/Agency adjust the quality of their responses to Questions on Notice based on the number of Questions on Notice received?</p> <p>75. Please provide a list of the questions on notice from the previous Senate Estimates hearings outlining the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the number of the Question on Notice; 2. the Senator who asked the Question on Notice; 3. the date the draft response to the Question on Notice was provided to the Minister's office; 4. the date the Minister's office provided approval for the Question on Notice to be tabled; 5. the date the Question on Notice was tabled; and 6. whether the draft response was different to the tabled response. 	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001454	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Freedom of Information – staff allocations as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	63. How many staff in the Department/Agency are allocated to the processing of Freedom of Information applications?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001455	Office of the National Rural Health	Jane Hume	Election commitments - Office of the	64. Has the Department/Agency provided advice to the Minister in relation to the delivery of election commitments?	Written	15/02/2024

	Commissioner		National Rural Health Commissioner	65. Is the Department/Agency tracking the implementation of relevant election commitments made by the Government at the 2022 election?		
SQ24-001456	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	External speakers and retreats as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	67. Has the Department/Agency engaged any external speakers to address staff? Please provide a list and the amount paid to the speaker. 68. Has the Department/Agency held any organised external retreats for staff? Please provide a list including the number of staff who attended, the location of the retreat and the cost incurred by the Department/Agency.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001457	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	International visits and briefings - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	69. How many briefs has the Department/Agency provided to the Minister on potential overseas Ministerial visits? 70. How many official international visits have been taken by staff since 1 July 2023?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001458	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Security Clearance processes - 1 July 2023 to 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	71. How many staff of the Department/Agency have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, since 1 July 2023? 72. How many staff of the Department/Agency who have undertaken security clearance processes, or renewed security clearances, who are yet to receive their clearance? Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 6 months?	Written	15/02/2024

				Of these staff, how many have been waiting for clearances for over 12 months?		
SQ24-001459	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Staff turnover rate as at 15 February 2024 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	73. What is the current turnover rate for staff within the Department/Agency?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001460	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Morality - National COVID-19 Vaccine Program	<p>1. Use of the Provisional Mortality Statistics (PMS) by the Department of Health and Aged Care During 2020 and 2021, did the Department have a process or procedure in place to monitor deaths as reported in the PMS? Were any triggers set up in advance to take action in relation to excess deaths? If so, what were the triggers and what were the actions to be taken?</p> <p>2. In 2021, the PMS were showing excess deaths for several consecutive weeks particularly in the Autumn and Spring yet there was very little covid in Australia. What investigations were done in 2021 by the Department to investigate whether the new covid vaccines could be involved in causing these excess deaths?</p> <p>3. Has the Department of Health and Aged Care analysed or requested the analysis of all the raw data that the ABS has on deaths and age-specific death rates by state, territory and narrow age-bands (which was used to create the new model for excess deaths) to test two hypotheses:</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>a) That lockdowns were correlated at all with excess deaths (either almost immediately or with a lag, or both)?</p> <p>b) That administration of covid vaccines was at all correlated with excess deaths (either almost immediately or with a lag, or both)?</p> <p>4. Has the Department of Health and Aged Care examined the vaccination status of all those who died from covid in Australia since the vaccines were introduced, to demonstrate conclusively whether the vaccines have improved covid outcomes and reported on this to the Australian public, and if not, when do they intend to do this analysis?</p> <p>5. Has the Department of Health and Aged Care examined the vaccination status of all those who have died of any cause in Australia since the vaccines were introduced to demonstrate conclusively whether they have led to increased all-cause mortality, and if not, when do they intend to do this analysis?</p>		
SQ24-001461	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Vaccination Data - National COVID-19 Vaccine Program	<p>1. Covid-19 Vaccination Data from beginning of rollout in February 2021 to 31 January 2024. Please ensure the data is stratified by the same age groups. Please provide a chart and the full data table which supports the chart. Example of the chart is shown below:</p> <p>2. Please provide COVID-19 Vaccination rates and doses,</p>	Written	15/02/2024

			<p>consolidated by month since start of vaccination rollout in February 2021, broken down by State and Territory for the whole population, and a separate dataset for residential aged care facilities.</p> <p>In addition, if possible, please break down the "Primary dose" category to two categories (one dose) and (two dose).</p> <p>Format requested is as per the below supplied to Senator Ruston on 15th February 2024.</p> <p>3. As per the whole of population request in question 2, please provide the same data from the beginning of the Covid-19 vaccination rollout in February 2021 to end of January 2024 for each 5-year age band.</p> <p>4. Please advise how the department determines the number of Covid-19 vaccine doses people have had? Is it solely via the Australian Immunisation Register?</p> <p>5. Please clarify what the population of Australia is and how this figure is calculated for the purpose of vaccination percentages in the tables presented?</p> <p>6. When looking at the whole population Covid-19 vaccination table provided to Senator Ruston on 15th February shows that as of June 2023, 22,639,004 people</p>		
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				<p>have been vaccinated with the primary dose (one or more shots) and the table states that this equates to 88.1% of the population. That makes Australia's population to be just 25,696,939. The Australia Bureau of Statistics states that Australia's population was 26,638,544 people as of 30 June 2023. Please clarify the difference in these population numbers and provide a correction to the vaccinated percentages if necessary.</p> <p>7. Please advise (if you have the data) how many dispensed Covid-19 vaccine doses have not been injected into arms?</p> <p>8. Please clarify the number of "unknown" COVID vaccination status currently in the Australian Immunisation Register.</p> <p>9. Please advise if the absence of a recorded Covid vaccine dose is treated as unvaccinated when reporting data?</p>		
SQ24-001462	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Vaccine Claims Scheme - National COVID-19 Vaccine Program	<p>1. In response to SQ23-002376 I was advised that the Covid-19 vaccine claims scheme is time limited and ends on 17th April 2024. What support will be available to those injured by Covid-19 vaccines after April 17th, 2024?</p> <p>2. Has any consideration been given to extending the end date for the Covid-19 vaccine claims scheme?</p> <p>3. The last update received (SQ23-001034) stated that</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>there were 1,625 claims still in progress with the Covid-19 vaccine claims scheme and the average time taken for a decision on a claim was 297 days. Please provide an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many claims have been approved? b. How many claims have been rejected? c. How many claims have been withdrawn by the applicant? d. How many claims are yet to be processed? e. What is the average timeline from claim submission to a final decision? f. How many claims that were initially rejected were subsequently approved on appeal? <p>4. As per SQ23-001035, please provide updated figures re: the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the average amount in dollars being offered to applicants whose claims are approved (broken down by tiers)? b. How much in total has been paid out to successful claimants? c. What is the largest amount paid to a single claimant to date? d. Have any deaths been paid out? e. Please list all dollar amounts paid to deceased. <p>5. As per SQ23-001036, please provide an update on how many claims are processed on average per day?</p>		
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				<p>6. Pharmaceutical companies were granted indemnity by the Commonwealth for their Covid-19 vaccines, this is evidenced in the federal budget paper number one under 'unquantifiable contingent liabilities'. With the Covid-19 vaccine claims scheme ending, will indemnity continue?</p> <p>7. Minister Gallagher said in Senate Question time on September 12th 2023 that:</p> <p>"The vaccine claims scheme that has been established was to ensure that people who did suffer a recognised adverse event as a direct result of the COVID-19 vaccine have faster access to compensation than a costly and complex court process, so I think that does acknowledge that there were a number of citizens that did have an adverse event and that there was a claims scheme put in place"</p> <p>Was the Covid-19 vaccine claims scheme set up in part as a result of the indemnity granted to pharmaceutical companies for Covid-19 vaccines?</p> <p>8. If indemnity continues to apply, can you please advise if it applies to the current Moderna and Pfizer monovalent Omicron XBB.1.5 COVID-19 vaccines?</p> <p>9. Will indemnity continue apply to all future Covid-19 vaccines released by indemnified companies, even</p>		
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				though there is no longer a declared pandemic or a declared emergency?		
SQ24-001463	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	WHO 300+ IHRs - National COVID-19 Vaccine Program	<p>At the 75th World Health Assembly in May 2022, governments agreed to establish the Working Group on the International Health Regulations (WGIHR) to develop a package of targeted amendments to the IHR. As a first step, the World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General asked Member States to share their proposals on how the IHR could be strengthened. Over 300 proposed amendments were submitted. We understand that the amendments have yet to be finalised and the exact scope won't be decided until April 2024.</p> <p>1. We understand that New Zealand Holds a more recent version of the 300+ IHR amendments than is publicly available. Please list the specific dates and all the versions of the 300+ IHR amendments the Australian government has received. Please advise the date received, what department received them and the version number.</p> <p>2. We understand that the final draft of the proposed 300+ IHR amendments was supposed to be delivered to member states by the end of January 2024, in accordance with decision WHA 75(9) and article 55 of the IHR's has this occurred?</p> <p>3. If the final draft of the 300+ IHR amendments has not yet been received, will Australia insist on delaying the</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>vote? If so, how long would Australia seek to delay the vote for?</p> <p>4. Have any treaty processes been conducted in response to the documents held for proposed 300+ IHR amendments?</p> <p>5. Are any treaty processes intended to be conducted on the 300+ IHR amendment documents prior to the vote in May 2024?</p> <p>6. Is JSCOT reviewing the proposed 300+ IHR amendments in advance of the Mat 2024 deadline?</p> <p>7. Re: previous response to SQ23-002118 (question 4), what happens once the document goes to executive committee? If JSCOT considers the treaty action be reserved or rejected, what is the Executive Committee's role with respect to the authorisation of that and can the Executive Committee overrule JSCOT's recommendation?</p> <p>An FAQ document titled: Frequently Asked Questions – Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) was released by the Department of Health and Aged Care on 22nd December 2023.</p> <p>https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-12/working-group-on-amendments-to-the-international-health-regulations-2005-frequently-asked-</p>		
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			<p>questions.pdf</p> <p>It stated that:</p> <p>"The International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) provides the overarching legal framework that defines countries' rights and obligations in handling public health events and emergencies that have the potential to cross borders. The IHR are an instrument of international law that is legally-binding on 196 countries, including the 194 World Health Organization (WHO) Member States. Australia has complied with the IHR since their development in 2005."</p> <p>8. What is meant by legally binding?</p> <p>9. Is Australian domestic law bound by the IHR?</p> <p>10. If the WHO was to request an action that required an amendment to domestic law, would Australia be obliged to comply?</p> <p>11. If Australia decided not to comply with a WHO direction, what would be the consequence? Could we lose our status as a member state?</p> <p>The FAQ document also states that: "At this stage, none of the proposed changes are agreed. Changes to the IHR may create new international legal obligations for Australia."</p> <p>12. I understand that the IHR changes don't</p>		
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			<p>automatically change Australian law, only parliament can do this. If Australia agrees to the >300 IHR amendments and any of those amendments require a change to Australian law to comply, would the Australian government be required to introduce a bill to parliament to amend the law? What if the bill did not pass parliament? What would be the consequence?</p> <p>The FAQ document also states that:</p> <p>Over 300 changes have been proposed to the International Health Regulations by Member States. Australia did not submit amendment proposals.</p> <p>13. Who was responsible for reviewing the changes and deciding that no amendment proposals were necessary? Please advise of all departments, ministers and individuals who are responsible for this decision?</p> <p>14. What information, and from whom does Australia rely on to assess pandemic risk, public health threats, including infectious disease outbreaks? Please list all sources relied upon for assessing risk.</p> <p>15. Has a risk-benefit analysis been conducted for "strengthening global health systems", as mentioned in previous response to SQ23-002118? If so, please provide the risk-benefit analysis.</p> <p>The FAQ document also states that:</p>	
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				<p>The WGIHR is a WHO-established working group of Member States, and invited non-state actors, to negotiate targeted changes to the IHR. Australia is actively involved in the WGIHR.</p> <p>16. Please advise who all the non-state actors are that contribute to the WGIHR?</p> <p>17. Who is/are Australia's representative/s in the WGIHR?</p> <p>18. Are any Australian non-state actors involved in the WGIHR, and if so, please advise who they are.</p>		
SQ24-001464	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Batch release assessment of COVID-19 vaccines - National COVID-19 Vaccine Program	<p>1. A safe manufacturing process for any substance used in humans for a therapeutic purpose is critical to the protection human health and falls within the responsibility of the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). With respect to answers previously provided to Senator Babet through senate estimates questions on notice the TGA relied upon Official Control Authority Batch Release testing of 150 imported batches of The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (Comirnaty) via pathway 1 for supply within Australia.</p> <p>a. For each of the 150 batches of The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (Comirnaty) that were approved under pathway 1 for supply within Australia SPECIFICALLY:</p> <p>i. Were each of the batches accompanied by a EU official control authority batch release certificate?</p>	Written	15/02/2024

				<p>ii. If the answer to 1. is no what type of certificate was provided with each batch?</p> <p>iii. Was the laboratory registered or recognised as an Official Medicines Control Laboratories within the auspices of the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and HealthCare (EDQM)?</p> <p>iv. What is the name, geographical location (country) and certification/registration number of the laboratory that performed the physical sample testing for potency, identity and appearance that informed certification results?</p> <p>v. Was the TGA provided with information about how the testing is performed or testing guidelines used by the laboratory to ensure consistent testing and accuracy of results provided within the certification?</p> <p>b. For each of the 44 batches of Moderna COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (Spikevax) that were approved under pathway 1 for supply within Australia SPECIFICALLY:</p> <p>i. Were each of the batches accompanied by a EU official control authority batch release certificate?</p> <p>ii. If the answer to 1. is no what type of certificate was provided with each batch?</p> <p>iii. Was the laboratory registered or recognised as an Official Medicines Control Laboratories within the auspices of the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and HealthCare (EDQM)?</p> <p>iv. What is the name, geographical location (country) and certification/registration number of the laboratory that performed the physical sample testing for potency, identity and appearance that informed certification</p>		
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				<p>results?</p> <p>v. Was the TGA provided with information about how the testing is performed or testing guidelines used by the laboratory to ensure consistent testing and accuracy of results provided within the certification?</p>		
SQ24-001466	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	MYEFO Announcement	<p>Senator RUSTON: I'm interested in the MYEFO announcement of \$85.6 million over four years and then \$10.8 million ongoing per year: To develop and test a framework for the delivery of virtual nursing support in aged care, and for refinements and ongoing operations of the 24/7 Registered Nurses and care minutes requirements for residential aged care, including an additional two years of exemption for small providers unable to meet the 24/7 Registered Nurse on-site requirement.</p> <p>I'm keen for you to provide more details on that announcement in relation to how this reflects on the inability of the sector-despite best endeavours-to be able to meet this. Does this indicate that there will be an inability for the sector to use virtual nursing supports-and I'm not suggesting that's a bad thing-in order to meet their 24/7 and their mandated care minute requirements?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: There's a lot to that question. I'll try to answer it all. The intent-I think what you're referring to in part in that measure-there are lots of different components, one of which is that the supplement now will include a payment. If a service with 30 beds or less is delivering 12 hours, on average, over the month they will receive 50 per cent of the supplement. The intent of</p>	93	15/02/2024

				<p>that is to help smaller services on the way towards delivering 24/7, so that they're not financially disadvantaged by not getting to 24/7 before receiving the supplement.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Is that what this \$85 million-</p> <p>Mr Richardson: That's one part of it.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: That doesn't sort of sound, in the terms of the descriptor of it, that that's what it is because it says 'develop and test a framework for the delivery of virtual nursing supports'.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: And the second component you read out would include-those are the adjustments or refinements, I think, to the 24/7 model. We're also updating some of the reporting to assist the commission in the second part of that measure, in terms of the alternative arrangements and collecting information associated with that on a monthly basis. It's been extended for two years, as you're aware, until 1 July 2026. Those are the exemptions that we have in place. With regard to virtual nursing, I think that's about \$30 million worth. We're looking at undertaking, I guess, a pilot in relation to virtual nursing and testing the care outcomes associated with virtual nursing.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I'd be interested to get some more information on this and understand the rationale behind it. Is it that, despite best endeavours, nursing homes aren't able to meet the requirements? Is it an acknowledgement that, perhaps, there's a different way that you can deliver the care outcomes that older Australians need? I'm quite happy for you to take that on notice and provide me with some more information.</p>	
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SQ24-001467	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Support for Community Sector Organisations - Budget October 2022-23	1. Please provide a breakdown of the community sector organisations that received funding from the Department of Health and Aged Care as per the measure Support for Community Sector Organisations announced in the October 2022-23 Budget.	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001468	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Head to Health Centres	1. How many of the 61 Head to health centres are operational? a. Where are they located? 2. How many of the 16 Kids Head to health hubs are operational? a) Where are they located? a. Where are they located?	Written	15/02/2024
SQ24-001469	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Workforce Programs	Senator DAVID POCOCK: On the workforce, I just want to clarify a couple of things going back to questions on notice from the last estimates. Again, I think this was all under SQ23-002206. I asked about how you're getting more GPs into the ACT, and you gave me figures for how many doctors have places in programs spanning New South Wales, including how many doctors are in the rural pathway. Is the ACT defined as a rural area? Are those training doctors eligible to practise in the ACT through a rural pathway? Ms Shakespeare: I'd need to check whether there are any rural pathway doctors, because there can be training that goes across rotations in some locations and then rotations in other locations as people complete their general practice training. It can be necessary for	53	15/02/2024

			<p>doctors to move across a range of different locations to complete their full vocational registration training, whether that's through the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners or the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine. So I think the data that you were given would have covered both New South Wales and the ACT, because we were managing GP training until college-led training was reintroduced at the beginning of last year through regional training organisations, and we had one regional training organisation that covered New South Wales and the ACT. But I'm happy to see what we can get you around ACT-specific trainees.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Thank you. That'd be great. I'd love the ACT-specific data. And then on notice you also said you couldn't differentiate between the ACT and New South Wales data for the general pathway. How do we know that any of these trainees come to the ACT? How do we not have data for the ACT?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I think we do have data for the ACT. I'll need to check what was provided in that answer and-</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Okay. I'd love you to see this QON, then, because that's what I asked for, and the answer was that you couldn't differentiate between the ACT and New South Wales data for the general pathway.</p>		
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