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QoN No.	Department /Agency	Senator	Subject	Question	Hansard page/ Written	Hearing date/Date received
SQ23-001908	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Six key areas of focus within the women-centred care strategy	<p>Senator WATERS: Could you give me some more info on that on notice, please? What will the \$26.4 million that has been allocated to the women-centred care strategy-what initiatives will that be directed at? And who has the responsibility to monitor implementation of that?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: I might turn to my colleague on this. You're coming at me with rapid fire.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I've got five minutes left and then I've got to get on a plane. I've been sitting here all day and I'm loving that I'm getting some answers. Thank you very much. Please continue.</p> <p>Ms Goodchild: In response to the question you just asked Ms Rishniw, it's a maternity workforce strategy. It's being developed in terms of the response to that. That is being led by Queensland, the Northern Territory and the ACT. In terms of the money that's been identified during the budget, we've already published one baseline report in regard to the women-centred care strategy, and that work will continue. It will continue to have periodic evaluation to see how we're tracking along it. In terms of the 2023-24 budget, \$9.79 million was allocated over three years to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare to continue the national maternity data development program so that we have consistent maternal and perinatal data in Australia. The new funding will also establish a national data linkage program to enable meaningful collection on longer term outcomes for women and their babies. We've also allocated \$629,000 over two years to support continued monitoring and evaluation of that. Also, health ministers have picked six key areas of focus within the women-</p>	93-94	1/06/2023

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				<p>centred care strategy, which I can go through if you would like. Senator WATERS: Please, on notice would be wonderful. Ms Goodchild: We can do that. There's also \$5.9 million over two years for the post-pregnancy care guidelines and postnatal care guidelines. I can give you all the rest on notice if you'd like. Senator WATERS: That would be so great, thank you-</p>		
SQ23-001274	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Minister's advice on not proceeding with MSAC process in relation to access to CGM for type 2 diabetes	<p>Senator RUSTON: Finally on that one, can you advise me whether the minister has advised the department not to proceed with an MSAC process in relation to access to CGM for type 2 diabetes? Mr Laffan: I think I would need to take details of that on notice, Senator. Senator RUSTON: Alright. That is fine. I look forward to receiving your response on that.</p>	51	2/06/2023
SQ23-001164	Department of Health and Aged Care	Wendy Askew	Urgent-care centres in Tasmania	<p>Senator ASKEW: My final question relates to urgent-care centres in Tasmania. There have been, I think, four locations announced, but not one of them is in a rural or regional area. I'm just wondering how they were actually determined and why none of them are actually in a regional area. Ms Rishniw: The locations were announced by the government prior to the election. In Tasmania, I think, there were originally three announced. In negotiations with the Tasmanian government, we've been able to get co- looking at how to take pressure off EDs, so the selection generally matched up with an emergency department</p>	91	1/06/2023

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				<p>under pressure.</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: It was also suggested by the Tasmanian government, as I understand it.</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: It was just announced in the election. We just heard. And the fourth one, I think, is a second one in Hobart, rather than a regional location.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: There'll be two in Hobart, one in Launceston, and we're working with the Tasmanian government and the PHN around Davenport to find where that is the best fit.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Wasn't that based on the fact that nobody put in an expression of interest in Burnie?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: I'd need to check on that, but the particular locations were announced and determined-</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: Prior to the election, all three of them.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: Yes, they were announced then. And we've been working with the Tassie government and the PHN around how we make sure that we can deliver those jointly.</p>		
SQ23-001232	Department of Health and Aged Care	Wendy Askew	Breakdown of the number of people eligible for the dose administration pack	<p>Senator ASKEW: Can I just get clarification on how many people are eligible for that dose administration pack in Australia, just out of the ones that are non-residential aged care? Could you give a breakdown?</p> <p>Ms Platona: The funding for it is close to \$100 million. We can get you that.</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: I just want to know the number of non-residential aged care-</p> <p>Ms Platona: We can get that.</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: If we could get that when we come back. Even broken down by state would be great.</p>	26	2/06/2023
SQ23-001912	Department of Health	Larissa Waters	Measures undertaken	<p>Senator WATERS: Starting at the Health in My Language program-which I asked about at the very</p>	79	1/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		with culturally and linguistically diverse communities to improve access to primary care	<p>beginning of the day and here we are now, thankfully, at outcome 1-it's been, by all reports, an extremely successful program that has enabled health literacy to be delivered to CALD communities beyond its original COVID focus. Is there any plan to extend Health in My Language beyond 30 June 2023, when it currently is due to expire?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: I'll get my colleague, Ms Street, to answer that question when she's had a moment. You might remember that that particular program was established in the context of COVID. There's been some funding allocated to continue that program, so I'll get Ms Street to start, but then, if you like, we might come back to some of the other measures that we're doing with culturally and linguistically diverse communities to access primary care.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I might get you to take that second half on notice for me, please, given that I've got a lot of questions here.</p> <p>Ms Street: The funding runs through to 30 June of the next financial year, and it is still specifically for COVID-related matters. Future funding would be a matter for a government decision.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: So it goes through to 30 June 2024, not 2023?</p> <p>Ms Street: That's right. So next year.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Have you analysed the success of the program and the potential to extend that model to broader health programs?</p> <p>Ms Street: We haven't had a specific evaluation, but we are aware of the recommendation by the universal</p>		
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				<p>access inquiry, and there will be an assessment of the program. By all accounts it's been very successful in terms of the people reached and the education.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: So you will do an evaluation and then it'll be a matter for government whether or not to continue that program?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: That's right. I should also add, we do have a culturally and linguistically diverse advisory group that was set up in the context of COVID to provide advice specifically in terms of access. That has now become a permanent advisory group on culturally and linguistically diverse issues. Once again, we're having conversations there. There was also some funding in the context of the Strengthening Medicare package: \$2.5 million to the Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia to set up a primary health quality collaborative-a multicultural health collaborative. So I would expect conversations to continue in that context. I know I promised I'd take them all on notice, but one of the other Strengthening Medicare initiatives has been some specific funding for PHNs to work with culturally and linguistically diverse communities to look at improving access to primary care. So we're doing a range of work. We'll take the rest on notice.</p>		
SQ23-001909	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Impact assessment - identified changes from first pass and	<p>Senator RUSTON: Ms Shakespeare, back to this process: you go to the office of impact assessment; they say you need an impact assessment. You put together your team. Your team goes and prepares an impact assessment. Then what happens?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: There is a first pass of the impact assessment prepared. That's then discussed with officers at the office of impact assessment. They provide feedback on the draft: areas that could be strengthened. The team</p>	32	1/06/2023

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			second pass	<p>goes away and works on it some more. Then there is a second pass prepared. That's assessed by the office of impact assessment, and it's used to inform government decisions.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: In the impact assessment that's published on the department's website-which I've been through in quite some detail-is it possible to understand what was in the first pass that has changed to the second pass?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I would have to go back and get more information about exactly what changed.</p>		
SQ23-001907	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Workforce measures to support women centred care strategy	<p>Senator WATERS: ...]. What work is being done, if any, to build the evidence base to identify gaps in maternity services across the country? I know you've got a women centred care strategy. I'm across the budget allocation there.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: In part that's probably a question for hospital colleagues and workforce colleagues but, broadly under the women-centred care strategy, one of the things that has been identified, and a topic of conversation across all health ministers, has been the fact that the women-centred care strategy is so dependent on workforce. There's some work being commissioned through the health ministers, being led by states and territories, to look particularly at workforce measures in that context to support the women-centred care strategy.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Are you referring to the scope of practice review there?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: No. It's beyond the scope of practice. It's actually a project around particularly the workforce to support women-centred care, being led through states and territories. So it's beyond the scope of practice as well.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Could you give me some more info on that on notice, please?</p>	93	1/06/2023
SQ23-001911	Department of Health	Anne Ruston	Application details for the	<p>Senator RUSTON: What was that decision?</p> <p>Prof. Langham: As you know, the final decision of the delegate was that there was enough evidence to support clinical utility of these products in a very</p>	130	1/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		submission on the scheduling proposals for MDMA and psilocybin	<p>limited number of patient groups. Specifically, that is MDMA for treatment-resistant post-traumatic stress disorder and psilocybin for treatment-resistant depression.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Are you in a position to tell us who submitted the application?</p> <p>Prof. Langham: I am not sure if that is on the public record.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Maybe you could take that on notice. I would be interested to know, if it is possible, who submitted it and what was the nature of the sponsoring company.</p> <p>Prof. Langham: Again, I might have to take that on notice.</p>		
SQ23-001250	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Process to access to free contraception	<p>Senator WATERS: Thank you-that's very interesting, because I'm sure there's no one pathway that could be used. Thank you for mentioning that it actually need not go down the PBS pathway. Can you just for comparison, for my understanding, please-we had free COVID vaccinations. We used to have free flu jabs. Can you tell me the process for making those medications free? Is that the pathway that could potentially be used for making contraception free if the government were to agree to that?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: The COVID vaccinations are provided under the COVID vaccination program and were rolled out at no cost to patients under that program. The National Immunisation Program provides free vaccinations to eligible people under that program. So there are different programs and different program rules and arrangements.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: So, theoretically-and, again, pardon my ignorance-the government could just create a new program through which contraception could be free of charge to the patient. Is that right?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: That's subject to government's consideration. I don't want to say-</p> <p>Senator WATERS: But it's theoretically possible?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: Theoretically possible.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you.</p>	29-30	2/06/2023

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			<p>Ms Rishniw: Sorry, I was just going to add that it also depends on the type of contraception. We couldn't group all contraception in the same category necessarily. You would obviously be aware of the work that the ACT has done, particularly around long-acting reversible contraception. So it also depends on which government. With the National Immunisation Program, for example, we have an agreement with states and territories, so we wouldn't want to pre-empt the type of contraception or the process, and it would all be subject to government decision making and budget considerations.</p> <p>CHAIR: Also, I think that actually went to the affordability of contraception rather than it being free. So I'd just put that clarifying point.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Yes, thank you. I apologise if I didn't make that clear. The report did recommend not only that existing PBS contraception be made more affordable and accessible but also that there be a broader range of contraceptions listed on the PBS. My party's view is that they should all be free and they should all be available, but you're correct that the report didn't quite go as far as that. I'm just trying to understand the process of how you would achieve free contraception. Thanks for running me through the process for the existing PBS listed ones. But for contraceptions that aren't already on the PBS-some of those more modern pills, for example, that witnesses told us have fewer side effects for some patients and therefore are more optimal from a medical perspective-how would they be made free?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I think this is getting into matters of detail that would need to be considered by the government through its response to that report. We're not in a position to talk about what the government's response will be to that report at this stage. It's only just been provided.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I'm not seeking to commit the government to a policy position-well, I am, but I'm not right now seeking to commit the government to a policy position. I'm seeking to understand the process. Perhaps if it's fruitless to pursue this at the minute, you could just help me out on notice</p>		
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				<p>by just running through the process. I've never been a public servant, so I'm not sure what the process would be. I'm just seeking to understand what are the various options that could result in contraception in the broader sense being free and, as part of that, would any legislative reform be required. These programs that you mentioned before-can they just be created or do you need legislative change? If you can shed any light on that now, that'd be great.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I think it's probably best that we take all of that on notice. Commonwealth constitutional powers and decisions about whether funding can be provided for things on which the Commonwealth has and has not constitutional powers is all quite complex. It's best if we take it on notice and perhaps look at what we can provide ahead of the government response to that report.</p>		
SQ23-001230	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Advice provided in relation to the 325 molecules	<p>Ms Platona: The request was made by the minister's delegate to the committee on 1 December.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: 1 December 2022?</p> <p>Ms Platona: That is when the papers were provided to the committee.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: When did you make the finding?</p> <p>Ms Platona: The meeting of the committee was on 7 December, and the advice was then taken for consideration in the budget context.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: When did you provide your advice in relation to the 325 molecules?</p> <p>Ms Platona: I don't have that with me.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: That occurred through a budget process. We'll check dates and what we can provide.</p>	16	2/06/2023
SQ23-001192	Department of Health and Aged Care	Slade Brockman	PBS increase or increased in funding	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: I understand that there has been a reallocation of funding. I am trying to parse out what is new money. Obviously, we had an ongoing commitment to mental health programs, including suicide prevention. What was new money?</p>	106-107	1/06/2023

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			<p>between 2022-23 budget and 2023-24 for mental health programs</p>	<p>Ms Field: All the initiatives in the budget were funded through a reallocation in program 1.2.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: That is because in some cases funding that had been allocated for things like bilateral agreements with states and territories didn't end up costing as much. In some cases it was because we had underspends and the government reallocated them to priority issues: for example, funding psychosocial services for another two years for people with mental illness, a range of work with humanitarian trends in CALD communities, and major investment in the psychology workforce.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: I accept that. My calculation, looking at BP2 and the PBS, is that 88.9 of the 589 is new money. Have I got that wrong?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: We will need to confirm that.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: Okay, but you haven't disagreed with my quantum of a \$240-million reduction over a five-year period.</p> <p>Ms Field: I have said that I would take that on notice. I can't disagree or agree with that number, but I wanted to explain why there may be variants in those numbers.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: Can you come back to me on notice with that detail?</p> <p>Ms Field: Absolutely.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: At a minimum, has the overall budget for administrative expenses-that is, front-line services-in program 1.2 gone backwards by at least \$40 million since the election?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: That number doesn't ring any bells for us. We will do a comparison, as Ms Field said. A range of mental health programs go into outcome 1.2. There are the administered programs that go out as grants, there are demand-driven programs and there is hospital funding, which all go towards the more than \$6 billion worth of funding in mental health and suicide prevention. So let us take all the numbers on notice and we'll explain them in detail.</p>		
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SQ23-001189	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Publication of the Royal Australian College of Physicians review	<p>Senator CANAVAN: I've just got one more question. I know you mentioned the Royal Children's Hospital before, in Victoria. I note that an article in the Australian on the weekend noted that it had 100 patients in 2014 and it's grown to 1,100 in the space of less than 10 years; 56 of those children are on puberty blockers and 49 have been prescribed cross-sex hormones. This is a remarkable growth in a very short space of time. Given the reviews that we've seen in the UK, with Tavistock, what oversight is there of the Royal Children's Hospital and the practices that are occurring there?</p> <p>Professor Murphy: Well, the Victorian health department has looked at those practices. The Royal Children's Hospital has done very significant governance reviews of that program. And I think that when this issue came up in the life of the previous government a few years ago, I think former Minister Hunt sought assurances from-he got the Royal Australian College of Physicians to have a bit of a look at this practice and they did a review, an expert group. I think the challenge is that the evidence base is relatively limited. And we certainly have taken the view in the Commonwealth that if there is a body of expertise, such as the Royal Children's Hospital, where they believe, through all their governance structures, that they're practising good clinical practice, despite the controversy-I think we all share the concerns about the capacity of children to make decisions in this matter. And I think that is something that intuitively is tricky for us. But we have sought assurances from the children's hospital that they have a very robust process where there are psychiatrists and psychologists and social workers. Their assessments go over many months. I'm assured that the board and the governance of the children's hospital and the Victorian health department continue to review that program. The only position we've taken, as I said before, is that we in the Commonwealth are concerned about any individual isolated practitioner, like a GP, who might be practising this outside of that multidisciplinary clinic.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: Was the royal college report published?</p>	98-99	1/06/2023
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				<p>Professor Murphy: The Royal Australian College of Physicians review? I'd have to-</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: Maybe you could take that on notice to see if it's public or not public.</p> <p>Professor Murphy: Yes, I'll take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: I'd love a copy, if you could take it on notice, and we can provide it the committee.</p>		
SQ23-001185	Department of Health and Aged Care	Wendy Askew	<p>Movement of 330 doctors to MM3-7 areas</p>	<p>Senator ASKEW: Can you give me a reason or any indication with regard to the 330 that have moved into the MM3-7 areas? Are the measurements exactly the same? You said 67 moved into MM2 but 330 moved into MM3-7, as in the DPA restricted doctors.</p> <p>Mr Williams: Those were the new starters. I haven't included the cohort of doctors who were in MM1-2 who have moved to MM2. I can provide that to you on notice as well</p>	67	1/06/2023
SQ23-001157	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	<p>Location of \$358.5 million over five years to fund up to 58 urgent care clinics in Budget Paper No.2</p>	<p>Senator RUSTON: Thank you for that. In this year's May budget there's an additional funding line that says that, after consultation with the states and territories, 'the government will provide additional funding of \$358.5 million over five years to deliver the urgent care clinics by the end of 2022-23.' First of all, I'm interested in understanding why the numbers that are in the table don't appear to add up to an additional \$358.5 million, which is what is stated here. Can you point me to where I'd find the additional \$358.5 million over five years?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: We'll come back to you in terms of Budget Paper No. 1 and where that's identified, but the government has clearly committed an additional \$358.5 million over five years to fund up to 58 urgent care clinics.</p>	18	1/06/2023
SQ23-001152	Department of Health	Anne Ruston	<p>Modelling and assessment</p>	<p>Senator RUSTON: Finally, then: has the department done any modelling or assessment to determine the additional number of people, or the additional number of consultations, that are expected to visit these urgent care clinics and what is your measure of</p>	83	1/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		on urgent care clinics	<p>success in relation to that? Mr Cotterell: We have made some estimates of throughput at each location based on our understanding of existing pressure on the emergency department but also met demand for general practice services in the location, so there's some-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: How are you measuring that? Mr Cotterell: We looked at the actual data in relation to emergency department attendances, particularly their categories four and five, which are the semi-urgent and non-urgent categories, and then looked at the demographics of the local population and what we know about access to general practice in those locations.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Are you able to provide-obviously, that's the baseline on which you're building the assumptions of the success or otherwise of this program. I would be really interested in that when they've actually been operating for some length of time.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: We'll take on notice whether we can provide the modelling. There's some live experience happening in Victoria right now, and in some other locations-not government-funded urgent-care clinics, but urgent-care services. When they open their doors, traffic is slow at the beginning because people need to become aware of what the local arrangement is. That's part of the reason the government provided some additional funding in the budget for communication about this.</p>		
SQ23-001150	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Urgent care clinic applications	<p>Senator RUSTON: Can I just quickly whiz back to urgent care clinics. How many applications did you receive for each of the locations? Ms Rishniw: I'm sorry-I think we are going to have to take that on notice because, as you would know, in some jurisdictions the PHNs have gone to commission urgent care clinics; in others, we've been doing it through the</p>	82	1/06/2023

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				states and territories. So, to actually be able to answer you, we'll have to take that on notice and work with relevant jurisdictions and the PHNs.		
SQ23-001196	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Affidavit from Dr Pierre Kory	<p>Senator ROBERTS: What is being distributed is an affidavit from Dr Pierre Kory in the United States. He has gone through this for many years and he has compiled many references-I think it's over 96-that praise ivermectin's use in treating COVID. It's been used in many countries and has stopped COVID in its tracks. It has been not only a treatment but also a prophylactic, to prevent the spread of the disease. This is my last question: are you aware of any successful programs overseas that used ivermectin to control the pandemic? Now you've got the evidence, Professor Langham.</p> <p>Dr Langham: Obviously, there's a very dense article here and a lot of different publications are being referenced. For me to pass judgement on this particular body of evidence, I'd need to take that on notice and get back to you.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: I'm pleased to hear you say that, because I wouldn't want it done on the spur of the moment.</p> <p>Dr Langham: Certainly not.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: I would like to know if you still think there is a paucity of data when you read that affidavit from Dr Kory.</p> <p>Dr Langham: I have offered to take that on notice for you, Senator.</p>	111-116	1/06/2023
SQ23-001181	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	New standard to endorsement of cosmetic surgery	<p>Senator RUSTON: So we could still have somebody operating a clinic that has got 'cosmetic surgery' written all over it, and then they could use the access to their MBBS title, even though they didn't have the endorsements that are being proposed here for the use of the term 'surgeon' for cosmetic procedures within the scope of your endorsement standard.</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: Again, let's perhaps paint the wider picture. People will be entitled to use the title of surgeon, subject, of course, to that amendment going through the Queensland parliament and the national law being</p>	47	1/06/2023

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				<p>amended. There will be medical practitioners who are not entitled to call themselves surgeons but who may apply for the area of practice endorsement. That would, effectively, be an endorsement that would appear on their registration and be on the national register, so the public can see that. There may well be medical practitioners who continue to offer some form of cosmetic practice but who neither are surgeons nor have the endorsement.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Where did the model of endorsement that we're talking about first come from?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: The area of practice endorsement as a regulatory tool, if you like-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: No; the one that we're talking about, the plastic-I mustn't say plastic; that's a real surgery. I mean the one that you're talking about here, in terms of the endorsement order for cosmetic.</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: The recommendation to have an area of practice endorsement was a recommendation of the independent review that we commissioned. It was subsequently a recommendation that was supported by health ministers. Indeed, as I said earlier, they've had to approve the registration standard which enlivens the area of practice endorsement.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Don't do it now, but I'd be really keen to understand when it was first brought to your attention, Professor Murphy, that we were coming up with a new standard of endorsement for cosmetic surgery.</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: We can certainly take that on notice, but it was after that review was done.</p>		
SQ23-001160	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Single-employer model trials in the ACT	<p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Have you had discussions with the ACT government or practices in the ACT about trialling the single-employer model?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I haven't had discussions with the ACT government at this stage, but we can check for you whether anybody else in the department has.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: That would be great, and maybe if anywhere in the</p>	86	1/06/2023

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				ACT has been put forward as a trial site-on notice. Ms Shakespeare: We'll check that too for you.		
SQ23-001163	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Distribution Working Group Assessment	<p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: If possible, that would be great. Can I move on to GP shortages in the ACT? With the backdrop of the ACT having some of the lowest ratios of GPs to population in the country-I think particularly on the north side it's quite acute-I understand Capital Health Network has written to the department to reassess north Canberra's DPA status from partial to full. Has that reassessment been undertaken?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We have an exceptional circumstances application process for DPA assessment. I will just check to see if we've got any information on where that application process is up to.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Great, thank you. Any luck with the-</p> <p>Mr Williams: Sorry, Senator, I'm waiting for the team who's working on it to provide the information as to who's on the next distribution working group assessment. At this stage I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Okay, thank you.</p>	85-88	1/06/2023
SQ23-001253	Department of Health and Aged Care	Tammy Tyrrell	Consumer cuts to pharmacies	<p>Senator TYRRELL: I just want to ask some questions around data for Tasmanian specifically. If you haven't got it or it's still being developed, can I please get access to it as it comes out. The government estimates that cuts are estimated at 1.2 billion and the consumer cuts are estimated at 1.6 billion, totalling cuts of 2.8 billion. What percentage of these cuts are coming, in theory, from Tasmanian pharmacies? Has that been looked at?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I think we'd have to take that on notice. I don't think we've got that information here with us. But we can see what we can get back to you.</p> <p>Senator TYRRELL: I do appreciate that.</p>	38-39	2/06/2023

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SQ23-001910	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Number of higher risk providers in Tasmania	<p>Senator TYRRELL: Just to make sure that customer satisfaction is improving. At the same February budget estimates hearing you advised the commission prioritises visits to providers that are demonstrating higher risk. How many of the higher risk providers are in Tasmania?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I would have to organise my information differently for next year.</p> <p>Senator TYRRELL: I have such faith in you that I think it's just going to fall out of your perfect brain. I'm happy for it to be taken on notice.</p>	60	2/06/2023
SQ23-001265	Department of Health and Aged Care	Tammy Tyrrell	Star ratings of the higher risk providers in Tasmania	<p>Senator TYRRELL: I have such faith in you that I think it's just going to fall out of your perfect brain. I'm happy for it to be taken on notice. What are the star ratings of the higher risk providers in Tasmania, and can you provide on notice how the ratings for these providers have changed over time?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I'd be happy to provide that on notice.</p>	60-61	2/06/2023
SQ23-001267	Department of Health and Aged Care	Tammy Tyrrell	List of dates that the homes and place were visited to ensure recommendations have been adhered too	<p>Senator TYRRELL: Also, how do you ensure that a provider implements recommended changes following a site visit and continues to adhere to these changes?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: This is one I can answer. I have a whole team of individuals who, once noncompliance has been determined, and we take the appropriate proportionate regulatory action in that regard, continue to monitor that provider. Monitoring takes a number of forms. We might establish a periodic check-in where they are required to report certain things to us, depending on the instrument we've used. We might require them to submit a report to us at some point in time. If it's a very serious level of noncompliance, we will return to that site and have another look at them across the areas of noncompliance, but we also monitor through the range of information that we receive that providers are now required to report. For example, as to serious incident notifications-complaints that consumers make about that service are a source of intelligence for us about how things are going at that service. It would stand to reason that, if we see a run of</p>	61	2/06/2023

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				<p>complaints on a matter which was the subject of noncompliance, that would increase our index of concern that perhaps they weren't working hard enough at addressing their noncompliance, and we may execute another visit. We are dynamic in the way we look at the way the service is responding, and then we calibrate our response according to theirs.</p> <p>Senator TYRRELL: I'm going to ask for a list of dates that the homes and place were visited.</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I'm happy to provide it.</p>		
SQ23-001258	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	<p>Guild receiving green light by Minister to tell their members</p>	<p>Senator RUSTON: I think there are two points to be made here, Minister, and I would be interested in your response. Firstly, the article is before us, and I have only the article. I don't have any further information. The guild is quite clearly saying that it was given the green light by the minister's office, after they had eventually been informed about the magnitude of the change that was about to be implemented, to tell their members about what that is.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: That is not accepted by the minister's office-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Okay, that is fine, but-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: So this is what goes on. It turns into-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Are you saying that the guild is lying?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I am saying that the article as it is written is not supported by the minister's office.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Okay, you are saying that the guild is lying-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: No, that is your-do not. I have suffered this all week with you and your colleagues. Do not put words into my mouth. I don't know who has informed what about the article that has led to it being in the paper. What you have put to me is not supported by other attendees at that meeting.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Okay. I will put it on notice that I would be interested to have a written response from the minister's office to say that is the case, that I take your word for it. The other thing I would say is that, by saying to the guild that it is effectively being excluded from policy implementation</p>	46	2/06/2023

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				<p>discussions, how can you sit here and, in the same breath, say that you want the guild to be at the table? Ms Shakespeare, I would suggest that your actions in writing this letter in the terms that you have written it in were a quite hostile attack on the so-called preparedness of the government and the department to enter into good faith discussions. It was hardly a friendly letter, was it?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I think the letter said that the guild had, by their actions, excluded themselves. Now if it is willing to work with us to address those actions-the fact that they did breach confidentiality requirements that they entered into with us-we can start on a new footing, but we do need that.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I am sure that they are willing to do that.</p>		
SQ23-001261	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Barbara Pocock	Daily charge-out rate for Mr James Downie	<p>Senator BARBARA POCOCK: I have a follow-up question for Professor Pervan and then a few for the commissioner. Professor Pervan, does the ex-CEO, Mr James Downie, now a partner at PwC, do any work for the department or any part of the machinery of government in relation to aged care?</p> <p>Prof. Pervan: I don't have an answer on behalf of the department. He is part of the team, a very, very large team, that's working on the residential aged-care costing project. I'm not aware of him being involved in any of the other contracts that we currently have with PwC.</p> <p>Senator BARBARA POCOCK: Do you know what his daily charge-out rate?</p> <p>Prof. Pervan: No, I do not, I'm sorry.</p> <p>Senator BARBARA POCOCK: Could you provide that on notice, please?</p> <p>Prof. Pervan: I will have to check if his charge-out rate was particularised in the contract. As I said, it's a very large team. But if I have that information, I will provide it to you.</p>	77	2/06/2023
SQ23-001213	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	The Guaranteeing Medicare-	<p>Senator RUSTON: First of all, thank you very much for staying on. I know it's really late and it's been a long day. Can I ask you about the new measure in the budget papers: the Guaranteeing Medicare-Digital Health measure? That sits with you, doesn't it?</p>	131	1/06/2023

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			Digital Health measure funding	<p>Mr Heferen: No. Sorry, Senator. If it's to do with digital health, it is likely to be the Australian Digital Health Agency.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: It says, 'Budget measure part 1 related to the AIHW. Detailed budget paper 2 summarised below. AIHW budget measures: Guaranteeing Medicare-Digital Health, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare payments.'</p> <p>Mr Heferen: I beg your pardon. If we have money coming to us, I would be very happy with that.</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: We will see if Mr Wann can have a look at that.</p>		
SQ23-001256	Department of Health and Aged Care	Wendy Askew	Tasmania pharmacies eligible for Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance	<p>Senator TYRRELL: ...How many of Tasmania's pharmacies will be eligible for Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I think we will have those figures.</p> <p>Ms Platona: The pharmacies have to claim. Currently, based on last year's participation in Tasmania, there were 52 pharmacies that were having this additional payment through the Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance. The payment varies based on the modified Monash location and the number of prescriptions. There is a matrix formula if you want, where the further or more remote-MM7, for example-the pharmacy is, and they have fewer number of prescriptions, then the more support there is for them. Then that support is graduating or diminishing if you are, for example, in a more urban area or a regional area and so on. So it's designed to deliver more support to people who are in remote areas and don't deliver a lot of prescriptions, to encourage those pharmacies to continue to operate.</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: How many are there?</p> <p>Ms Platona: In Tasmania there are 52 now that are participating and getting an allowance.</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: Out of how many?</p> <p>Ms Platona: In Tasmania?</p>	39-40	2/06/2023

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				<p>Senator ASKEW: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Platona: Good question. Can I take that on notice, please.</p>		
SQ23-001212	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Date of first submission to evaluate psilocybin or MDMA	<p>Senator RUSTON: I am happy for you to take any of these on notice, because, given your acting role, you may not know. When did the TGA first receive a submission to evaluate psilocybin or MDMA?</p> <p>Prof. Langham: The TGA has been requested to down-schedule psilocybin and MDMA. The first round of considerations-I would have to check exactly the date-was at the end of 2021.</p>	130	1/06/2023
SQ23-001246	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Discussions with MSI regarding changes to MS-2 access and education	<p>Senator WATERS: Can I ask now about the MS-2 Step process, please. I understand that PBAC, in its March meeting, recommended downgrading restrictions on MS-2 Step from authority required to authority required streamlined. That's obviously a very welcome change and it will complement the changes proposed in the TGA's application to increase access. What does this new streamlined authority process involve for prescribing doctors and how is it different from the current process?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I'm glad that's been cleared up and I'm looking forward to, as you say, hopefully, making that 1 August date. Just going back to the effect of the change, does the change impact on the number of practitioners who can prescribe MS-2 Step or is it simply only changing that process of making the prescription?</p> <p>Ms Platona: We hope with all these changes to the restriction that the change translates to better access. That's the idea-relaxing some of the regulatory burden through the prescribing authorities. But ultimately we don't really have numbers on additional prescribers that they would avoid now-they would prefer-it's the wrong word. They would now prescribe this medicine, whereas before they didn't because they had to make a phone call. We don't have numbers on that. That's not the basis of it. We just wanted to remove the regulatory impost.</p>	27-28	2/06/2023

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				<p>Senator WATERS: So this specific change doesn't specifically expand the scope of who can prescribe; it simply makes the process simpler. Is that right?</p> <p>Ms Platona: Yes, that's correct.</p> <p>Mr Tsyganov: I would just comment on that. It doesn't change who can prescribe. This is purely about the PBS restriction. But, when the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee considered the change, they did comment that what it could do is potentially open up access to those patients that might be, for example, in rural or regional areas, where they might have limited access. That was a comment from the committee at the time. Because it makes it easier to prescribe, that might be something helpful for those patients.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: I understand that the TGA is also working with MSI to look at how they change the way that both the access and the education piece fit in this. Unfortunately, TGA was here yesterday, but we can-</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I know. I was on a plane-</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: Indeed, but we can provide more information about that through the TGA on notice.</p>		
SQ23-001201	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	FOI 4251 - Vaccine label for antiphospholipid syndrome	<p>Senator RENNICK: That brings me to my next question. There was a freedom of information document released yesterday, 4251. Another one of the 14 deaths recognised by the TGA had antiphospholipid syndrome as well. Two of the 14 deaths recognised by the TGA had antiphospholipid syndrome. Yet again, why didn't the TGA put a label on the vaccine saying that if you had antiphospholipid syndrome you were at risk of injury from the vaccine? What I want to talk about here is the fact that you keep saying the vaccine is safe and effective without outlining the risks.</p> <p>Dr Langham: I might have to take some of this on notice. My understanding of this very sad case, of a young woman who died of the other illnesses that she suffered, is that there has been broad analysis globally of whether or not this particular condition is associated with any of the side effects or</p>	120	1/06/2023

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				<p>problems with vaccines and that has been determined to be not the case. That's not just in Australia but throughout the world, in terms of patients with this particular disease and whether or not there's any other evidence. Senator RENNICK: That contradicts your product assessment report, page 27, which listed use in immunocompromised patients as part of the missing information. I'll note what else was missing in the information: use in pregnancy and whilst breastfeeding; use in frail patients with comorbidities; use in patients with autoimmune or inflammatory disorders; interaction with other vaccines; and long-term safety data. Yet again, with all of this missing information, how can you say categorically that the vaccine is safe and effective when you didn't do proper quality assurance?</p> <p>Dr Langham: Senator, again, we have an ongoing process of-</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: I am sorry, but 'ongoing' is not the same as doing it prior to the rollout.</p> <p>Dr Langham: Prior to the rollout there was no evidence. We are doing ongoing surveillance that has supported our original decisions-</p>		
SQ23-001169	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Censorship of COVID related posts	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Let's get back to the censorship through the Department of Home Affairs. Many things that were once deemed misinformation by health authorities, your health authorities, turned out to be true. Were any of the posts that were requested or suggested to be taken down or dragged into Meta's awareness in relation to the effect of vaccines on transmission of COVID, the effectiveness of masks-</p> <p>Dr Murphy: We addressed that already with Senator Antic. We completely refute that any of those suggestions were found out to be true.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: What about any of the claims about the vaccine being fully tested, given the TGA never ever received the patient-level data? It has not even had access to it, let alone scrutinised it. Criticism of lockdowns. You basically validated Meta's censorship. Were any of the posts that were taken down or you advised to be taken down in connection with any of those that I</p>	24	1/06/2023

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				<p>just read out? Take it on notice if you want.</p> <p>Dr Murphy: We certainly can, but we don't believe any of those posts that we advised were scientifically dangerous or incorrect turned out to be true.</p>		
SQ23-001155	Department of Health and Aged Care	Alexander Antic	<p>Decision to utilise Department of Home Affairs capabilities to monitor COVID related posts</p>	<p>Senator ANTIC: Touching on the issue of funding, though, last week in estimates, or through a freedom of information application, we learnt that the Department of Home Affairs were using their platform to seek to censor, I suppose, or make recommendations to social media companies to censor COVID related posts. They say they did so at the behest of the department of health. Can you tell me who's decision that was, when that began, and how much the funding was for that project?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: There was no funding for the project. Government made a decision to take advantage of a capability that the Department of Home Affairs had to look broadly across social media, which they already had in place for various security reasons. We certainly worked closely with them from the department of health in terms of the evidence base against which things should be assessed, but there was no funding agreement between us.</p> <p>Senator ANTIC: They say their funding runs out on 30 June. Is that funding from a different source?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: That would be a matter for the Department of Home Affairs.</p> <p>Senator ANTIC: Whose decision was it to commence the project-to utilise that system with the Department of Home Affairs?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: I can't recall exactly where the decision came from. We could check. It was during the peak of the pandemic.</p>	12	1/06/2023
SQ23-001210	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	<p>Percentage of doctors and the public reporting</p>	<p>Senator ROBERTS: There is now a call for a vaccine safety office from an epidemiologist. He is pretty highly regarded, from my understanding. He is calling for independence in the scrutiny. When we have a provisionally approved medication, surely, it's even more important to have a very strict reporting of adverse events?</p> <p>Mr Henderson: We have a very comprehensive and rigorous safety</p>	128	1/06/2023

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			adverse events	<p>monitoring system at the TGA. We use a number of mechanisms to look for safety signals, as well as talking to our international regulator colleagues and sharing information in relation to safety issues with the vaccines.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Have you done any testing on what percentage of doctors and the public are reporting adverse events?</p> <p>Mr Henderson: No, we haven't done that study. I will take that on notice.</p>		
SQ23-001194	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Copy of evidence provided for provisional approval of COVID vaccinations	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Does the suspension of these processes by the minister and/or the secretary during COVID prove that the ARTG-the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods-process is whatever the secretary or the minister says that it is?</p> <p>Dr Gilmour-Walsh: That's simply not the case. The secretary's powers are bounded by the act and instruments made under the act, including regulations, which are made by the Governor-General.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: COVID vaccines were not manufactured under good manufacturing process, GMP, so even this basic requirement for the approval of a drug is just a preference and not a legislated requirement, is it not?</p> <p>Mr Henderson: For the provisional approvals of the vaccines, they needed to provide evidence that they were manufactured under good manufacturing practices.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: But they weren't. Could you get us a copy of that evidence, please?</p> <p>Mr Henderson: I'll have to take that on notice.</p>	110	1/06/2023
SQ23-001176	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Posts that the department have requested to be	<p>Senator CANAVAN: This is the problem here. You've taken it on notice, and I'm happy for you to take it on notice. Could you take on notice all of the posts that you censored, just to clarify and verify that claim? Could you provide all of the posts?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Just to be correct, the department of health didn't censor. I think there were requests. They raised requests.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: All of them that you referred, sorry. Yes, all of the posts</p>	35-36	1/06/2023

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			removed online	<p>that you referred to the home affairs department, could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: We didn't refer posts to Home Affairs. There may be one or two; we can try and find those. There was a separate process. We provided evidence to Home Affairs, who assessed content against that evidence.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: I'm not sure what words-you provided evidence to them, did you?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: We provided them with sources of evidence for them to assess against.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: That's, kind of, referring, isn't it? We might be getting into a semantics debate about the word 'refer'.</p> <p>Senator Rennick interjecting-</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: Yes, on the evidence that we provided, pointing them to the-</p> <p>CHAIR: Senators, when two people are speaking at once it's very hard for me to follow the call and work through the questions you have. Ms Balmanno, have you completed your response? You're okay.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: It's pretty simple. Can you take on notice any posts you referred to, sent to, provided to, the home affairs department?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: Certainly.</p>		
SQ23-001170	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Information provided to Department of Home Affairs regarding posts taken down	<p>Senator ROBERTS: In accordance with those lists. I want specifics. Don't give me vague nonsense. Give me specifics. I gave you five specifics.</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: I don't believe it's vague nonsense to clarify our role relative to the social media companies' role. We do not have the power to remove content. We do not have the power to advise them to remove content.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: You've told me this. I want to know if any of your suggestions in regard to the five topics I raised were part of the information you gave to Home Affairs, who passed it onto Meta and other social media platforms.</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: In terms of the information we provided to Home Affairs, I would have to take on notice whether there were any specific posts or</p>	24	1/06/2023

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				<p>content recommended. But generally our role was to provide sources of evidence against which they could assess posts, not to refer posts directly to them.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Take the word 'generally' out and put in 'specifically'. We want to know specifically what you advised Home Affairs and what they advised Meta and other social media platforms. Specifically.</p>		
SQ23-001198	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Percentage of Australians who have had the three shots	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Thank you. What percentage of the Australian population has had three shots and what percentage has had four shots?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: We can get that data.</p>	116	1/06/2023
SQ23-001197	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Name of doctor that made an application for off-label use of Ivermectin	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Thank you for that; I appreciate it. Why was ivermectin banned as a claimed 'horse paste'? Then, once the vaccine rollout had reached maximum update, why was ivermectin reauthorised for off-label prescription, with a weak, nonbinding recommendation against use for COVID?</p> <p>Dr Langham: I cannot answer your first comment; I am not aware of that term being used. The reason that the restriction on off-label use of ivermectin was made was because of an application by a doctor; I cannot remember his name-I can provide it for you.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: If you could.</p>	115	1/06/2023
SQ23-001154	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	PwC - Conflict of interest and non-disclosure and	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: If I understand what the professor has shared with us, you are confident, I think you said, to this point, that at least over the last two years the individuals involved in the scandal were not involved in the contracts that you have?</p> <p>Mr Wann: Correct.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: What are you doing to seek the same level confidence for before that three-year period?</p>	10-11	1/06/2023

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			<p>confidentiality</p>	<p>Mr Wann: I have asked for that to go back five years. But it does take a bit of time. The first question was, do you have any currently? Have you had any in the last five years? They've provided us two years in the first instance as a batch, and they're still looking for the previous five years. They should be providing that information shortly.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Do we have a more specific time?</p> <p>Mr Wann: This week.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: By tomorrow?</p> <p>Mr Wann: We could definitely see what we could do and come back to you.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: What have you specifically asked them to provide by tomorrow?</p> <p>Mr Wann: The approach we have taken first of all is that we've looked at all our contracts at a high level to make sure that they have all of the relevant clauses included. They have, by virtue of them being drawn primarily from their advisory services panel managed by DoF. We have sought assurances from them on their arrangements for managing conflict of interest and non-disclosure and confidentiality. They have provided information in relation to that and we've asked them around their personnel.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: They provided information in relation to confidentiality?</p> <p>Mr Wann: In terms of the control mechanisms they have in place to manage conflicts of interest, confidentiality and the like.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Is that public information?</p> <p>Mr Wann: That they've provided? We can check with them-I don't think here is anything particularly commercially sensitive about it, but we would-</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Would you be able to table it for the committee?</p> <p>Those particular areas, the key interests at the moment and how those things are being handled?</p> <p>Mr Wann: I think that would be fine, but I would like to doublecheck with them.</p>		
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SQ23-001182	Department of Health and Aged Care	Wendy Askew	Health workforce information in response to letter from Senator Brockman	<p>Senator ASKEW: A letter was sent to Professor Murphy requesting some information for Senator Brockman; I wonder if we've been able to table a response to that?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: Yes. We can table the health workforce information. As for the aged-care workforce information, the officials are prepared to discuss that tomorrow. They're coming tomorrow for the aged-care outcome. We can provide a table of the total numbers of the health workforce, but in relation to the specific numbers for the aged-care workers and the like, the officials are ready to-</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: And the updates to the questions on notice?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: Yes. They're already in the aged-care discussion for outcome 3 tomorrow.</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: When we come back after lunch, can we table the workforce table?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: I think we can do that, yes.</p>	51	1/06/2023
SQ23-001202	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Degradation of protein in mRNA vaccine	<p>Senator RENNICK: Yet again, that contradicts the TGA's own statement on page 4 of the Pfizer non-clinical report that says that there was 'no distribution and degradation data on the S antigen-encoding mRNA'. You can't say that the spike protein isn't necessarily toxic, because, in your own words, you said there was no distribution and degradation data on the S antigen-encoding mRNA.</p> <p>Dr Langham: Senator, let me reassure you that, when any protein is free and available within the human body, it is degraded within a very short period of time. What you're proposing-that a protein might somehow hang around and cause problems-is really biologically implausible</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: This protein isn't a normal protein, because it was modified to have an increased number of nucleotides on the poly(A) tail. It had methylpseudouridine replace uridine. It had a proline insertion at 986 and 987. It was also designed across any membrane, arguably with the lipids. Yet again, you can't compare this to a normal protein because it wasn't</p>	121	1/06/2023

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				<p>created naturally in the body.</p> <p>Dr Langham: Any protein in the body will be degraded in a very quick time.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: What do you call 'quick time'?</p> <p>Dr Langham: It is the nature of proteins that they are degraded in the body very quickly.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Can you answer my question, please? Define what you consider quick.</p> <p>Dr Langham: The rate of degradation of a protein depends on its size and its complexity.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Yet again, on this spike protein, how fast does it degrade within the body?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: We have responded to that in questions on notice.</p> <p>Dr Langham: I think this has been discussed in QONs in the past. We can find it for you again, if you like.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: No worries.</p>		
SQ23-001204	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Immunological advice on CD8 cells	<p>Senator RENNICK: That's right. The Pfizer non-clinical report talks about how the Pfizer vaccine generates a CD8 response, a killer T-cell response. I've asked you this question previously, Dr Murphy. You have made the claim that the killer T-cell will only kill the protein that presents on the surface membrane. I have spoken to a lot of other doctors and immunologists, and they've said a killer T-cell will kill the entire cell. Do you accept that?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: I don't recall saying that; it might have been Professor Skerritt.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: That's fine. Do you accept that a killer T-cell has the potential to kill otherwise healthy cells?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: My immunology knowledge is a little bit dated now. I accept that's a possibility. I don't know. I would have to take that on notice and get some current immunological advice. Professor Langham is probably a bit more modern.</p> <p>Dr Langham: I would be the same, in terms of the immunological approach for a CD8.</p>	123	1/06/2023

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				<p>Senator RENNICK: You don't actually understand what CD8 cells do?</p> <p>Dr Langham: Senator Rennick, I understand what CD8 cells do. But in terms of your question, I would need to get some more up-to-date immunological advice.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Either they kill the cell or they don't. That's all I am asking for.</p> <p>Dr Langham: It's not actually that cut and dried; it's a little bit more complex.</p>		
SQ23-001200	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Modelling on the decision regarding point of sale for e-cigarettes	<p>Senator RUSTON: Within the department, have we done any modelling as to the impact of these changes in relation to black market activities? We obviously know there is a significant black market operating when it comes to combustible nicotine products, because of the increase in the cost of them, so people are finding other ways to get around it. I would be interested to know what the modelling was behind the decision around how this will work, how many people you think are likely to go through the prescription model and how many people you think won't access it. What sits behind this decision? Is there anything that could be made available to us?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: We'll take some of the detail of that on notice. Certainly, there is clear evidence about the increased use, particularly around young people, of e-cigarettes. There is increasing evidence internationally about different countries taking different approaches, and different regulatory and educational approaches. There is clear evidence and clear consultation, both from the consultation that the TGA did and from the consultation with public health experts, that this needed urgent action.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I am not disputing that at all. I am trying to understand: what do we have here, apart from a headline? We don't seem to have very much more than a headline.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: We have a range of evidence and research. We will take it on notice, and provide you with what detail we can.</p>	119	1/06/2023

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SQ23-001264	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	24/7 nursing - Exemption criteria	<p>Senator RUSTON: Can I follow on from questions in relation to the 24/7 exemptions. Can you give me an update in relation to the exemption at the moment? Are we still on MM 5-7, less than 30 beds? Is that still the exemption criteria constraint?</p> <p>Dr Hartland: Yes, that's right.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Firstly, have you heard or do you know of any facilities that are quite small in these areas that are not 30 beds-they could be 35, 40 or 45 beds-who have cut back their beds so they can meet the exemption criteria?</p> <p>Mr Lye: I don't think we have heard that. Facilities make decisions around how many people they think they can safely accommodate.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: That wasn't my question.</p> <p>Mr Lye: I know you're asking a different question, but I don't think we've heard that. We are making outbound calls to all residential aged-care facilities where we think they have the biggest hill to climb in terms of getting to 24/7. So, we're talking to those individual services now, and talking through whether they believe they'll be in a position to meet the 1 July deadline or not. What we found today is that a really good percentage of those who we might have thought would struggle are telling us they already have arrangements in place or they will by 1 July. We're kind of heartened by that. We might not have expected them to be in that position. But we are getting that feedback and we could take on notice whether, in the course of that outbound call process, we've had anybody who's raised that specific issue.</p>	62	2/06/2023
SQ23-001184	Department of Health and Aged Care	Wendy Askew	Service delivery changes by state	<p>Senator ASKEW: That's fine. Commissioner, can you provide the committee with the number of GPs that have been lost since the expansion, if there have been any, from regional? You said that you haven't seen a big shift. Have there been any? Have you got numbers in that area?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: The department officials might have that.</p> <p>Dr Stewart: I'll defer that question to the department, thank you. I understand that they have been tracking this very closely, but whether a</p>	66-67	1/06/2023

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			<p>move is because of DPA status or because somebody's come to the end of their—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Williams: When the election commitment was implemented to automatically include MM2 in DPA, a commitment was also made to track closely the impact of that. I'm happy to talk through the three different dimensions of that tracking that we undertake. One is, initially, we've basically tagged all the doctors that have been working in MM3 to MM7 locations and tracked their movements since the election commitment's been implemented. We've tracked whether they've moved to MM2 locations as a result. The other cohort of restricted doctors—the DPA only applies to restricted doctors, not to Australian-trained doctors—are those that are taking up new positions in those locations.</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: In the MM3 to MM7?</p> <p>Mr Williams: Correct. We've tracked those numbers as well, over time. We've also tracked service-level changes, which is a conglomeration of all doctor services in those MM1-7 locations, over that same period, to see whether anything is changing in terms of the service delivery, whether it's those doctors or other doctors.</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: Is that available in a chart of some description?</p> <p>Mr Williams: I'm happy to provide it. I'll just talk you through—</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: If we could have it tabled as well, that would be great.</p> <p>Mr Williams: Sure. I'll take that on notice in detail. I'll preface this with one caveat: in the COVID years, if we compare them to previous years, had significant restrictions of everybody's movement, so there's a bit of a blip in our data for those years. I want to highlight that before I talk you through it. In 2022-23, from the time of the election commitment to March—we have data to March—the number of doctors who have moved from MM3-7 locations to MM2 locations was 67. That's 67 out of 6,000 restricted doctors.</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: Do you know what states they were in?</p>		
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				<p>Mr Williams: I don't have that with me but I'm happy to provide it.</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: It would be good to get that as a breakdown as well in what you provide on notice.</p> <p>Mr Williams: There were two COVID years where there were restrictions in place. If you look at th equivalent time frame over the last few years, last year had 46 movements and the previous year had 43. We expect that would be much lower, given the restrictions. Prior to COVID years—2019-20—we had 53 move from MM3-7 to MM2. In 2018-19 we had 56. It's a slight jump, but the numbers do vary quite significantly. As I indicated, there are 6,000 restricted doctors, and we're talking about 67 of those. The second cohort, which has always been a larger cohort, is the cohort of doctors who are looking for jobs and employment in their first year or starting their practice. Those are the doctors who are moving or starting in those locations. I'll give you the same time period. In 2022-23, from the time of the election commitment, 330 doctors have started in MM3-7 locations. In 2021-22, the COVID years, we had quite a variation. I'm happy to go into that if you like. Prior to the COVID years, there were 292 in 2019-20, and in 2018-19 there were 266. There has been an increase in new starters in MM3-7 areas, which is good news.</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: Can you provide that broken down by states for me as well?.Mr Williams: Of course. Subject to those—</p> <p>Senator ASKEW: Yes.</p>		
SQ23-001191	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Number of applications submitted by South Australian PHNs for clinic	<p>Senator RUSTON: Could you explain to me what the decision-making process was in the selection of the location of the clinic in South Australia.</p> <p>Ms Schofield: Yes. The process that we went through was that the department went out through all of the primary health networks across Australia, all 31 PHNs, and we invited each of the PHNs to nominate up to three clinics from their PHN for the department to assess and for government to consider. We had received 76 applications from 29 PHNs when the process closed. The department then had an assessment panel</p>	104	1/06/2023

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				<p>that looked through all of those and did assessments against the criteria about the suitability of those clinics. Some of the assessment criteria were things like-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Can I just take you back to my question? My question was specifically about South Australia. What happened in South Australia?</p> <p>Ms Schofield: This is the process that we followed for South Australia.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Can you talk about South Australia specifically? How many applications did the PHN put forward from South Australia?</p> <p>Ms Schofield: I might have to take that on notice; I'm not sure how many. We certainly received applications from the PHNs in South Australia, including the Adelaide PHN..</p>		
SQ23-001190	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Materials regarding original announcement for the 16 endometriosis clinics	<p>Senator RUSTON: Was it the recommendation of the endometriosis task force that there be 20 clinics, and the locations of them, or was there some expectation that there were going to be more concentrated clinics and maybe only one in each state that was better resourced and more concentrated in its focus? I'm interested in whether the expanded number of clinics reflects what was in the endometriosis strategy.</p> <p>Ms Schofield: The original announcement was for about 16 clinics, with at least one in each state and territory. That was the way that it was worded. In developing the selection criteria, the guidelines and the process for looking at the establishment of these clinics, we spoke to a number of people and worked through the sorts of activities that would be funded. Off the back of that, we indicated that a small range of funding would potentially be available to each clinic. Clinics indicated, when they put in applications through the PHNs, the sorts of activities that they were doing. Off the back of all of that information, the government was able to fund 20 on the basis of the activities that the clinics indicated that they wanted to do.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: If my recollection is correct, we were looking at \$5 million per clinic. It seems like the hundreds of thousands of dollars that are being applied here are way short of the expectation of \$5 million per clinic that</p>	104	1/06/2023

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				<p>was in the original budget request. I'll go back and have a look at the endo strategy, because I certainly don't think that-</p> <p>Ms Schofield: We can happily provide, on notice, all of the materials from the original announcement, but it was about 16 clinics, with at least one in each state and territory.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So the locations all of these 20 clinics have been identified?</p> <p>Ms Schofield: Yes, they have.</p>		
SQ23-001149	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Abortion care availability and public hospital data	<p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. Can I ask now about abortion care. The inquiry that we've just referenced, which reported last week from this committee, confirmed that the lack of abortion care available at many public hospitals is widespread. It's either a lack of equipment, a lack of staff, a lack of expertise or a combination of all of the above. The inquiry recommended that all public hospitals be equipped to provide surgical abortions. I'm interested in whether the department has data on which public hospitals are currently equipped and do provide abortion care</p> <p>CHAIR: While there is a changeover of witnesses at the table, can I just advise that we are releasing one further agency. That agency is the National Health and Medical Research Council.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Who's taking that question?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: In terms of public hospital data, I'll let our colleagues from the state and territory health reform agreement area answer that.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you.</p> <p>Ms Cahill: We don't have that information with us today. We can take on notice to provide some figures on the numbers of public hospital districts that are providing abortion care. We wouldn't have data on which hospitals are equipped or what sort of staff they employ, but we can look at our activity-based funding data to see where those services are occurring.</p>	80	1/06/2023

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SQ23-001248	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	PBAC consultation on TGA application of MS-2 Step	<p>Senator WATERS: So it routinely accepts it. Great. I'm interested in whether PBAC has been consulted on that TGA application that we just referenced. Is there any interaction between those two processes?</p> <p>Ms Platona: Senator, can I take that on notice? I don't have that with me now. I'm happy to answer that. There is always-with TGA changes or anticipated changes, the PBAC is informed usually of what TGA is planning to do with respect to listings and registration changes. But I don't have that with me now for this particular example.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thanks for taking that on notice.</p>	29	2/06/2023
SQ23-001229	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Letter of request from Minister to PBAC	<p>Senator RUSTON: Yesterday I made the comment that, despite best endeavours, I'd failed to find the recommendation of the PBAC in relation to this request. You said it was available online. I could only find a reference online that these particular drugs had been considered. I couldn't find where it was. Can you tell me where I could find that?</p> <p>Ms Platona: We have kept the information that has been published for the 2022 decision, similar to the information that was published in April of 2019, when the PBAC first considered this idea. Just for context, for any medicine that there is an application for listing on the PBS, the committee issues minutes, and the minutes are never made fully public. They then are going through redactions and become public summary documents. In 2019, for this measure, what was published was an outcome statement from the committee and a list of medicines. What you have on the website for the 2022 decision is exactly the same, a public outcome statement from the committee and a list of medicines. We kept it like with like.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: That is fair enough. Just the way it was described yesterday when you weren't here was that there was more information than that, but I've found what you've just described. In that context, are we able to see the letter of request sent from the minister to PBAC? Is that something that is</p>	15	2/06/2023

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				publicly available or could be made available? Ms Platona: We'll provide that on notice.		
SQ23-001206	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Discussions with New Zealand regarding regulatory design	<p>Senator CANAVAN: The prescription model that was introduced in mid-2020, on any metric, has to be noted as a massive failure, doesn't it? The proportion of use among young Australians grew by five times.</p> <p>Dr Gilmour-Walsh: There is probably a variety of reasons why there has been a proliferation of use. It would be difficult to trace all of those reasons. I don't think anybody has done a study of that.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: I was heavily involved in-I am sure Professor Murphy and others remember-and I was very critical of, the decision in mid-2020. I was assured that this was the right model and that it would help crack down on the proliferation of vaping. Obviously, that was wrong. Why should we have any faith that the same people, who were wrong about the 2020 reforms, are going to be right about the 2023 reforms?</p> <p>Dr Gilmour-Walsh: I don't think anybody could have predicted the widespread noncompliance with the legal requirements.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: I did; and plenty of other people did. I said at the time there would be growth in the black market and that is exactly what it has done. Now we are being told, 'No, it will all be fine', through what is still a prescription model or a pharmacy retail model. It seems strange that we would double-down on failure like that-and massive failure, too. At the last estimates hearings I asked if anybody had spoken to New Zealand health officials about their experience. The response was no, they hadn't. I was gobsmacked by that. Has anyone spoken to New Zealand officials since?</p> <p>Dr Gilmour-Walsh: We are in the process of talking to some New Zealand officials about the regulatory design and what they are doing.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: What does 'in the process of' mean? Have you sent an email? What is 'in the process of'? You have made no contact? Are you planning to make contact?</p> <p>Dr Gilmour-Walsh: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	125-126	1/06/2023

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				<p>Senator CANAVAN: Has anyone in your team-via zoom or phone-personally or physically spoken to anyone in New Zealand? Dr Gilmour-Walsh: I would have to take that on notice. ... Ms Rishniw: I need to check with New Zealand and who in the team has spoken to New Zealand, but I expect we would have talked to New Zealand and a whole range of partners who are signatories to the FCTC. Senator CANAVAN: The evidence earlier was that you were in the process of speaking to people in New Zealand. Ms Rishniw: That is on the regulatory side. CHAIR: They said they will take the question on notice.</p>		
SQ23-001187	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Puberty blocking agents - Lupron and leuprorelin	<p>Senator CANAVAN: I think they've exhausted that. They are trying, these people that we've spoken to, but they're just struggling there. I just want to move on to-I'm not sure what area this would come into. It's hard to know. I wanted to ask about the use of puberty-blocker drugs and ongoing controversies around that. Professor Murphy: Puberty blocking agents? Senator CANAVAN: Yes. Some of them may wait for the TGA later but there's a broader question here. I'm not sure if you saw the reporting on the weekend. There have been reports that some eminent legal professionals have written to the Family Court, or a court, I think in New South Wales, saying that the previous Family Court decisions on these matters, have not properly taken into account medical advice, and they're seeking courts to reopen the investigations here, especially given conclusions around Tavistock over in the United Kingdom and other developments. Is there any work being done in the department of health about the latest evidence on the long-term impacts of the use of puberty blockers, especially for adolescent or pre-adolescent children? Professor Murphy: No specific work. This is a really challenging and contested area, and we've certainly discussed it at estimates in the past. I</p>	97	1/06/2023

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				<p>think our position is that where these services are provided by very expert multidisciplinary clinic services, such as the Royal Children's in Melbourne, we have to rely on the best clinical advice we have. We have concerns like some of those reviews expressed in the media, that where individual practitioners are undertaking this sort of therapy outside of that comprehensive multidisciplinary clinic strategy-but even within a service such as the Royal Children's Hospital, which is probably the largest one in Australia, it is a highly contested area. Again, the Commonwealth department doesn't really have a policy role in how health services-they have their own governance structures that look at those things. We certainly provide MBS and PBS funding. We'd have to take on notice which of those drugs might be on the PBS for-</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: In particular I want to ask about Lupron or-it goes by different names; there's also leuprorelin. It's a drug primarily to treat prostate cancer and some other cancers.</p> <p>Professor Murphy: Yes. It's an androgen blocker.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: So you're aware of that and I'm getting it right to some degree. Has that been approved for use to block or stop or limit puberty development by the TGA?</p> <p>Professor Murphy: You'd have to take that question to the TGA about whether what its registration is. I don't think you would know, Ms Shakespeare, would you?</p>		
SQ23-001255	Department of Health and Aged Care	Tammy Tyrrell	Published impact statement for pharmacies	<p>Senator TYRRELL: And we appreciate that. In some ways, though, this is probably the first point where you're going to have to come back to me. We don't really know how worse off potentially the pharmacies may be as a result of the change. Is there any way that we can gather that data moving forward and work with it?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We've got averages, and we're looking at averages now for different types of businesses through further modelling. We're happy to work with particular types of pharmacies that are concerned about the</p>	39	2/06/2023

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				<p>impact on them. It's not necessarily something, though, where we've got 5,900 pharmacies and we can go through and say what the impact on each one will be.</p> <p>Senator TYRRELL: Is that currently available or is that in the analysis?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: The averages are in the published impact assessment.</p> <p>Senator TYRRELL: So we can access those?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I'm happy to provide that to you.</p>		
SQ23-001175	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	PFAS in common insecticide in Australia	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Permanone 30-30 has the same chemical ingredient as picaridin, which is a common insecticide in Australia under the brand names Bayrepel, made by Bayer, and Autan, made by SC Johnson. I don't know if they still contain PFAS. Do you?</p> <p>Ms Grinbergs: I'm not able to answer that question. I'll have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: It's important to note that this study was an epidemiological study commissioned by the public health people in ANU. There's probably no relationship to that relationship that you've talked about. We're not aware of it. We can come back on notice and respond.</p>	33	1/06/2023
SQ23-001174	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	PBAC recommendation and advice	<p>Ms Shakespeare: No, and the Office of Impact Analysis already answered questions about this last week, when they were appearing at estimates. What they've assessed is that the impact assessment that was prepared was sufficient to inform government decisions. It did inform government decisions, and the government decisions in fact took a different approach to what had been assessed in the second-pass impact assessment, in terms of introducing the changes in a staged way, because of the information provided in that assessment. The advice I have from the Office of Impact Analysis is that 70 per cent of all impact assessments are assessed as adequate. The advice that was provided from the impact assessment was, 'This is what you could do to improve it in future.' That's really about continuous improvement across the government in making sure that we've</p>	32-33	1/06/2023

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				<p>got high-quality assessment products.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Is it possible to get a copy of the PBAC recommendation? We know what happened in 2017-18. Some information was provided to the then minister, and through a process it was decided not to proceed. Senator RUSTON: The 2017-18 to 2019 measure was not proceeded with, for the reasons that, obviously, are widely known. I'm interested to understand what the process was in terms of leading up to PBAC actually providing the 2022 advice to the minister. Did the minister seek to have PBAC give him an updated version of what they were doing? Did they recommend that this process go forward in this way? Did they just say, 'These are the molecules that could reasonably and safely, because of the efficacy of the medicines et cetera, be available for 60-day dispensing'? What was the process that led up to this happening, and who instigated the second review that has now led to 325 molecules being put on this list as opposed to the 100 or so that were on the list in 2018-19? I'm keen to understand the process.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: To go to the first part of your question: yes, we can provide the PBAC advice. The advice from both August 2018 and December 2022 has been published, so we will obtain copies of that from the PBS website for you.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Thank you.</p>		
SQ23-001156	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Breakdown of locations for CDC staff	<p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Is the plan to have the CDC in Canberra?</p> <p>Ms Norris: No decision has been made yet on where the full CDC will be, but the interim CDC will be in Canberra.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Where are the staff that will likely be moved into the CDC currently based?</p> <p>Ms Norris: All around Australia. We have a flexible working arrangement with the two current divisions that will move into the CDC, so we do have staff based in Canberra as well as around the country.</p>	85	1/06/2023

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				<p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Do you have a breakdown of that? Ms Norris: I don't have that on me, but I can take that on notice.</p>		
SQ23-001208	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	DAEN reports of deaths from COVID vaccines	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Let's move on. Quality of reports in the DAEN: the DAEN reports can come from medical practitioners and also the general public. How many of the reports of deaths from COVID vaccines recorded by DAEN came from members of the public and how many from medical practitioners? Mr Henderson: I don't have those exact numbers with me. I will take it on notice. Senator ROBERTS: Checking these reports-my staff have checked the reports-suggests there is a waiting room at the DAEN database holding reports that have been made but not yet checked and registered, which seems logical. How many reports of COVID vaccine harm are waiting to be checked? How many of those are reports of death or serious injury? Mr Henderson: Again, I don't have those numbers with me. I will take that on notice.</p>	127-128	1/06/2023
SQ23-001209	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	DAEN reporting - Mandatory adverse vaccine effect reporting notifications	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Thank you. Were more reports to DAEN made by states with mandatory adverse vaccine effect notifications-which I think is New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia, which is only 62 per cent- as against states without mandatory reporting of vaccine harm? Mr Henderson: Senator, could you repeat the question? Senator ROBERTS: Was there a higher proportion of reports of adverse events from states with mandatory adverse vaccine effect reporting notifications? Mr Henderson: I would have to take that detailed question on notice.</p>	128	1/06/2023
SQ23-001254	Department of Health	Tammy Tyrrell	Reinvestment in	<p>Senator TYRRELL: ... I'm also hearing a lot about reinvestment in community pharmacies. Do we know the reinvestment back into Tasmanian pharmacies specifically? Ms Shakespeare: We will make opportunities for these new clinical</p>	39	2/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		community pharmacies	<p>programs-delivery of the National Immunisation Program vaccines and Opiate Dependence Treatment Program-to be available to any pharmacies that are able to take advantage of them. There can be differences in state regulation about what vaccines in particular pharmacists can deliver.</p> <p>Senator TYRRELL: Is there anywhere from previous access to similar programs that we could-</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We probably could have a look at the proportion of vaccines under the COVID vaccination program that had been delivered by pharmacists in Tasmania. That's something that's really fed into the development of this proposal. We've seen successful vaccine delivery across the course of the pandemic for the COVID vaccines and boosters. I'm sure we can get you some data on how many of those have been provided in Tasmania.</p> <p>Senator TYRRELL: That'd be very cool. Thank you.</p>		
SQ23-001257	Department of Health and Aged Care	Tammy Tyrrell	Reinvestment in Tasmanian pharmacies	<p>Senator TYRRELL: Okay. How much reinvestment will there be in Tasmanian pharmacies? That'll be relative to-</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We'll come back to you with those estimates.</p>	41	2/06/2023
SQ23-001159	Department of Health and Aged Care	Slade Brockman	Delivery of three contracts with 89 Degrees	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: It's CN3892226, CN3887873 and CN3909246, all with 89 Degrees.</p> <p>Mr Wann: Right.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: These are general policy questions, not specifically about the operational detail of the contracts.</p> <p>Mr Wann: So you're talking more specifically about any contracts we have with 89 Degrees?</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: I'm talking about those three contracts in particular. We can see from the AusTender website about what those three contracts are provided for. Can you confirm that two are completed and one is underway?</p>	19	1/06/2023

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				<p>Mr Wann: One is currently underway, and all the rest will be completed-by 'underway', I mean still in train.</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: Completing at the end of this month.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: And two have wound up.</p> <p>Mr Wann: And the others have wound up, yes.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: I'm happy for you to take this on notice, but could we have copies of what was produced under the two completed contracts?</p> <p>Mr Wann: We'll seek to see what we can provide.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: I accept that some of may not be in a form that can be delivered to this committee, but if there were hardcopy deliverables, could we get a copy of those?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: We can certainly provide an overview of what was delivered.</p> <p>Mr Wann: That's right; we can go into the detail of what was delivered.</p>		
SQ23-001270	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Status of COVID-19 Aged Care grant applications	<p>Senator RUSTON: You said there were no applications outstanding later than December 2022, so six months. Does that include applications that were put in prior to December last year that have required additional information? Or does the December date, that no applications are older than December, actually apply to no new applications? We don't have applications in June, July, August last year where you've gone backwards and forwards and sought additional information and there hasn't been a final claim until December? Or has every claim that has been received by the department prior to December been finalised?</p> <p>Ms Garrett: I think I'd have to take that on notice. I think that some of those would be in the assessment process. I'll take that one on notice and come back to you with that.</p>	58	2/06/2023
SQ23-001262	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Allocation of on-costs from the	<p>Senator RUSTON: The funding that's been announced-I think the minister and the government have been clear about on-costs also being included as part of the package. So I'm assuming the package of the \$11.3 billion includes on-costs.</p>	75	2/06/2023

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			\$11.3 billion	<p>Ms Strapp: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So in terms of that envelope of money, how much of that money has been allocated to on-costs as opposed to the pay rise itself?</p> <p>Dr Hartland: I think the main issue will be in relation to AN-ACC, and I think that would be a question for the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority to take up in detail.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: But this is your budget line.</p> <p>Dr Hartland: Yes, Senator. The authority provided advice on the price to compensate providers for the Fair Work Commission, including on-costs. I can give you some high-level answers about their calculations, but the detailed-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: How much of the \$11.3 billion has been allocated to on-costs?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: We might take it on notice.</p>		
SQ23-001259	Department of Health and Aged Care	Slade Brockman	Breakdown of the \$1.3 billion for the 15 per cent pay rise	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: Professor Pervan, I'm not sure if you heard this one or if you were at the table at the time. I'm pretty sure you were in the room. Can you advise as to the breakdown of the \$1.3 billion for the 15 per cent pay rise, how it was allocated to pay rise versus on-costs? Can you do that now?</p> <p>Prof. Pervan: Only part of it. I can give you some details on how the breakdown results in the daily price, the AN-ACC of \$243.10. But the breakdown of the total budget figure is not something that we actually advise on. Our job is to advise a daily price.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: So you couldn't even take that on notice?</p> <p>Prof. Pervan: I would have to discuss that with the department.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: Then I'm going to say this either/or, because I'm assuming one of you can do this: break down the pay rise versus an on-cost, and then break that down under each program and profile it over the forwards.</p> <p>Dr Hartland: Senator, health and aged-care pricing is responsible for advising</p>	79	2/06/2023

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				<p>on the AN-ACC price. The department advises government on home care packages in the Commonwealth Home Support Program and the other aged-care programs. We've taken on notice whether we can break down on-costs. But our methodology was to identify the affected wage expenditure in those programs. And it might be that group of expenditure which covers all of the on-costs associated with wages-we might not be able to break that down further. But we'll have a look at the issue in relation to home care packages, CHSP and the other minor programs. The health and aged-care pricing authority is responsible for calculating and advising the government on the AN-ACC price. And, sorry, I tuned in late, so I don't know whether Michael had actually taken on notice a further breakdown.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: I think both organisations understand what Senator Ruston is chasing here, so I'm happy to have it provided back on notice as best as possible. And if there are gaps in that, if we could have an explanation of why those gaps exist, that would also be very helpful.</p>		
SQ23-001276	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	All correspondence between Minister's office, department and Pharmacy Guild, pharmaceutical society, the friendly societies	<p>Senator RUSTON: Could I ask you, on notice, to provide all correspondence in relation to all advice that has transpired between the department, the minister's office and the Pharmacy Guild and pharmaceutical society, the friendly societies and any other stakeholders in relation to the impact on community pharmacy of this decision? A copy of the NDA would be useful. In closing, can I ask you: is the government prepared in the next three months, as I think Senator Tyrrell asked, to sit down with the pharmacy sector and players and actually renegotiate the Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement, or put in place an eighth community pharmacy agreement in recognition of the significant impacts that this decision has made on and entire sector? Is that something that you are prepared to do to mitigate all the concerns that have been raised by numerous senators in here in the last couple of days and so many in the pharmacy sector, or are</p>	47-48	2/06/2023

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			and any other stakeholders in relation to the impact on community pharmacy	you intending to just pursue this without intending to mitigate it in a formal sense or a community pharmacy agreement?		
SQ23-001252	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Information provided to Pharmacy Guild by Minister Butler	<p>Senator RUSTON: No, I know that's not the answer you gave. I quite accept that's not the answer you gave. What I'm trying to understand is whether the minister actually advised the Pharmacy Guild of the action.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I will see if there's any further information I can provide. But if you've spoken to the Pharmacy Guild and they're contesting the issue of whether there was specific information given about 300 listed medications, I can try and check that. The intention, or the discussion, as I understand it, at that meeting was that the government was intending to move forward with the policy recommended by PBAC around 60-day dispensing.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Would the Pharmacy Guild have been aware of the 2022 recommendations or would they have been thinking that it was the 2019 recommendations that the minister was referring to?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Perhaps you can tell us what you know. I haven't spoken to the Pharmacy Guild about that, but obviously you have. Are you saying to me that their understanding of that meeting was that it related to the listing in 2018 or 2019?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: No, I'm asking you if the Pharmacy Guild was aware of the 2022 decision.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I'm not sure. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: And whether the minister advised them that the decision that he was advising them of was to move to that recommendation from</p>	30-31	2/06/2023

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			<p>2022. That's my question.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I think it was the first meeting to advise and begin the consultations and foreshadow to the Pharmacy Guild that this was the government's intention. As Ms Shakespeare said, there was then a number of meetings that occurred after that where this matter was discussed.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Just to round this out, what I would really like some advice back is: on what date was the Pharmacy Guild advised that it was the intention of the government to implement the recommendations of the 2022 review by PBAC, which included the listing of 325 medicines for 60-day dispensing and the time frame in which that initiative was to be implemented? That is the question.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Okay. I'm happy to see if we can provide any information. I don't know if Ms Shakespeare can add anything into it. It might help if you want to give us the date that you've been provided.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Well, I haven't been-I'm not saying I've been provided with a date. I'm just seeking to clarify.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: It seems to be there's a disagreement about when-I think what you're moving around is when the Pharmacy Guild became aware of the specific listings of medications that would form or would sit under this policy-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: And the time frame.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: and what date that was.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: And the time frame of the rollout. I think your answer to the previous question if it hadn't been interrogated would have probably suggested that they were advised on 28 March. I'm just seeking to clarify whether that was the information that was imparted on 28 March or not. Anyway, we can talk around this for hours, but it'd be great if maybe even in the lunch break you can-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I'll see what I can provide to the committee.</p>		
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SQ23-001173	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Last meeting between Minister Butler and Pharmacy Guild on 60-dispency policy	<p>Senator RUSTON: I think that every community pharmacy in Australia would absolutely disagree with you. Could you please advise-I'm not sure whether it's something the minister can take on, or whether it's for you, Professor Murphy-when was the last time that the minister meet with the Pharmacy Guild?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: The minister has met frequently with the Pharmacy Guild. We'll have to take it on notice and consult with the minister's office.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: The minister just made the comment that the government is working with the Pharmacy Guild and other members of the sector in terms of this particular-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Well, we are, and we want to.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I'm interested to know when was the last time the minister met with the Pharmacy Guild.</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: We'll find out from the minister's office.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Certainly met with them a number of times in the lead-up to the budget. We can certainly come back on that. There have been a lot of communications between-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Is it possible for-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: It's not just the guild; there are other pharmacy groups and pharmacists as well.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I'd be interested to know what pharmacist groups you've met with as well, whether it be the Pharmaceutical Society or the friendly societies, or if any of the major chains have been meeting with the minister. If you could provide that information, it would be great if we could have it today so that we can use it tomorrow, because I'm very interested-</p>	30-31	1/06/2023
SQ23-001203	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Overview of laboratory tests that have been	<p>Senator RENNICK: It is all here in their own report. They should know this. I have asked previously why there was no genotoxicity study done on the Pfizer vaccine. I was told that no DNA was used. It actually turns out that-this was originally redacted and is now unredacted-plasma DNA was used in the manufacturing process. What steps were taken by Pfizer, and what steps did</p>	121	1/06/2023

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			done by TGA	<p>the TGA take, to make sure that all the plasma DNA was filtered out of the vaccine batches before they were administered?</p> <p>Dr Langham: The vaccine batches undergo significant testing at the TGA laboratories for composition. It's in those analyses that the amount, type and length of RNA sequences is determined, and there being no DNA there.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: You are saying there was no DNA. You are a hundred per cent certain there was no DNA in the batches.</p> <p>Dr Langham: That is the result of the laboratory tests that have been done by the TGA.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Can you provide those on notice?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: We can certainly provide an overview of the testing and what we look for.</p>		
SQ23-001183	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Larissa Waters	Opportunities to address workforce shortages .	<p>Senator WATERS: Many witnesses to the inquiry talked about workforce shortages, lack of support and the difficulty of retaining staff in regional and rural areas. What do you think the government could do to strengthen the rural sexual and reproductive healthcare workforce?</p> <p>Dr Stewart: There are a large number of programs that the government already has in place to improve the rural health workforce in Australia. If it were easy, the efforts over the last 25 years would have brought an immediate response. I do see encouraging signs in the increasing number of registrars signing up for rural generalist training and the interest level in the nursing rural and remote generalist framework, which specifies the scope of practice and skill set that remote and rural nurses need. There is increasing interest in the work of rural and remote clinicians, which I'm encouraged by.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Is there anything more you think the government should do to further encourage that workforce supply?</p> <p>Dr Stewart: There's always more. It depends-</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Would you like to go through what you think it could be?</p> <p>Dr Stewart: I'm always conscious that if you spend money in one place you take it from another, and I'm very pleased that there has been a strong focus</p>	65	1/06/2023

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				<p>on supporting the national rural generalist program. I'm particularly pleased to see the indexation across the rural and remote Modified Monash Model areas 2 to 7 for the Workforce Incentive Program and also the bulk billing incentives. I think that those two measures that came through in the most recent May budget will have an impact on attracting clinicians to rural and remote Australia. We have yet to see just how much. I won't hold my breath. It will probably take some time. People take quite a while to move home and move practice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thanks very much. If you do think of anything that you think the government should be doing, that you don't think they are already, please share it with us, perhaps on notice.</p>		
SQ23-001161	Department of Health and Aged Care	Slade Brockman	Sign off level for contracts for 89 Degrees	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: So they came off a panel. What's the process when they are selected off a panel? Who signs off, in the end, on the expenditure? Yourself, Professor Murphy, the minister?</p> <p>Mr Wann: The normal arrangements-with a panel, there has already been an open-source process gone through to develop the panel. So when you take off a panel, it is-</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: But there still must be a sign-off on the project.</p> <p>Mr Wann: There absolutely is. What you do is you go out to the panel. You can go directly to an individual entity on the panel, or you can go out to a number or to the whole panel, seeking a quote for a bit of work that needs to be done. Depending on the response, an assessment is made, and then a decision is made to engage a particular entity. That's the general approach. Certainly for that last one that you mentioned, that was pulled off a panel, but I would have to get the details of whether-</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: The sign-off depends on the level of the delegation for the contract concerned, doesn't it?</p> <p>Mr Wann: The sign-off would be within the department, by and large.</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: These were relatively low-value contacts. They would have been signed off by officials in the relevant-</p>	20	1/06/2023

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				<p>Mr Wann: Within the relevant group. Prof. Murphy: division. Senator BROCKMAN: Without naming officials, obviously, but on notice can we have the level of the sign-off? Mr Wann: Yes.</p>		
SQ23-001188	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Leuprorelin and restrictions on use under its PBS conditions	<p>Senator CANAVAN: Obviously I'll come back on the specifics about this one. Could you take on notice whether this particular drug, leuprorelin, has restrictions on its use under its PBS conditions? Ms Shakespeare: We'll find that out for you.</p>	98	1/06/2023
SQ23-001165	Department of Health and Aged Care	Slade Brockman	Letter from the Prime Minister and Minister regarding 89 Degrees	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: So the Prime Minister wrote to the minister on 24 October. The minister then at some point-can you tell me when-informed you not to use 89 Degrees East? Prof.Murphy: He informed me not to use 89 Degrees East at the time. We had that discussion and that prompted him to write to the Prime Minister. Around October he wrote to the Prime Minister. I said we would not use them, then the Prime Minister wrote back and then he formally instructed me on protocols where we could use them if we wanted to. I did ask the minister is there a way we could use them if we wanted to. His preference was that we didn't use them any further and he was very clear. Senator BROCKMAN: So there were two letters from the Prime Minister? Prof.Murphy: No, there was one letter from the Prime Minister. He wrote to the Prime Minister and asked for his advice. The Prime Minister wrote back to him. Senator BROCKMAN: What date did the minister write to the Prime Minister? Prof.Murphy: I would have to get that.</p>	21-22	1/06/2023

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				<p>Senator BROCKMAN: Could we have that letter on notice, as well, please? The minister wrote to the Prime Minister then instructed you. Could we get the date when the minister instructed you to no longer contract with 89 Degrees East? Prof.Murphy: Yes.</p>		
SQ23-001162	Department of Health and Aged Care	Slade Brockman	Protocol for contracts with 89 Degrees	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: In terms of that sign-off-obviously, the official has the right to sign those off under delegations-what is the reporting pathway of those sorts of contracts through to yourself, Professor Murphy, and through to the minister? Prof. Murphy: There's no formal reporting to the minister- Mr Wann: There's no requirement. Prof. Murphy: and there's no requirement to report through to me. I should point out that in relation to this specific company, since late last year we have put in a specific protocol-at the request of the minister for health, who sought advice from the Prime Minister-so that no further contracts with that company can be entered into without- Senator BROCKMAN: What was the date of the protocol? Prof. Murphy: The Prime Minister wrote to the minister in October, and the minister then wrote to me later on. We've had no contracts entered into since that protocol. There is now a protocol that I have- Senator BROCKMAN: Do you happen to have the date of the protocol? Prof. Murphy: We can provide that. The letter from the Prime Minister came in late October, and then the minister wrote to me some time after that. I'll take on notice the date. Senator BROCKMAN: Can you get us those? That's a relatively straightforward- Prof. Murphy: Yes. Mr Wann: The response from the Prime Minister was on 24 October. Senator BROCKMAN: Let me get this straight. The Prime Minister wrote to the minister on 24 October. When did the minister communicate with you,</p>	20-21	1/06/2023

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				<p>Professor Murphy? Prof. Murphy: I can come back to you later with that. Senator BROCKMAN: Alright, good. Can we have both those pieces of correspondence tabled? Mr Wann: Yes, I think so.</p>		
SQ23-001223	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Incentives for bulk billing	<p>Senator RUSTON: Could I have a little more information around the budget measure in relation to the tripling of the incentives for bulkbilling? Ms Shakespeare: What would you like to know? Senator RUSTON: What modelling was done in relation to how this was intended to change the landscape for bulkbilling? Do you have modelling that shows how many additional bulkbilled consultations this is likely to generate? Ms Shakespeare: What we have is a lot of data about bulkbilling rates. Where we have use of the existing bulkbilling incentive items, we have been tracking the use of those items. There have been some significant reductions recently in use of the bulkbilling incentives. That data was used in considering the decision to increase those bulkbilling incentive rates, but there are no projections. Medicare is a demand-driven program, and we make changes to Medicare so that it can be used by people when they need health services in the future. Senator RUSTON: What is the current expenditure on the bulkbilling incentives as we sit here today? Mr McCabe: We'll have to take that on notice. Ms Shakespeare: What period would you like covered by that expenditure? Senator RUSTON: There's a bulkbilling incentive in place at the moment, obviously, where GPs receive a bulkbilling incentive on top of their Medicare rebate. I'm just interested to understand what the quantum of that is, and the number of bulkbills in it in terms of discrete and individual items, and the quantum? Ms Shakespeare: Most recent full financial year or most recent quarter?</p>	6-7	2/06/2023

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				<p>Senator RUSTON: You have a \$3.5 billion over five years funding envelope. If you took the last 12 months, the most obvious 12 months you can find, I'd be interested to know what that 12 months was. It's pretty easy then to extrapolate out how much of the \$3.5 billion is going to be applied to tripling existing bulkbilling incentive payments and how much of it actually has been modelled in terms of additional uptake of those payments. Is there some way you could get me a 12-month figure? At least we would have something to look at and see what you have intended in terms of the change in bulkbilling with this particular initiative.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We will pull out the most recent full 12-month period rather than the year to date for you.</p>		
SQ23-001147	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Scope of practice review considerations	<p>Senator WATERS: Can you confirm whether the scope of practice review will consider barriers and incentives to working at scope, including MBS and PBS restrictions; remuneration; insurance costs; and workforce development, training and retention? Are those sorts of things in scope?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I think all of those issues will be raised. Really what we're looking at is what activities different health professionals are not currently performing and the reasons why not-where scope of practice that is not recognised could actually be expanded. I think we've got a range of issues. It's not just looking at barriers to performing current full scope of practice but also extending scope of practice in some cases as well.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Including financial remuneration for those additional activities that might already be within the scope of expertise?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I think that would be one aspect of this, but there's also digital health technologies and how those can support people to deliver more care services than they currently do.</p> <p>Mr Williams: In conjunction with this review, there will also be a review on the incentives program as well, a comprehensive review. That will incorporate some of the questions you raised there.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. Could you provide me, on notice, a bit more</p>	80	1/06/2023

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				<p>detail about which review will look at what aspect. Mr Williams: Of course.</p>		
SQ23-001225	Department of Health and Aged Care	Deborah O'Neill	<p>Letter from Private Health Association - protheses list for medical devices</p>	<p>Senator O'NEILL: One of the areas I think that Australians benefit from is the changing technologies around being able to get new knees, hips and bits and pieces for the body. Is the entity that's responsible for bringing those into the market covered by a group called the Medical Technology Association of Australia? Prof. Murphy: I believe you're perhaps referring to a letter from Private Health Insurance Australia. Ms Platona: MTAA is the industry association covering that sector of medical devices that seek listing on the prosthesis list, and that prosthesis list is then paid for by private health insurance. The Private Health Association wrote a letter about the involvement of PwC. In the work that the department is conducting with respect to the reforms of the prosthesis list- Senator O'NEILL: There's been considerable media interest in the difference between the international pricing for these prostheses and what Australians have been paying. Everybody who does pay their tax, unlike some people we've been hearing about, wants every taxpayer dollar to work really hard and deliver what we need at value. There's a value for money proposition as well. Is it fair to say that there's a gap between what Australia and other countries are paying for these prosthetics? Ms Platona: Yes. From all the information we have received for the past three years while working on reforming the Prostheses List for medical devices, all the information we have is that the Prostheses List prices are amongst the highest in comparable countries. Senator O'NEILL: That's of concern to me. You've indicated there's a letter. Do you want to table that letter or do you want to take it notice? Ms Platona: Can I take that on notice? I just need to check with the authors of the letter out of courtesy to them before we do that.</p>	13	2/06/2023

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SQ23-001186	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Completion of Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia work on midwifery, the registration and post-registration requirements	<p>Senator WATERS: I was just excited about the funding for Waminda, so there's a bit of praise there, gratuitous or otherwise-well-deserved, nonetheless. The other issue is the hours of clinical practice required to become endorsed midwives. I understand it's 5,000 hours, which is a huge barrier to access. Is the department considering ways either in the course of what you've just mentioned or through any other program to improve access, such as reducing the clinical hours, or allowing non-endorsed midwives supervised by endorsed midwives to be able to claim Medicare rebates?</p> <p>Professor McMillan: The requirements for endorsed midwives training hours is an aspect for the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. It is they that put those requirements in place. Currently we are looking at a range of issues around the maternity workforce including, of course, midwifery. And the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia have commenced work looking at all aspects of midwifery, the registration and post-registration requirements. That work is currently underway. It's being led by the board.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: And when will that finish?</p> <p>Professor McMillan: It's being led by the board, so I would have to take on notice when it would be completed. But we are working with the board on the terms of reference of that review and when it might be delivered, looking at the particular issue around midwifery as a profession, and included within that, of course, would be eligible midwives.</p>	94-95	1/06/2023
SQ23-001195	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Section 26BF of Therapeutic Goods Act and medicinal cannabis	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Yes, fine. Referencing section 26BF of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989, this 'allows the minister to direct the operations of the secretary in respect of the scheduling and listing of products'. Minister, isn't it true that the minister could down-schedule medicinal cannabis to schedule 4 and move the products approved for prescription under the pathways program onto the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods right now, if he wanted to? He might not intend doing that, but it is within the minister's power, isn't it?</p>	110	1/06/2023

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				<p>Senator McCarthy: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: I understand that the minister could regulate right now to move medicinal cannabis to schedule 4. Thank you, Minister.</p> <p>CHAIR: I believe that the witness is taking that on notice; is that right?</p> <p>Dr Gilmour-Walsh: Yes. We can take it on notice, but I'll just add that I don't believe that power supports that. The usual process is that there has to be a legislative instrument, made under a power much further down in the act, to amend the Poisons Standard.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: The way that I've been advised, I'm pretty confident that it's just a ministerial regulation.</p> <p>Dr Gilmour-Walsh: We can consider that further, but that's not my general understanding.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Minister, my office checked all the state legislation on prescribing and found much commonality. There is the use of a simple statement such as 'prescriptions can be issued for anything listed in schedule 4'. There is no separate state list of drugs. If medicinal cannabis were down-scheduled federally, the states would need to introduce legislation to over-rule that decision and then get that legislation through their own parliament; is that correct?</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: I'll take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Thank you. Minister, could the bill introduced by Senator Hanson to down-schedule medicinal cannabis be regulated right now, today, if the minister chose to do so? In other words: the legislation is not needed and the minister could just regulate.</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: I'll take that on notice.</p>		
SQ23-001193	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Patent on Albicidin	<p>Senator ROBERTS: My questions are to the TGA. In the last Senate estimates, I asked Adjunct Professor Skerritt if the TGA was inquiring into the opportunity presented by albicidin, a natural antibacterial derived from a sugarcane virus that does not cause antimicrobial resistance. Dr Skerritt's response was:</p>	108-109	1/06/2023

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			<p>We are very closely monitoring the science. In fact, I'm the keynote speaker next Thursday at the Australian Antimicrobial Congress...We haven't had a submission relating to that product because it's still very early days, but we are monitoring...antimicrobial resistance because...it's a serious threat. I was concerned that was a non-answer, so I asked the minister about it, in question on notice 1449. His response was, 'The department of health is not conducting a review into albicidin.' Can you clear this up, please? Are you treating albicidin as a prospective revelation in the battle against antimicrobial resistance, thoroughly deserving of active research and development?</p> <p>Dr Langham: The normal manner in which the TGA evaluates and assesses a product for use is through a process whereby a sponsor brings us a product, with all of the relevant research, clinical trials and a dossier of its safety and quality, and that has not happened at this stage. Until someone comes to us with this, we're not able to do anything in terms of furthering what could potentially be a really important treatment; we're not able to further that, in terms of making it available to the public.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Does the department of health have any role, ability or authority to sponsor?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: Generally, no. Occasionally, we have taken the role of sponsoring in very difficult circumstances, when there's a drug that's registered and available and the sponsor doesn't want to sponsor it. But with an experimental new drug, we would never take that role. Occasionally, there are avenues for us to support drug development through MRFF and NHMRC research. There have certainly been programs that have looked at therapeutic advances in that space. But with a new agent or a new molecule, it would be quite inappropriate for us to take a role as a sponsor.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: The TGA is 96 per cent funded by pharmaceutical companies through fees. Albicidin is a naturally occurring substance. Can it be patented? I would say not.</p>		
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				Prof. Murphy: We'd have to take that on notice. It depends on the use, and patent law is quite complicated. I can't answer that.		
SQ23-001179	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Product assessment report for the diagnostic tools used for PCR tests and RATs	Senator RENNICK: Okay. Could you also provide the product assessment report for the diagnostic tools used for PCR tests and the RATs. I can't seem to find them on the TGA website but I would have thought they should be available so that we can scrutinise the actual diagnostic tool used to determine the positivity...	40	1/06/2023
SQ23-001178	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Genomic sequence you tested for in PCR tests	Senator RENNICK: I will follow up with another question, then. Can you also provide-if you can't tell me, and I would have thought you could-what actual genomic sequence you tested for? Which part of the 29 proteins and thousands of nucleotides for each protein? Which part of the coronavirus genomic sequence did you use to indicate that someone was positive to COVID and whether that genomic sequence also makes up other coronaviruses? Prof. Murphy: We can provide on notice the specific primers and the part of the virus it's used for. We do not believe there was cross-reactivity with other coronaviruses, but we can provide on notice. We have experts at Doherty who would be happy to provide that information.	40	1/06/2023
SQ23-001211	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Review the Pfizer product from the perspective of cancer	Senator ROBERTS: Let's go to carcinogenicity of the vaccine. The European Medicines Agency, EMA, had a 140-page assessment report for the Pfizer vaccine. On page 55, it says: No genotoxicity nor carcinogenicity studies have been provided. It then says: The components of the vaccine are lipids, an mRNA, which are not expected to have genotoxic potential. The carcinogenicity part of that statement was skated straight over. I want to ask you about that. Did you receive any	128	1/06/2023

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				<p>genotoxicity or carcinogenicity studies in support of the Pfizer application? Mr Henderson: I do not believe that we did, Senator. Senator ROBERTS: The words 'carcinogenicity' and 'cancer' do not appear in your 42-page assessment report. Did you review the Pfizer product from the perspective of cancer? Mr Henderson: I believe there was no need for that. I will take it on notice.</p>		
SQ23-001207	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Moderna COVID paediatric vaccine	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Let's talk about approval of paediatric COVID vaccines. The TGA approved the Moderna COVID paediatric vaccine on 19 July last year for children aged six months to five years. According to your website, this was based on the results of the KidCOVE clinical trial run by Moderna in the USA and Canada. The approval was for all children, but ATAGI's guidance is that the vaccine is recommended only for high-risk kids having one of a list of serious comorbidities. Is that correct? Dr Langham: I believe so. I would have to check the current ATAGI guidance, though. I can take that one on notice.</p>	127	1/06/2023
SQ23-001199	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Batch FD0927 - Testing	<p>Senator ROBERTS: It can be used now off-label. Let's go to another issue around Pfizer. Pfizer staff imported a special dose of COVID vaccine, batch FD0927, reserved for the Pfizer Australia employee vaccination program. What was wrong with the vaccine that the rest of the country was given? Ms Duffy: I am aware of that batch. I don't have any information on the detail with me, to be able to answer that question. I am happy to take that on notice. It has been the subject of a question on notice prior to this. We will go through and be able to table something. Senator ROBERTS: This batch that was given, restricted to Pfizer Australia employees, is marked in your batch release notes as 'not tested'. Can I confirm that the TGA did not test this batch for its contents? Ms Duffy: As I said, I am happy to take that on notice. It was the subject of quite considerable conversation at previous committee hearings. I am happy to take that on notice and confirm it.</p>	117	1/06/2023

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				<p>Senator ROBERTS: This batch could have been saline and you wouldn't have known; correct?</p> <p>Ms Duffy: As I said, I'll take that on notice as well.</p>		
SQ23-001168	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Hormone replacement therapies listed on the PBS for management of menopause	<p>Senator WATERS: I'll move now to menopause. Is any work being done to develop a national framework on menopause, including upskilling GPs or perhaps a national health literacy campaign?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: Menopause is obviously a topic for significant conversation and, once again, has been raised in the context of the women's advisory council. The government is providing funding through the Jean Hailes foundation for women's health under the women's health initiative. That looks at research and education of health professionals and consumers on a range of issues, including menopause. There has also been funding through the NHMRC: \$28.7 million towards research relevant to menopause related research. That includes \$1.1 million for the development of MenoPROMPT, a practitioner tool to improve the care of women at, during or after menopause. A range of things are happening there. There have also been a range of hormone replacement therapies listed on the PBS for the management of menopause, and I can go through those as well.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Perhaps you could do that on notice for me, thank you...</p>	93	1/06/2023
SQ23-001153	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Total contract value of PwC	<p>Mr Wann: Of course, if there's an open procurement and PwC put in a tender submission, under current arrangements we would have to assess it based on its merits, but we would absolutely take into account guidance from the Department of Finance, particularly around ethical conduct and past conduct in relation to that, confidentiality, nondisclosure, conflict of</p>	10	1/06/2023

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			contracts 2022-23	<p>interest and the like. There would be a lot of consideration given there. By way of just context, in terms of the volume of PwC work with us, we currently have 12 contracts in place with them at a value of \$25.2 million. Of these, seven were entered into this year. The others were continuing from previous years. Those new contracts this year were valued at \$8.5 million. That represents about three per cent of all our consultancy contracts and about 10 per cent by value. The type of services that we procure from them are specialised professional services, independent program evaluation services, research services, legal, program support that's non-consultancy.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: So there are 25 contracts overall, of which seven were entered into this year.</p> <p>Mr Wann: Yes, this year.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: You have given us the total value of those contracts. What is the current amount that has been expended on those contracts to date?</p> <p>Mr Wann: I don't have that figure with me. I've just got the value.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Could you take that on notice?</p>		
SQ23-001180	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Impact of second co-pay changes	<p>Senator RUSTON: The point I was making is that my understanding is that the consultation has been significantly lacking and that the confidence and the relationship and trust has clearly been damaged by the process that has occurred over this. So I am keen to understand, when Ms Shakespeare talks about consultation and the times they were meeting and negotiations around the impact of not only this decision but also the efficacy of the proposed reinvestments. You're saying that you're reinvesting every cent back into community pharmacy. I think there would be a very strong view that that is not the case.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: That is the case.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I'm happy to leave that until tomorrow, as that's obviously a more appropriate place to do it then. Could you provide me with where did the implementation advice come from? Was it just something that was</p>	44	1/06/2023

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			<p>desktopped within your agency? If it wasn't, could you provide me with the names of the places where you went to consult? I'm very keen to understand what you did in your process around understanding the impact, your impact analysis of the impact on community pharmacy of the changes to dispensing and the impact of the removal of the second copay, how you have modelled it, what you think the cost is, what that modelling was. In fact, is it possible for us to get copies of the modelling in relation to how you came to your conclusion about the \$1.2 billion in response to the reduction in-?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I think they would be budget documents in confidence.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Ms Shakespeare, what I'm try to understand is what the process was in relation to assessing the impact. Because even if we accept what the minister is saying about \$1.2 billion, we still have this \$1.6 billion, or whatever the number happens to be, in relation to the impact of the second copay changes, which obviously significantly impact on the community pharmacy agreement that is currently in place. What is the process that you went through to understand the impact of that? Because clearly it isn't just the \$1.2 billion, as the minister quite clearly stated. The government has sought to reinvest all of the savings to government-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Not 'sought to'. We will.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: which we will discuss tomorrow morning, because I think there are some issues there.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Not all has been allocated, but all will go in.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I accept at face value what you're saying. What modelling did you do around the fact that that wasn't the only saving? That was the saving to government. We still haven't addressed the savings to the consumer and what the impact that the savings to the consumer was likely to have on community pharmacy. I would appreciate if there was some way that you could provide me advice about how you went about doing that so that you actually understood this clearly articulated 'significantly impacted</p>		
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				by this proposal', which is written in the impact statement. If you could provide that, that would be great. Ms Shakespeare: Certainly.		
SQ23-001151	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Money spent on level E consultations	<p>Senator RUSTON: Following on, obviously it is an increasing number, because as you go out to the forwards the profile continues to increase. You've streamlined this one because you've changed the way this is being delivered. Is there another place in the budget papers where I should be looking for commensurate spend that makes up for this cut?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: There are a range of investments in Medicare contained in the budget papers. We can run through all of those if you'd like.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Not at all, I'm just interested to understand if there is somewhere that there is a commensurate spend in relation to chronic disease. \$301 million is quite a substantial amount of money to be making a save on. I'm interested to know what it is replaced by, not all Medicare changes, but are there different Medicare items now applying to this where there is an additional spend?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We can run through some of the investments that are specifically for people with chronic disease, such as new long consultations, level E consultations.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: What sort of money do you think is likely to go against the level E consultations, chronic?</p> <p>Mr McCabe: I'll need to double check, but I think it's in the order of about \$90 million. I will need to confirm that.</p>	7	1/06/2023
SQ23-001205	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Regulation Impact Statement for vaping	<p>Senator CANAVAN: ...Moving on to vaping, has there been a Regulation Impact Statement prepared for the government's vaping reforms?</p> <p>Dr Gilmour-Walsh: That statement is in the process of being prepared.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: A decision has been made, hasn't it?</p> <p>Dr Gilmour-Walsh: A high-level decision was announced. Because the details are still being worked through, the Office of Impact Analysis did not consider</p>	124-125	1/06/2023

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				<p>that to be a final decision at this stage.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: So no regulation impact statement was done before the high-level decision was made?</p> <p>Dr Gilmour-Walsh: It was necessary to do some stages of the impact assessment. The requisite parts of the impact analysis have been completed.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: Has that been made public?</p> <p>Dr Gilmour-Walsh: It won't be made public until a final announcement is made.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: There is a document currently, or there was a document before the high-level decision was made?</p> <p>Dr Gilmour-Walsh: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: Can that be provided to the committee on notice?</p> <p>Dr Gilmour-Walsh: I will take it on notice.</p>		
SQ23-001240	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Assessment protocol for vaccine injuries	<p>Senator RENNICK: ...I just want to put this question here because I've heard from people in the health department. I have heard from doctors, some of whom have been very closely involved with the health department, who are incredibly frustrated that vaccine victims aren't being recognised, aren't getting compensated for their injury, despite the fact that they have specialists confirming that their injury is as a result of the vaccine. Can you tell me why, or can you put some input into Community Affairs as to why-because the health department designed this assessment protocol-why Social Services aren't paying out on these injuries?</p>	40	1/06/2023
SQ23-001231	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Consultation undertaken with any pharmacy sector stakeholder	<p>Ms Shakespeare: The general context is this was a budget context, but if you're interested in the clinical considerations that the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee took into account in providing its updated advice on maximum dispensed quantity levels, Ms Platona can run through that.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: No, just what consultation was undertaken in relation to</p>	16-17	2/06/2023

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			<p>s regarding increased maximum dispensed quantity levels</p>	<p>this particular measure with any pharmacy sector stakeholders, and what was the timing of those? ... Senator RUSTON: What I would like to know is what consultation have you had with the sector more generally-that doesn't have to be restricted to the Pharmacy Guild or the Pharmaceutical Society-to understand the impact this was likely to have on the sector. I don't want you to breach any confidentiality agreement. Senator Gallagher: I think Ms Shakespeare is explaining the balance around that. You are asking what consultation occurred, and to answer that Ms Shakespeare has to identify the meetings and the fact that was discussed at those meetings. Senator RUSTON: Explain to me- Senator Gallagher: We're happy to do so. The Senate is asking. I think your response then, to say 'absolutely do not do that' is a little confusing. Senator RUSTON: No, what I'm trying to get to the bottom of is this. This discussion that we read about overnight in the Australian is around this idea of breaching of nondisclosure agreements. I don't want to be a party to any actions that are occurring between your minister and those that have been severely impacted by this decision. Senator Gallagher: Putting that aside, you are asking for questions which essentially put it in that frame. Senator RUSTON: To ask if you consulted is not asking you to divulge- Senator Gallagher: You asked as to the nature of the consultations. Senator RUSTON: Consultations in relation to a particular matter do not expressly go to 'tell me what you discussed'- Senator Gallagher: We would have to confirm that we were discussing them. I feel like I'm in a bit of a Hollowmen episode.</p>		
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SQ23-001167	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Sexual violence experts involved in pilots for health professionals	<p>Senator WATERS: I will start with some questions about the supporting recovery PHN pilot. Have the pilot locations been identified for that? And how were they selected for the supporting recovery PHN pilot?</p> <p>Ms Goodchild: As you know, that \$48.7 million over four years has been attributed from the budget for these pilots. Six of them were already underway. They were in Brisbane south; Hunter New England and Central Coast; central and eastern Sydney; Nepean Blue Mountains; north-western Melbourne; and western Victoria. Funding was also given to extend those pilots, so those sites have been given further funding. And then we're also including an additional eight PHNs to receive grant funding so that there are sites in all Australian states and territories. Those sites are yet to be announced, but they will cover every state and territory, and they've also been expanded to include a sexual violence and child abuse module in three of the already participating pilot areas, which are Brisbane south, Hunter New England, which is central-eastern Sydney and Nepean Blue Mountains, and western Victoria.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: With the exception of those three, how will those programs work with existing sexual, domestic or family violence services?</p> <p>Ms Goodchild: How the program works is that it's a training facility, basically, program for health professionals and it helps them to be able to recognise when someone is a victim of violence or sexual abuse, how to have those conversations and how to respond. It sets them up to be able to refer those people to existing organisations that deal with violence.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: So it won't be referring the care; it will just be referring-</p> <p>Ms Goodchild: No, it just refers them in to those already existing-</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Is there any additional funding for those actual services that will do, then, the support- for sexual, family and domestic violence services that are going to get these referrals from this new layer?</p>	91-92	1/06/2023
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			<p>Ms Goodchild: No, most of them are already funded through states and territories.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Okay-no additional Commonwealth funds.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: In terms of family and domestic violence services, that would be a matter for the Department of Social Services. But we've also been looking at trauma informed care more broadly in the mental health sector as well, so there's some funding there.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Will sexual violence experts be involved in the rollout and, importantly, in the evaluation of the pilots?</p> <p>Ms Goodchild: Yes. The evaluation of the existing pilots is underway. They have commissioned Mary Haines Consulting to conduct those pilot evaluations.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Are they sexual violence experts?</p> <p>Ms Goodchild: They're health evaluation experts and they will see-</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Are they sexual violence experts?</p> <p>Ms Goodchild: No, they're health services.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Are there any sexual violence experts involved in the evaluation?</p> <p>Ms Goodchild: I'd have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Likewise, in the rollout, is this including the training program that you referred to earlier?</p> <p>Ms Goodchild: Yes. The training material and all that is being developed. The actual process of all of that and the experts involved in it, I would have to take on notice to come back to you on. But it has been very broad.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: It was based on a successful pilot in those three original ones, which was developed with sexual violence experts. We'll take it on notice, but it builds on the success of the original pilot.</p>		
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				Senator WATERS: If you can provide me as much detail as you can on notice, that'd be great.		
SQ23-001273	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Barbara Pocock	Cost and timing of contracts with PwC	<p>Senator BARBARA POCOCCO: I don't doubt your due diligence, but I think there are certain questions on the other side. The acting CEO has committed herself publicly to putting purpose over profit. The raison deter of PwC is profit. They need to re-establish trust to get to that profit. I think there are some real concerns. Does the authority have other contracts with PwC?</p> <p>CHAIR: I'm seeking to move the call shortly.</p> <p>Senator BARBARA POCOCCO: Can I just finish this?</p> <p>CHAIR: Yes.</p> <p>Senator BARBARA POCOCCO: Do you have any other contracts with PwC?</p> <p>Mr Lye: The department or the authority?</p> <p>Senator BARBARA POCOCCO: The authority.</p> <p>Prof. Pervan: Yes, the authority has three other contracts.</p> <p>Senator BARBARA POCOCCO: Could you give us the cost and the timing.</p> <p>Prof. Pervan: If you don't mind, I'll have to take the timing on notice. I came here in rather a rush. I can give you the details of those other three contracts. One is about to expire. That was for technical and analytical support in the development of the national efficient price and national efficient cost for 2023-24 for public hospital services. That had a value of approximately \$565,000. There's the contract I've already named. There's the Australian nonacute hospital service review project. That's around \$5.4 million. There's a review of the indexation methodology that the authority uses that is valued at approximately \$390,000. I can provide full proper details of timings and costs for you.</p>	55	2/06/2023
SQ23-001166	Department of Health and Aged Care	Slade Brockman	Declaration of conflict of interest from	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: Minister, is there a obligation under the ministerial code of conduct to declare conflicts of interest to departments?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Minister Butler has complied with the code of conduct for ministers.</p>	22	1/06/2023

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			Minister Butler regarding 89 Degrees	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: So he declared the code of conduct under what we just heard in October.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: He has complied, not declared. He has complied with the code of conduct is what I said.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: That is not what I asked, Minister. I asked: Is there an obligation under the code of conduct to declare conflicts of interest?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Yes.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: I did not ask about Minister Butler. I asked about the code of conduct.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: We're talking about the health portfolio and the minister, and I have answered the question.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: So there is an obligation?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I don't have the code of conduct with me but, yes, that is essentially right.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: So under the evidence we have just heard, no declaration was made to the department of the conflict of interest until October? How can you explain the gap, Minister?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: The department can come back with some of that information but-</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: He didn't comply. There is a gap.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: He has complied. He has fully complied with the code of conduct in declaring a potential for a conflict of interest and by putting in place arrangements to manage that conflict.</p>		
SQ23-001224	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Urquhart	Increase to bulk-billing incentive	<p>Senator URQUHART: When was the last time the bulkbilling incentive actually increased?</p> <p>Ms Riley: I think it was in the 2020-21 budget or 2021-22. I'm sure someone will confirm with me in a minute. That was when we moved from two different levels of rebate, one for metropolitan and one for everywhere else. We moved to the sliding scale that we now have, which increases for almost every MM the further out you go. That was a significant investment in</p>	9-10	1/06/2023

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				<p>bulkbilling at that point. Senator URQUHART: Ms Riley, did you get the date for when that was introduced? If you haven't, it's fine. You can come back to me. Ms Riley: No, not yet.</p>		
SQ23-001158	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	GP shortages in the ACT	<p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: If possible, that would be great. Can I move on to GP shortages in the ACT? With the backdrop of the ACT having some of the lowest ratios of GPs to population in the country-I think particularly on the north side it's quite acute-I understand Capital Health Network has written to the department to reassess north Canberra's DPA status from partial to full. Has that reassessment been undertaken? Ms Shakespeare: We have an exceptional circumstances application process for DPA assessment. I will just check to see if we've got any information on where that application process is up to. Senator DAVID POCOCK: While you find that, we can move on to something else....</p>	85	1/06/2023
SQ23-001268	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Tammy Tyrrell	Site audits and findings in Tasmania	<p>Senator TYRRELL: How many site audits have been conducted in Tas as a result of these referrals? What are some of the findings? CHAIR: Commissioner, before you answer, because it's your first time at the table, I should clarify whether you have an opening statement. Ms Anderson: No, thank you. CHAIR: Please proceed to answer. Ms Anderson: Thank you for the question. I will have to take parts of that on notice, but just for the purpose of clarification, the publication of the star ratings does not result in matters being referred to the commission. We contributed to the construction of the star ratings. One of the four inputs is the compliance rating, which arises from the work we do with individual services. We know that rating going into the star rating. We then see the published result, which is a composite of not just their compliance but also their staffing and quality and resident survey responses. It's a clustering of</p>	60	2/06/2023

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				<p>different inputs, one of which is ours. As Mr Maldon said, a service typically will find itself with only one star because of some action we have taken, because of a regulatory enforcement action, which is a notice to agree or a sanction that we have placed on that service because of extensive noncompliance and/or placing consumers at immediate and severe risk of harm.</p> <p>Senator TYRRELL: You actually took note of some of the things we talked about at previous sessions, and I appreciate that. Thank you. In saying that, there were visits actioned from the last round of estimates and from some of the star ratings. How many of those have occurred since last estimates, and particularly in my home state?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I'll have to take that on notice. I understand your interest.</p> <p>Senator TYRRELL: We love a good question on notice. How many Tasmanian providers are currently non-compliant?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Sorry. I wouldn't have that collated in particularly the way you've asked that question. Again, if you're willing, I will take that on notice.</p>		
SQ23-001263	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Anne Ruston	<p>Aged care workers who have contacted the Commission regarding concerns of closure</p>	<p>Senator RUSTON: Do you accept the fact that, because of the rigidity of the guidelines, aged-care providers have been quite terrified by the prospect of not being able to meet their requirements by 1 July? Hopefully they'll take some comfort from what you've just said. Do you think the rigidity of the application of this requirement has provided a higher level of anxiety and stress to aged-care providers? I'd be interested to know, Ms Anderson, how many aged-care providers have actually contacted you concerned about their need to potentially close as a result of the fact they won't be able to meet the requirements that they think you'll enforce?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I might need to take on notice the exact number, but I can certainly summon to mind one with whom I spoke very recently. In relation to your concern about the response of the sector, I've had very positive feedback to all of the communications the commission has undertaken. I have been exceptionally diligent over a number of months now in</p>	64	2/06/2023

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				communicating very clearly to the sector what I just shared with you. My commission has put out a regulatory bulletin. I have written to all providers and board chairs. We have undertaken a webinar which was very well attended. There is guidance and resources available which has been well promulgated. I have been on radio interviews and I've been on television. I have been in high circulation, and I am getting some good feedback from the sector from a range of different providers who have seen or read something we've produced and have been reassured by what we're saying.		
SQ23-001260	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Barbara Pocock	Proportion of auditing that is done externally and internally	<p>Senator BARBARA POCOCK: What proportion of auditing is done externally and internally to your area, your authority? Ballpark is fine. You can correct it if you're very wrong?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I don't know whether I have that specific information. We have increased threefold the total volume of site audits that we have undertaken in 22-23 compared to the prior year. And our third-party suppliers have been instrumental in our achievement of that much stronger presence in the sector, and in the field particularly, overall. I'm just not sure I have the split here, Senator. I can certainly give you total volumes but the proportion that's been undertaken by the third-party providers compared with those we've undertaken is something I would have to take on notice.</p> <p>Senator BARBARA POCOCK: Could you do that, please? We'd look forward to getting that information.</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Yes.</p>	78	2/06/2023
SQ23-001177	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Date Minister's wife's employment or contractual relationship	<p>Senator CANAVAN: Obviously you'll have to take this one on notice, but could you take on notice when the minister's wife's employment or contractual relationship with 89 Degrees East ended in 2021-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I will see if that information can be provided.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: and when it started again, apparently, in 2023 or when she has had a contractual relationship over the last years.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I'll see how we can assist the committee.</p>	38	1/06/2023

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			with 89 Degrees East ended in 2021			
SQ23-001172	Department of Health and Aged Care	Slade Brockman	Correspondence between Minister Butler and Prime Minister regarding 89 Degrees	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: Minister-come on. Can I just clarify that we would like all the correspondence on this matter from the PM and from the minister, on notice.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: We'll take it on notice.</p>	28	1/06/2023
SQ23-001171	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Wording on Minister Butler' register of interest regarding his wife	<p>Senator CANAVAN: Minister, you've said a number of times that there was no employment arrangement in 2022. Why, then, did the minister declare to the House of Representatives that his wife was engaged as a consultant in August 2022?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: My understanding is she had been engaged prior to 2022.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: So there was no engagement of his wife in 2022.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: No.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: Then this raises the question of why the minister would declare that on the register of interests. It seems, too, that he's misleading the House of Reps, then. Those words that Senator Brockman read out-'my wife is engaged as a consultant for 89 Degrees East'-are in the present tense. If that was not correct in August 2022, why would the minister tell the House of Representatives that?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I'll see if there's anything further I can provide the committee-</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: I think we need an explanation.</p>	27-28	1/06/2023

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				<p>Senator Gallagher: but my understanding is that there had been an employment arrangement. I don't know how that's managed in the private sector-whether being engaged as a communications consultant involves being commissioned for particular pieces of work at particular points in time. So he has been very upfront that there is the potential for a conflict of interest that could foreseeably arise under section 14-or to be seen to arise, which is what the declaration is made-but I can assure you: there was no employment arrangement in 2022, and steps were put in place to manage it prior to any employment arrangement commencing in 2023.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: Just to be clear, my question was: was there any employment or consultancy or contract between the minister's wife and 89 Degrees East in August 2022 or any other time in 2022? I believe you have taken that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Alright. I will come back to you, if there's more I can-</p>		
SQ23-001913	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Studies for the diagnostic tools used for PCR tests against viral culture	<p>Senator RENNICK: This is the diagnostic tool that has been used to shut down a country for almost two years and is used to justify spending hundreds of billions of dollars, and you can't tell me how accurate it is?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: I think there were some significant studies done earlier in the pandemic that correlated PCR tests against viral culture, and that obviously picked when there was a live virus there. I think we can go back. The Doherty institute did a lot of work on this. We can take it on notice and provide you evidence of the specificity and sensitivity of the PCR tests. Our advice, certainly in the early stages of the pandemic, is that it was highly specific and highly sensitive. But we will provide on notice.</p>	40	1/06/2023
SQ23-001915	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Legitimacy of public debates on malicious	<p>Senator CANAVAN: I want to go back to the questions earlier about the censoring of posts. There were some claims-I think, Professor Murphy, you mentioned that you thought everything was true. One of these posts, which was censored on 20 January 2021, on a department spreadsheet that we seem to have had leaked to us here, was titled 'Call to action: Fight the mask</p>	35	1/06/2023

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			mask mandates	<p>mandate, lockdowns'. In the 'contractor reason for referral' column, it says: Content is assessed to have breached Facebook's Community Standards ... as it urges people to fight the 'malicious mask mandates' and say no to masks and lockdown ...</p> <p>Isn't that a legitimate matter of public debate-to argue against some of the most serious restrictions on freedom and liberty we've ever seen in this country? Why would the department seemingly seek to censor someone, participating in the democratic debate in this country, opposed to certain policies?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: I'd have to study the-Ms Balmanno's coming. We'd have to look at the exact details of that. I'd prefer to take that one on notice. I do agree that there's a legitimate debate about issues like mask mandates and the like.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: Okay. Of course. Health officials, only months before that, were telling us not to wear masks and then changed their views.</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: We'd have to see what the actual content was.</p>		
SQ23-001916	Department of Health and Aged Care	Slade Brockman	Total spend increase or decrease between the FY 2022-23 and 2023-24 for mental health programs under PBS	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: I am not quite sure that is the case. But turning to PBS, did the total spend for 1.2 increase or decrease between the FY 2022-23 budget and the FY 2023-24 budget?</p> <p>Ms Field: I'll take that on notice to ensure that we provide accurate information.</p>	106	1/06/2023

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SQ23-001917	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Data on statistics for emergency departments that and urgent care clinics	<p>Senator RUSTON: Do you have the data on the ramping statistics for emergency departments that each of your clinics is seeking to alleviate pressure on?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: Not on ramping, but on attendances.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: On ED presentation. That's why we've been working with the states and territories around measures of success, having their data in terms of ED presentations for those CAP4s and CAP5s, and looking at that throughput and how we can take pressure off. In terms of measures of success, we have put in place data collection arrangements that each urgent-care clinic will need to collect. We're working closely with the states and territories to make sure that we are sharing data and looking at how they take pressure off EDs, what the impact is, and what the patient satisfaction rating is-so, using patient reported measures as well. Right from the start, we have looked at how we collectively measure the impact of these urgent-care clinics.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: It'd be super if we could get a look at that data.</p>	83-84	1/06/2023
SQ23-001920	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Breakdown of future bulk billing for all services	<p>Senator RUSTON: I'll wait to get those figures. If we could get them back this morning, then at least we can just have a quick look at that. Assistant Minister Ged Kearney made a comment the other day that there was an expectation three out of five visits to a GP would be bulkbilled into the future. Is that an accurate reflection of what you think the rates are likely to be going forward?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I'm not familiar with what was said particularly, but that sounds like the existing rates for patients that are bulkbilled for all services.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: For all services?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: Yes, which is just over 60 per cent, which I think is three in five.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: It's interesting to break it down as opposed to those that</p>	8	2/06/2023

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				are bulkbilled and those that are totally bulkbilled. If we can get that number back, we can have another look at it.		
SQ23-001922	Department of Health and Aged Care	Slade Brockman	Declaration of interest made in early 2023	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: When was the advice sought, Minister?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: We're coming back to you on that; I understand it was in October-about managing the potential-</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: After the declaration was made.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: for a conflict of interest, and that was implemented prior to the employment relationship commencing in early 2023.</p>	27	1/06/2023
SQ23-001921	Department of Health and Aged Care	Slade Brockman	Gap of declarations made to the department of Conflict of Interest	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: So under the evidence we have just heard, no declaration was made to the department of the conflict of interest until October? How can you explain the gap, Minister?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: The department can come back with some of that information but-</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: He didn't comply. There is a gap.</p>	23	1/06/2023
SQ23-001918	Department of Health and Aged Care	Slade Brockman	Previous correspondence between Minister Butler and Prime Minister regarding 89 Degrees	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: Sorry, 1 February this year?</p> <p>Mr Wann: That's when he formally wrote to the department. Whether we were aware of the previous correspondence, we'd have to find out.</p> <p>Prof.Murphy: We had already had discussions with the minister's office to not, whilst we are waiting, engage this company at all. When we had this discussion about the potential conflict of interest, we agreed that we wouldn't be raising it. We sought that advice. Then formal instructions came from the minister that this new protocol was put in place on 1 February.</p>	21	1/06/2023
SQ23-001919	Department of Health	Tammy Tyrrell	Regional maintenance allowance	<p>Senator TYRRELL: That is comforting, but if we don't ask the emotional questions-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: We want to continue to talk to pharmacy through this.</p>	22	2/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		for reinvestments in pharmacies	Prof. Murphy: Ms Shakespeare made the point about the regional maintenance allowance. For regional and rural areas that is being significantly increased. We'd be happy to give you information on those towns you're referring to about how the significant increase in the baseline support from the reinvestment in a particular program will help.		
SQ23-001900	Department of Health and Aged Care	Mehreen Faruqi	Primary care clinical placements for nurses	3. How will the 6,000 primary care clinical placements for nurses be allocated?	Written	26/06/2023
SQ23-001139	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Use of PBS criterion 'Primary testicular disorder'	<p>There are reports that doctors have been prescribing testosterone to females, including children, are doing so using the PBS criterion "primary testicular disorder" to allow their patients to access the drug at subsidised cost.</p> <p>5. How many times have doctors prescribed testosterone using the PBS criterion "primary testicular disorder" since 2019?</p> <p>6. Is the Department aware of any doctors prescribing testosterone using the PBS criterion "primary testicular disorder" to females?</p> <p>a. If so, how many times has this occurred since 2019, and how can a female meet the criterion for a "primary testicular disorder"?</p>	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001074	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Temporal association between the rollout of the vaccine and	8. Answer to Question 27 SQ22-000529 says, "There is no credible evidence to suggest that COVID-19 vaccines have contributed to excess deaths in Australia or overseas." On what basis is the Health Department/TGA completely ignoring the strong temporal association between the rollout of the vaccine and excess deaths? I note the jump in deaths occurred in May 2021, 7 months before Omicron became prevalent in the community, so	Written	13/06/2023

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			excess deaths	there is a much stronger link between the vaccine rollout and excess deaths than covid and excess deaths.		
SQ23-001860	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Hearing Health Roadmap	<p>1. The former Coalition Government released a Roadmap for Hearing Health in February 2019. Can you provide a progress update in relation to this Roadmap?</p> <p>2. Does the current government remain fully committed to the implementation of the Roadmap?</p> <p>a. If so, what actions have been taken under the current government to progress the roadmap's implementation?</p> <p>b. If not, why not and what alternative plans does the government have to support the estimated 3.6 million or one in six Australians that experience some form of hearing impairment?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001372	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - ARPANSA	<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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				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.		
SQ23-001249	Department of Health and Aged Care	Wendy Askew	Tasmanian GP shortages	<p>5. At least 10 towns in the electorate of Lyons in Tasmania have lost GPs and experienced a contraction or complete withdrawal of GP services in the town. Can you explain how tripling of the bulk billing incentive will help towns like these who have lost GPs entirely from their area?</p> <p>6. Can you provide an update on any steps the Albanese Labor Government has taken to secure a permanent GP for the Central Highlands community in the Lyons electorate in Tasmania, which has been without a GP for over a year?</p>	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001245	Department of Health and Aged Care	Wendy Askew	Breakdown of pharmacy sector in Tasmania	<p>1. Can you provide a breakdown of the pharmacy sector in Tasmania by electorate, detailing number and type of pharmacists, location and whether they are eligible for the Rural Maintenance Allowance/Rural Pharmacy Incentive Allowance (or not)?</p> <p>2. In addition, can you also include which pharmacists/pharmacies are involved in the NIPT (vaccination) and ORT (opioid replacement)? Can you advise how the funding expansion of these programs by the Albanese Labor Government will help those not engaged currently in these programs?</p> <p>3. Can you advise how the Albanese Labor Government's community pharmacy reinvestment package will help pharmacies like the ones in Tasmania whose main source of income is PBS scripts (up to 70% of income) and not typically NIPT/ORT?</p>	Written	16/06/2023

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SQ23-001669	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Tripling of Bulk Billing Incentive - Budget Measure	<p>1. Does the Department have any modelling that confirms this measure will significantly increase the number of bulk billed appointments available? If so, by how many?</p> <p>2. What consultation was undertaken prior to the announcement of this measure?</p> <p>3. How many GPs has the Government consulted with on the likely impact of this measure?</p> <p>4. How many of those GPs have advised that increasing the incentive will encourage GPs to begin bulk billing, where they have not previously done so?</p> <p>5. How many experts and stakeholders have you consulted with that stated this policy is likely to cause a substantial increase in bulk billing rates?</p> <p>6. Health experts (including policy analyst Charles Maskell-Knight) have expressed that increasing the incentive many encourage GPs who are already bulk billing to keep doing so, but will not reverse the trend of practices charging some patients a private fee or scrapping bulk billing altogether – Has the Department modelled or provided advice in relation to these concerns?</p> <p>7. What are the current bulk billing rates?</p> <p>8. What were bulk billing rates 12 months ago?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001708	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - SIA	<p>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 February 2023.</p> <p>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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>have been allocated to the Minister. Please denote any change in this allocation since February 2023.</p>		
SQ23-001706	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - SIA	<p>1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001634	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - NMHC	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001629	National Mental	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee'	<p>28. 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;</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	Health Commission		s the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - NMHC	b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.		
SQ23-001626	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - NMHC	<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 2022/23 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001623	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - NMHC</p>	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001618	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	<p>List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - NMHC</p>	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001617	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Paper usage from Australian producers and</p>	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			overseas - NMHC			
SQ23-001616	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - NMHC	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001615	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/a gency head with each portfolio minister - NMHC	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001612	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - NMHC	1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested. 7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in	Written	19/06/2023

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				its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.		
SQ23-001554	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - NHMRC	<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. 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. 	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001291	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - ACSQHC	<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 2022/23 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 2022/23 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001287	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			taskforces - ACSQHC			
SQ23-001286	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - ACSQHC	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001285	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - ACSQHC	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001282	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/agency head with each portfolio minister - ACSQHC	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001281	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - ACSQHC	<p>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 February 2023.</p> <p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001280	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - ACSQHC	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001279	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - ACSQHC	<p>1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>		
SQ23-001754	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Strengthening Medicare GP Grants	<p>In the October 2022-23 Budget, the Government provided \$229.7 million over two years from 2022–23 to invest in general practices through the Strengthening Medicare General Practice (GP) Grants Program.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you please provide an update on this grant program? 2. What is the timeframe – when can successful applicants expect to receiving funding? 3. How will applications be assessed? 4. Who is responsible for assessing the grant applications? 5. How many grants will be approved? 6. Does the Minister have oversight/final say? 7. Will these grants be audited? 8. I understand Primary Health Networks (PHNs) and National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) will administer and manage the program, by sending grant agreement forms directly to general practices and eligible NACCHO's, inviting their participation in the program. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Will all eligible clinics and NACCHO's be invited to attend or are they selected? b) Is this a competitive grant round? 9. How is the definition of small vs large practices be determined? 	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001320	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - ADHA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 1 July 2022, 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. 	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>a) the previous turnaround requirement; and</p> <p>b) 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 by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>		
SQ23-001336	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - ADHA	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001548	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - NHMRC	<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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.		
SQ23-001551	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - NHMRC	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001352	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - ADHA	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled .	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001552	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - NHMRC	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 2022/23 to date and what was it for? c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001553	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial	<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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			year to date - NHMRC	to work after a period of absence? 25. In relation to the department/agency: 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 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.		
SQ23-001556	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - NHMRC	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created. 30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001557	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information	31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023

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			by electorate - NHMRC			
SQ23-001461	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committees the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - FSANZ	28. 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; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001331	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - ADHA	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001325	Australian Digital	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/agency head	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023

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	Health Agency		with each portfolio minister - ADHA	6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.		
SQ23-001332	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - ADHA	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001329	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - ADHA	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001323	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - ADHA	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 February 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	Written	19/06/2023

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				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 February 2023.		
SQ23-001579	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - NHFB	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001570	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date? 21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs. 33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?	Written	19/06/2023

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			date - NHFB	Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.		
SQ23-001346	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committees the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - ADHA	28. 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; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001444	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/agency head with each portfolio minister - FSANZ	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001442	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers'	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.	Written	19/06/2023

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			offices - FSANZ	<p>Please denote any change in this allocation since February 2023.</p> <p>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 February 2023.</p>		
SQ23-001440	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - FSANZ	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001312	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - ACSQHC	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023

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				i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.		
SQ23-001311	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - ACSQHC	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled .	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001310	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate - ACSQHC	31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001308	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created. 30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?	Written	19/06/2023

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			since May 2022 - ACSQHC	Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ23-001307	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. - ACSQHC	28. 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; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001305	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - ACSQHC	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.	Written	19/06/2023

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				<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. 		
SQ23-001304	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - ACSQHC	<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 confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the 	Written	19/06/2023

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				complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ23-001302	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - ACSQHC	<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 2022/23 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>	Written	19/06/2023

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				k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023		
SQ23-001300	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - ACSQHC	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001298	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2022/23 to date - ACSQHC	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date? 21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs . 33. 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	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001295	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - ACSQHC	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001293	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - ACSQHC	<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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001289	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings	<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>	Written	19/06/2023

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			<p>from advertising, travel and legal expenses - ACSQHC</p>	<p>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 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: i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy 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?</p>		
SQ23-001284	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	<p>New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July</p>	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001852	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Update on the HIV Taskforce	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the HIV Taskforce e.g the meetings that have been held, progress made etc.</p> <p>2. What engagement has the Taskforce undertaken so far with external stakeholders? Does the Department anticipate that further external engagement will be undertaken? How do other interested stakeholders participate?</p> <p>3. When will the HIV Taskforce finalise its recommendations for Government? Further, when should a government response to the recommendations be expected?</p> <p>4. When does the Government expect to release the Ninth National HIV Strategy?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001867	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Haemophilia Foundation Australia Funding	<p>1. Can the Department please provide an update on funding arrangements for Haemophilia Foundation Australia? Why is their funding set to cease on 30 June?</p> <p>2. Can the Department confirm how many peak consumer bodies will be funded under the Health Peak Body Advisory Program going forward and will further grants be available?</p> <p>3. Can the Department confirm that grants to Haemophilia Foundation Australia have been reduced by 71% and will end completely in December this year?</p> <p>4. Is the Government considering new grants to replace those withdrawn from Haemophilia Foundation Australia considering it is the peak consumer body for bleeding disorders?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				5. Can the Government confirm why it has reduced grant funding to Haemophilia Foundation Australia by 71% to the point where the Foundation will not be able to operate in the longer term?		
SQ23-001859	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	A Modern and Clinically Appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule – Budget Measure	In relation to the \$23.6 million to remedy previous changes to MBS orthopaedic items which have impeded patient access to orthopaedic procedures (P.123, BP2): 1. What are the impediments to patient access? 2. How were they brought to the Government's attention?	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001877	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing employees and labour-hire contractors who resigned - DOHA (includes TGA)	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023? 11. How many labour-hire contractors resigned from the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?	Written	22/06/2023
SQ23-001541	National Health and Medical	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/a agency head	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023

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	Research Council		with each portfolio minister - NHMRC	6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.		
SQ23-001462	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - FSANZ	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created. 30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001454	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2022/23 to date - FSANZ	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date? 21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs . 33. 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	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001447	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - FSANZ	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001446	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - FSANZ	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001445	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - FSANZ	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001145	Department of Health	Jordon Steele-John	First nations people and access to	4. Will Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are currently unable to access medicines from public hospital pharmacies under the Close The Gap (CTG) Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Co-payment Program, be able to do so under this Measure to support the \$315 million investment in	Written	13/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		public hospital pharmacies under the Close The Gap (CTG) Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Co-payment Program	culturally appropriate and safe aged care and cancer care services, given hospitalisations and the supply of medicines through hospitals are common in both of these areas of care?		
SQ23-001459	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - FSANZ	<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. 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); 	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>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>		
SQ23-001457	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - FSANZ	<p>24. In relation to department/agency: 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> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency: 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 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001456	Food Standards	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards: a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	Australia New Zealand		credit cards - FSANZ	<p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2022/23 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001455	Food Standards	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	19/06/2023

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	Australia New Zealand		I merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - FSANZ	Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.		
SQ23- 001453	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - FSANZ	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23- 001452	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - FSANZ	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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001451	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - FSANZ	<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 2022/23 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 2022/23 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001450	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and	<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 	Written	19/06/2023

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			<p>savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - FSANZ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-001449	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			taskforces - FSANZ			
SQ23-001315	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - ACSQHC	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001050	Department of Health and Aged Care	Hollie Hughes	WHO's Tobacco Controls Framework	During our Supplementary Budget Estimates, on February 16, I asked the Department of Health about a letter from the Health Department to DCCEEW regarding the rescinding of its Climate Active accreditation for British American Tobacco, despite this business meeting its climate obligations. 3. We asked the same questions of DCCEEW regarding this - and on notice, they did reply, and notified us, the Health Dept cited the WHO's Tobacco Controls Framework as the reason your office reached out regarding BAT. Is this correct? 4. Whilst it is already greatly troubling - in my opinion - a non-elected bureaucratic body was able to impose itself as the arbiters of morality by denying a private business access to a scheme that isn't even in their purview, do you believe it's appropriate for the Health Dept to be providing comment or imposing itself in matters outside its jurisdiction? 5. The purpose of your department is to oversee the implementation of government directives - who are given a mandate by voters to do so - within	Written	5/06/2023

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			<p>the scope with which you have been allotted, isn't it?</p> <p>6. For example, does the department often write to other departments with recommendations unrelated to its jurisdiction? Or have you received letters from other departments who have done the same to you? Can you please provide them?</p> <p>7. Is the WHO FCTC scheme legally binding?</p> <p>8. If not, is it appropriate for the federal government, or any government for that matter, and especially unelected public servants, to enforce or foist policies by another global, unelected body on Australians and Australian businesses?</p> <p>9. Obviously, there are things agreed to in faith, in the spirit of mutual cooperation between friendly nations, but shouldn't any policy or measure that will meaningfully impact the function of Australia and its entities be scrutinised publicly through the democratic process?</p> <p>10. Two things within that WHO framework I find particularly troubling are:</p> <p>a) Action should be taken to de-normalise the tobacco industry's 'socially responsible' activities.</p> <p>b) Reject partnerships and non-binding or non-enforceable agreements with the tobacco industry</p> <p>If I'm reading this correctly, you're being told by the WHO, in effect, to demonise the tobacco industry, even if it adheres to "socially responsible" activities because you're ideologically opposed to the idea of tobacco products. Is that right?</p> <p>11. DCCEEW's job in administering the climate tick is to focus specifically on BAT's ability to meet certain climate obligations isn't it, just as yours is to focus on health outcomes - isn't anything beyond that scope a matter for the minister's office?</p>		
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				<p>12. Are relevant government ministers aware of and supportive of your department's scope?</p> <p>13. For these decisions to be made - that is, to remove the tick, was that a decision that was made within the department or does the minister get the final say about whether or not this sort of thing is approved?</p> <p>14. Was the Minister responsible - or their office - aware of this instance with BAT? And did they approve the removal of this tick?</p> <p>15. Are there any other WHO directives that you're aware of that are not legislated but are adhered to by government agencies?</p> <p>16. The reason I ask is because who is to say that a directive on sugar won't come down the pipeline from the WHO or another email comes in from another department? Will the Health Dept make the same considerations for them that it has asked of DCCEEW?</p>		
SQ23-001350	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate - ADHA	<p>31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001895	Department of Health and Aged Care	Slade Brockman	Support for People with Autism & National	<p>5. Please provide details on the \$1.2 million commitment to undertake consultation on a 'National Roadmap' to improve the physical and mental health of people with autism.</p> <p>6. When is this consultation to commence, conclude and how will the</p>	Written	27/06/2023

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			Autism Strategy	<p>consultation be undertaken?</p> <p>7. How many expressions of interest were received?</p> <p>8. How were the successful members chosen?</p>		
SQ23-001861	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	PBAC - Flixotide Junior and Axotide Junior	<p>In relation to the recent reinstatement on the PBS of children's asthma preventers - Flixotide Junior and Axotide Junior:</p> <p>1. Can an explanation be provided about how this decision was made?</p> <p>a) What was the process for the Minister intervening?</p> <p>b) When will the reversal come into effect?</p> <p>c) Has any work been done to determine what impacts it has already had?</p> <p>d) Will there be appropriate communications developed and undertake to address any confusion this has caused?</p> <p>e) Has this happened with any other listing changes?</p> <p>2. Did PBAC initiate the removal of these items?</p> <p>a) Was a risk assessment undertaken and if so by who and if not, why not?</p> <p>b) Were affected groups consulted prior to the removal?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001856	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Heart Disease and Stroke	<p>1. Is the Department aware of a new report by the Australian Stroke Alliance and other partners about Access to Mechanical Thrombectomy for Acute Ischemic Stroke?</p> <p>2. The Australian Government's National Strategic Action Plan for Heart Disease and Stroke recommends the development of a National Strategy to access mechanical thrombectomy, and this new report calls on the Federal Government to establish a Mechanical</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>Thrombectomy Advisory Committee to develop a draft National Strategy for Mechanical Thrombectomy. What is the Government's response to this recommendation?</p> <p>3. Has the Federal Government spoken to state governments about the implementation of the National Strategic Action Plan for Heart Disease and Stroke and in particular the recommendation about the development of a national strategy to access mechanical thrombectomy?</p>		
SQ23-001853	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Workforce Incentive Program Changes	<p>1. The 2023-24 Budget papers note \$400 million to improve the quality and accessibility of multidisciplinary primary care. Can you please detail which health disciplines are captured under the 'multidisciplinary primary care'?</p> <p>a. Is it just nurses, or also physiotherapists, psychologists, speech therapists and other allied health practitioners?</p> <p>2. Can you outline the accountability measures that will be used to improve the quality of multidisciplinary primary care in general practice?</p> <p>3. Does the government plan to work with allied health providers on KPIs or independent assessments tools that will determine "quality" of care for Australian patients?</p> <p>4. Does responding to community needs – the aim of this Budget measure – mean greater access to essential allied health services; and if so, how will this be achieved?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001608	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Endometriosis Clinics	<p>1. In government, the Coalition committed to a \$58 million package supporting women experiencing endometriosis. As part of this package, \$16.4 million was committed over four years to establish endometriosis and pelvic pain GP clinics in primary care settings. Can you provide an update on how many of these clinics have been established, and the progress of the delivery of the remaining clinics?</p> <p>2. Can the Department please outline how the locations of the clinics are decided? On what facts are these decisions made?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001275	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Number of people vaping in Australia	<p>10. What is the Department's latest estimate for the number of people vaping in Australia, segmented by age</p>	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001266	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Education for GPs on NVP product standards and prescribing guidelines	<p>2. Given the Government plans to make all general practitioners prescribers of nicotine vaping products, how does the Department or the TGA plan to educate GPs who aren't currently authorised prescribers on product standards and prescribing guidelines?</p>	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001597	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Mental Health Support for First Nations People: Budget Measure	<p>1. Where is this funding being directed to?</p> <p>2. How is this money going to be spent?</p> <p>3. Will the funding go directly to mental health clinicians?</p> <p>4. What mental health supports are included in this measure? Is it specifically for access to clinical support?</p> <p>5. What will the eligibility criteria to access these mental health supports be?</p> <p>6. What modelling has the Department undertaken to determine the amount of funding adequate/required for this initiative?</p> <p>7. Has the Department done any modelling on the likely demand for these</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>supports?</p> <p>8. What consultation has underpinned this measure?</p> <p>9. Will these supports be available for all first nations people impacted by the referendum, regardless of their position on the referendum?</p>		
SQ23-001141	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Mental health and suicide prevention funding	<p>1. Can the Department confirm the exact total dollar amount – and proportion – of new investment included in the \$589.9 million over 5 years announced for mental health and suicide prevention in the Budget by Minister Butler.</p> <p>2. Is it the case that the Albanese Government is not investing an additional half-a-billion dollars in mental health and suicide prevention in its FY2023-24 Federal Budget?</p> <p>3. What amount of money in the budget for suicide prevention and mental health services are new money?</p> <p>4. Turning to the Portfolio Budget Statement, has total spending for Program 1.2 Mental Health increased or decreased overall between this year's FY2023-24 Budget and the March FY2022-23 Budget?</p> <p>5. Can you say whether the overall budget for administrative expenses – or frontline service delivery – in Program 1.2 Mental Health has gone backwards \$40 million since the election of the Albanese Government (FY2023-24 vs FY2022-23(Mar))?</p> <p>6. Can the Department outline the specific measures within this \$589 million dollar Budget investment in mental health and suicide prevention that are specifically dedicated to delivering the Prime Minister's personal commitment to "do more" to lower suicide rates?</p>	Written	13/06/2023

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				<p>7. Would a reduction in overall mental health and suicide prevention spending in this Budget be inconsistent with the Prime Minister's personal priority to do more to lower suicide rates?</p> <p>12. Regarding the Government's post-budget announcement this week of \$70 million for childhood mental health and eating disorders, can the Department confirm whether there is an additional new \$50 million investment into the MRFF – or is it \$50 million being paid out from existing funds within the MRFF?</p>		
SQ23-001345	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	<p>Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - ADHA</p>	<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. 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	19/06/2023

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				<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>		
SQ23-001474	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - NBA	<p>1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001509	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - NBA	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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;</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>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.</p>		
SQ23-001508	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - NBA	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled .</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001506	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate - NBA	<p>31. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001511	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			received since 1 July 2022 - NBA	d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.		
SQ23-001505	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - NBA	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001503	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - NBA	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. 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	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001501	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - NBA	<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. 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. 	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001678	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Distribution Priority Area	<p>1. Is the Department aware of many GP practices have lost an overseas trained doctors due to the changes in the Distribution Priority Area classification system? How many rural and remote areas are struggling to get a GP since the DPA areas were expanded?</p> <p>2. Have you done any modelling on the impact that the change has had on</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			Classification System	<p>rural and remote areas and the distribution of GPs? Can you provide the details of that modelling?</p> <p>3. Is this something you are monitoring closely?</p> <p>4. Will the Government consider restoring the DPA classification system in recognition that expanding it has ripped much-needed doctors out of rural and remote Australia?</p> <p>5. Is the Department aware of any specific or targeted assistance to communities identified as being without a GP?</p>		
SQ23-001241	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Rural Locum Assistance Program (LAP)	<p>1. Who operates the Rural Locum Assistance Program (LAP)?</p> <p>2. Can you give a breakdown by program of the funding Rural LAP receives?</p> <p>3. Can the Department provide a de-identified detail of support by program (e.g. locum cover, relocation incentives and retention bonuses) for the aged sector, specifically:</p> <p>a) How many providers have they supported</p> <p>b) What was the financial value provided in aggregate</p> <p>c) How much administrative funding Rural LAP receives/received for these programs</p>	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001142	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Impact of suicide rates	<p>8. What impact on lowering suicide rates has the Albanese Government's Budget investments had since coming to office 12 months ago?</p> <p>9. According to data from the NSW and VIC suicide registers, suicide rates have increased about 7% across NSW and VIC in 2022 – which combined cover over half the national population. Was the Department working on an expected increase or decrease in suicide rates in 2023/24 in its preparation of this Budget and relevant spending measures?</p> <p>10. The NSW and VIC increase suggests suicide rates for 2022 will return to</p>	Written	13/06/2023

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				<p>pre-pandemic levels – some of the worst in 20 years. If this trend continues into 2023, suicide rates could reach the heights of the economic crises of the 1980s and 1990s. Did the Department prepare for this scenario in this year's Budget?</p> <p>11. According to Suicide Prevention Australia, the research shows it's two to three years after a major crisis or event that suicide rates start to rise. We're currently in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis that doesn't look to be subsiding anytime soon. This is backed by the Suicide Prevention Australia Community tracker showing cost-of-living and personal debt have been consistently ranked the number one cause of this elevated community distress three quarters in a row.</p> <p>a. Has the Department factored an expected rise in elevated community distress and suicide rates into its Budget planning for the outer 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 forecasts?</p>		
SQ23-001685	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Reynella Family Care – DPA Changes	<p>1. Is the Minister or the Department aware of the Reynella Family Care General Practice located in South Australia?</p> <p>2. What is the Minister doing to ensure Reynella Family Centre can urgently replace vacant GP positions so that they can continue to provide critical healthcare to the local community?</p> <p>3. What support can the Minister offer clinics like Reynella Family Centre, in recruiting much needed GP's?</p> <p>4. In the case of Reynella Family Care, where local community members are waiting 6 weeks for a GP visit and no new appointments are available, how is the Minister ensuring all Australians can have timely access to a GP?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001247	Department of Health	Wendy Askew	Early youth psychosis	<p>4. Can you provide an update on the progress of a Labor Government election commitment of \$13.5m made in January 2023 to establish an Early Youth Psychosis Centre in Tasmania (as part of a package to establish centres</p>	Written	16/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		centre in Tasmania	in Tasmania and Canberra). Where is this funding accounted for in the 2023-24 Federal Budget?		
SQ23-001488	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - NBA	<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 2022/23 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>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> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>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>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001725	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's	<p>31. Since 1 July 2022, 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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			offices seeking data or information by electorate - SIA	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.		
SQ23-001726	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - SIA	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001690	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - PSR	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 2022/23 to date and what was it for? c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date? f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 to date and what was the cost of their replacement? g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001696	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - PSR	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification;</p> <p>b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001688	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns in financial	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p> <p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			year 2022/23 to date - PSR	Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.		
SQ23-001684	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - PSR	<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 2022/23 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 2022/23 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001683	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings	<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? 	Written	19/06/2023

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			<p>from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - PSR</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 alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
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SQ23-001681	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - PSR	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001677	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - PSR	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001676	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/a agency head with each portfolio minister - PSR	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001671	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio	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	Written	19/06/2023

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			Ministers' offices - PSR	<p>have been allocated to the Minister. Please denote any change in this allocation since February 2023.</p> <p>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 February 2023.</p>		
SQ23-001670	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - PSR	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001668	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - PRS	<p>1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001680	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - PSR	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001682	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - PSR	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001874	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing employees employment and extensions - DOHA (includes TGA)	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 2. How many non-ongoing employees were employed in the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023? - How many of these are engaged full time? - How many of these are engaged part time? - How many non-ongoing positions were advertised by the agency in this period? - How many of these advertised positions were filled? - How many of the new non-ongoing employees transferred in from another agency? - What is the average duration for the recruitment of a non-ongoing employee (I.e. how long does it take, on average, from approval to fill a position to the filling of the position)? - How many non-ongoing roles that were offered to prospective employees turned down by the prospective employee?	Written	22/06/2023

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				<p>4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time? 		
SQ23-001657	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Provide a list of the more than 100 reform projects referenced at the National Press Club speech	<p>On 7 June 2023, in her address at the National Press Club, Minister Anika Wells made the following statement: 'With the Royal Commission as an ever-present guiding light to act, and a burning need for urgency, we have embarked on more than 100 reform projects in the first 12 months.'</p> <p>1. Can the Minister please provide a list of the more than 100 reform projects referenced during this speech?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001687	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - PSR	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001882	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Purchase of goods/services from Supply Nation Certified Organisation	<p>20. How many procurement activities, since 18 February 2023, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the total value of all Supply Nation procurements to date for the agency this financial year (2022/23)? - What percentage of the agency's procurements for the 2022/23 financial year to date does the above value represent? 	Written	22/06/2023

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			n - DOHA (includes TGA)	- Would the agency please categorise the types of procurements undertaken with Supply Nation businesses for financial year 2022/23? 21. Would the agency list all Supply Nation entities it has purchased goods and / or services from this financial year, with a total value for each supplier?		
SQ23-001724	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - SIA	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created. 30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001375	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - ASC	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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001883	Department of Health	Jacqui Lambie	Contracted start date and end	22. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates.	Written	22/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		dates, including the previous role of each Senior Executive Service Officer - DOHA (includes TGA)	23. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.		
SQ23-001871	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Budget Measure: Supporting Affordable Health Care – Cost Recovery Arrangements	<p>1. In relation to the \$11.4 million over 4 years from 2023-24 (and \$2.9 million ongoing) (P.152, BP2) provided to fund enhanced services to the medical device industry under new arrangements to the Prostheses List:</p> <p>a. What are these "enhanced" services?</p> <p>b. Who will perform these "enhanced" services?</p> <p>c. What KPIs are you attaching to the enhanced services?</p> <p>d. What is the impact of this additional funding on headcount?</p> <p>e. Do you anticipate \$9.3m in revenue to be cost recovered from industry each year through the PL Levy and Cost Recovery Framework?</p> <p>2. In relation to the \$1.2 million over two years from 2023-24 to design and develop cost recovery arrangements for the Medical Services Advisory Committee to support an efficient Medicare Benefits Schedule (P.153, BP2):</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			<p>a) How many submissions did you receive in response to the MSAC Cost Recovery Consultation that was initiated under the previous Government?</p> <p>b) What components make up the \$1.2m in costing?</p> <p>c) Will you be commissioning an external party to complete this design work?</p> <p>d) What are the timeframes for the design work and implementation of the cost recovery model?</p> <p>3. In response to SQ23-000007, the Department indicated that "Cost recovery arrangements are expected to improve stakeholder experience of the listing process, providing both greater clarity and standardised listing timeframes." Questions on Notice – Community Affairs Senator Anne Ruston</p> <p>a) Will you be seeking as part of the cost-recovery framework to include some KPIs around the time taken to considered MSAC applications, and time to have the MBS item listed?</p> <p>b) Do you anticipate a reduction on the number of resubmissions through the changes being designed and developed to support the cost recovery framework?</p> <p>c) How much do you anticipate that you will cost-recover from industry annually for the MSAC process?</p> <p>d) Do you consider that cost recovery will prevent any applications being</p>		
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				submitted? What arrangements will you put in place for patient or clinician-initiated proposals?		
SQ23-001855	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Primary Health Network Commissioning of Multidisciplinary Teams – Budget Measure	<p>In relation to the \$79.4 million over four years and ongoing to strengthen the role Primary Health Networks (PHNs) play in commissioning multidisciplinary health care teams to improve the management of chronic conditions and reduce avoidable hospitalisations:</p> <p>1. Is there a workforce outcome within this Budget measure? Has the Government broken down how this allocation will be distributed across multiple disciplines?</p> <p>2. The PHNs will split \$17.1 million over four years to extend their existing role in GP practice support – how much will each PHN receive annually to deliver on the recommendations of the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce?</p> <p>3. Specifically, regarding allied health practitioners, how will the \$17.1 million over four years be allocated to deliver this recommendation?</p> <p>4. There is an allocation of \$0.235 million in 2023-24 to develop an allied health practice support toolkit and ongoing funding to deliver practice support to allied health – how will the allied health sector be consulted on this toolkit?</p> <p>5. Which allied health disciplines is this toolkit being developed for – physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, or for all 21 allied health professions?</p> <p>6. In relation to the budget allocation of \$4.2 million a year, across Australia, to expand GP</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>support with nurses, nurse practitioners, midwifery and private allied health services - can the Department advise the workforce implications of this. Specifically, how many nurses and allied health practitioners are likely to be employed in multidisciplinary teams within GP clinics?</p> <p>7. The Minister for Health has talked about the need for all health practitioners to work to full scope of practice by harnessing the full strengths and skills of the diverse health workforce. What are the specific changes to the way physiotherapists and other allied health workers practice in this Budget?</p>		
SQ23-001609	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Newborn Bloodspot Screening	<p>1. In the 2022-23 October Budget, the Albanese Government provided \$39 million over 4 years to increase the number and consistency of conditions screened through the newborn bloodspot screening program. During the election campaign, Prime Minister Albanese committed to increase the number of genetic and early life conditions that newborns are screened for from around 25 to 80. What is the reason for the delay in implementing this election commitment?</p> <p>2. Will Pompe disease be included in this screening?</p> <p>3. How long have the treatments for infantile, juvenile and late-onset Pompe been funded by the Australian Government?</p> <p>4. How many babies have had a delayed diagnosis since 2015, and how many have died because of that delayed diagnosis?</p> <p>5. Is the Department aware that Pompe is a recognised disease associated with access to the National Disability Insurance Scheme?</p> <p>6. Is the Department aware of the number of diseases in the list of 80 diseases the Prime Minister committed to that await a diagnosis to access</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>the NDIS?</p> <p>7. What is the current schedule for the addition of Pompe disease to the state and territory programs, consistent with the election commitment?</p> <p>8. What committees in health are making these decisions on priorities?</p> <p>9. How do patient groups know to lobby for the inclusion of their disease in these processes?</p> <p>10. Why is this not being made a national program like the National Immunisation Program or an MBS item, like the Government's 2023-24 Budget announcement for genetic hearing screening?</p> <p>11. How is this process any different to the disease-by-disease state-by-state process of the postcode lottery the Government committed to end this year?</p> <p>12. What commitments has the Government secured from the states and territories that they will include MSAC recommended conditions to their programs? What funding arrangements and timeline have they agreed to?</p> <p>13. What alternatives to MSAC did the Albanese Government consider in implementing its election commitment? Why did it choose to retain MSAC instead of the one-off MBS Taskforce review that was put forward by stakeholders and being used by the Government on other high priority reform areas?</p> <p>14. Is the Government comfortable that MSAC is the appropriate committee for this program given the MSAC's previous statements on population-based screening and in particular their previous statements on the cost effectiveness of children not being born as opposed to being screened at birth?</p> <p>15. How many diseases are babies in New York For? And these assessments are publicly available?</p> <p>16. Where in the world is Pompe screened for?</p>		
SQ23-001591	Department of Health	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings	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 2022/23 to date?	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - DOHA	<p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ23-001065	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	60-day dispensing policy and impact on pharmacies and patients	<p>7. How does the Department plan to support community pharmacies that may face financial burdens or potential closures due to the 60-day dispensing policy?</p> <p>8. How will the Department mitigate impacts on reduced opening hours, staff cuts, and additional charges for services because of this policy?</p> <p>9. How has the Department addressed concerns raised by healthcare professionals, including pharmacists and patients, regarding the potential impact of this policy on medicine shortages?</p> <p>10. How will the Department ensure the policy aligns with patient health outcomes?</p> <p>11. Can the Department provide evidence or studies that demonstrate the potential benefits of 60-day dispensing and its safety for patients?</p> <p>12. How will the Department ensure this policy will not lead to unintended consequences for patients?</p>	Written	7/06/2023

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SQ23-001048	Department of Health and Aged Care	Hollie Hughes	Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremonies	<p>1. In the last financial year;</p> <p>a) How much departmental funding has been allocated to Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremonies?</p> <p>b) How much departmental funding has been spent?</p> <p>c) How many ceremonies/events have been held?</p> <p>d) Was this a specific Albanese government provision, or was this an independent departmental decision?</p>	Written	5/06/2023
SQ23-001361	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - ASC	<p>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 February 2023.</p> <p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001713	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - SIA	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001711	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - SIA	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001712	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - SIA	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001903	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate	Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001753	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Ovarian Cancer Australia	<p>1. Is the Department aware of Ovarian Cancer Australia's request for \$4 million, as set out in their pre-budget submission, to deliver free-of-charge, timely and specialised psychosocial support to women with ovarian cancer?</p> <p>2. Did the Department undertake an analysis of the psychosocial services set out in Ovarian Cancer Australia's submission?</p> <p>3. Women facing Ovarian Cancer, the deadliest women's cancer in Australia, report that the mental tolls of the disease are just as challenging as the physical symptoms. Does the Department consider it important to provide Australian women battling Ovarian Cancer with psycho-oncology services, in addition to their clinical needs?</p> <p>4. Does the Department consider Ovarian Cancer Australia's submission for funding a high priority?</p> <p>5. What current specialised and free-of-charge psycho-oncology services are in place, and available in a timely manner, to support patients address the complex issues women with ovarian cancer experience?</p> <p>6. Has the Department considered the impact that Ovarian Cancer Australia's submission would have on alleviating pressure on public hospital resources as well as community based psychologists?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001610	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Urgent Care Clinics	<p>Funding Specific:</p> <p>1. I note the 2023-24 Budget provides additional funding of \$358.5 million from 2022-23 until 2025-26 to deliver 58 Medicare Urgent Care Clinics, despite the Government's commitment to establish all clinics by the end of 2023.</p> <p>a) Why has the Government pushed out the establishment of these clinics, as demonstrated through the extended funding profile, and why is the Government continuing to defer their signature election commitment?</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide a breakdown of funding?</p> <p>3. What will the additional funding of \$358.5 million be spent on?</p> <p>4. How much of the \$235 million provided in the 2022-23 October Budget has been expended?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>Status/Progress Update:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will all 58 Urgent Care Clinics be established by the Federal Government by the end of the year? 2. Can you please provide the location of all 58 Urgent Care Clinics, and an update on the status/progress of each specific location? <p>Location/Selection Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When selecting a location, was the following considered: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Proximity to nearby hospitals? b) The number of General Practitioners in the surrounding area? c) The MMM location? d) Bulk billing rates? e) Local ED presentations and demand? f) The number of GP Clinics with extended opening hours in the surrounding area? 2. How many Urgent Care Clinics are located in rural, regional or remote Australia? <p>Victoria PPCCs transitioning into Medicare UCCs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 8 of the 10 Urgent Care Clinics set to be delivered in Victoria are already currently operating as Priority Primary Care Centres (PPCC's), a Victorian State Government GP-led urgent care initiative, with funding transitioned to the Commonwealth Government. Can the department outline how transitioning these PPCCs to UCCs will 'create', 'establish' or 'build' new urgent care clinics in Victoria? 2. Can the Department outline what changes will take place between current operations and services provided by the Priority Primary Care Clinics and the operations and services that will be provided in the Urgent Care Clinics. 3. The Frankston PPCC, a location which is set to be transitioned into a UCC, 		
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				currently operates between the hours of 8am and Midnight. Can the Department guarantee that these operating hours will remain the same?		
SQ23-001904	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	National sports plan	1. Was there any money allocated in the most recent Federal Budget the National Sports Plan?	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001611	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Vaping	<p>1. Are there any parts of the strategy that are unfunded/funding to implement not identified?</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide a timeframe for when the public health information campaign to discourage Australians from taking up vaping and smoking will be developed and launched?</p> <p>3. Could the Department explain the enforcement and funding strategies to address the illicit market of nicotine vaping products, including state and federal harmonisation and alignment with the Commonwealth's proposed regulations and how the Government intends to measure the success of the various strategies?</p> <p>4. Could the Department detail any additional funding or resources provided to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to support ABF's enforcement activities and elaborate on the specific outcomes anticipated from this added support?</p> <p>5. Given the increasing challenge in addressing the illicit distribution of Nicotine Vaping Products, particularly on retail and online platforms, and the necessity for an effectively harmonised and impactful enforcement response across states, can the Department please outline the planned measures to address illicit distribution?</p> <p>6. What punishments will be used for distributing illicit Nicotine Vaping Products?</p> <p>7. Is this strategy harmonised between Commonwealth and State public health departments?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				8. What key performance indicators will be used to gauge the success of the Minister's proposed enforcement strategy against the illicit Nicotine Vaping Products market?		
SQ23-001086	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	FOI 4217 - Deaths of children under 18	<p>23. As per FOI 4217 requesting the timeframes for the reports of deaths of children under 18, why is a small of number of deaths an unreasonable diversion of resources?</p> <p>80. The 'Onset time in days' in all of the reports of death in children, that show the timeframe between vaccination and death, have been redacted in the FOI 4217 document. That FOI request specifically asked for the timeframe information on reports of death in children following a Covid-19 vaccine. Why did the TGA refuse to release this information to the FOI applicant, and to the public?</p> <p>81. Can the timeframe between the date of vaccination and the date of death please be provided for all the reported children's deaths? This data is not a privacy risk so don't claim that as an excuse for not disclosing.</p>	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001405	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - CA	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001402	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio	<p>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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			Ministers' offices - CA	<p>have been allocated to the Minister. Please denote any change in this allocation since February 2023.</p> <p>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 February 2023.</p>		
SQ23-001403	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/a agency head with each portfolio minister - CA	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? 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 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001400	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - CA	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001397	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - CA	<p>1. Since 1 July 2022, 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?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement. If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>		
SQ23-001413	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - CA	<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. 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 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: i. External labour hire</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>ii. Consultancy 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?</p>		
SQ23-001411	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - CA	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001410	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - CA	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001408	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - CA	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001377	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - ARPANSA	28. 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; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001353	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - ARPANSA	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001351	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees -ARPANSA	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001337	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - ARPANSA	1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested. 7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001593	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date? 21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs .	Written	19/06/2023

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			financial year 2022/23 to date - DOHA	33. 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.		
SQ23-001558	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - NHMRC	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled .	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001421	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - CA	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001422	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency	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	Written	19/06/2023

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			credit cards - CA	<p>financial year 2022/23 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001416	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial	<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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			year 2022/23 - CA	<p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ23-001414	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - CA	<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 2022/23 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 2022/23 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; 	Written	19/06/2023

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				and g. Details of any entertainment provided.		
SQ23-001906	Australian Sports Commission	Anne Ruston	Commonwealth games - sports that have received funding certainty commitments through to 2026 - ASC	1. In relation to the preparation of the Australian Team for the V2026 Commonwealth Games – a home Games – why have only three sports received funding certainty commitments through to December 2026?	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001905	Australian Sports Commission	Anne Ruston	Commonwealth games - preparation time for teams and athletes - ASC	1. Is 15 months from December 2024 to March 2026 sufficient time for the Sports to prepare these team and athletes the Commonwealth Games?	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001424	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current	24. In relation to department/agency: 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?	Written	19/06/2023

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			financial year to date - CA	<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>		
SQ23-001426	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - CA	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. 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. 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>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>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>		
SQ23-001427	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - CA	<p>28. 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; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001849	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Mental Health – Federal Electorate of Casey	<p>In relation to Page 140 of Budget Paper No.2: 1. The Lilydale Youth Hub supports child and youth mental health across all areas. Will any of this funding go towards reopening the Lilydale Youth Hub? 2. How many people in the Federal Electorate of Casey have accessed subsidised mental health sessions in the past 6 months? 3. How many people in the Federal Electorate of Casey have accessed all 10 subsidised mental health sessions in the past 6 months?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001430	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's	<p>31. Since 1 July 2022, 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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			offices seeking data or information by electorate - CA	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.		
SQ23-001429	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - CA	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created. 30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001432	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - CA	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001417	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and	Written	19/06/2023

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			2022/23 to date - CA	accommodation. 19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?		
SQ23-001585	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - DOHA	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001865	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Proposed Changes to Regulatory Approval Processes for Medical Device Clinical Trials	The answer to SQ23-000547 in relation to proposed changes to regulatory approval processes for medical device clinical trials stated that "Feedback from all the consultations will be provided to the Minister for consideration, including potential options for proposed regulatory changes. Any regulatory changes if agreed by the Government, are anticipated to be in place by the end of 2023." 1. Has this feedback been provided to the Minister? 2. Have the regulatory changes been agreed by the Government? 3. If yes, what has been agreed?	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001854	Department of Health	Anne Ruston	Role of Allied Health Professionals	1. Will Urgent Care Clinics operate under a multidisciplinary team that includes allied health workers, specifically physiotherapists, in order to provide immediate diagnostic care and	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		Is in Urgent Care Clinics	<p>treatment and reduce unnecessary hospital presentations?</p> <p>2. How many Urgent Care Clinics will have a physiotherapist or allied health practitioner as part of the medical team?</p> <p>3. Will GPs at Urgent Care Clinics refer walk-in patients with musculoskeletal injuries to physiotherapists or send them to the Emergency Department if multidisciplinary teams are not in these Clinics?</p> <p>4. How will Urgent Care Clinics provide after-hours care to patients with such injuries?</p>		
SQ23-001663	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Strengthening Medicare Taskforce	<p>1. Can the Department please provide an update on how the \$750 million contained within the Strengthening Medicare Fund is being spent to deliver the recommendations of the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce?</p> <p>2. How many recommendations have been implemented so far?</p> <p>3. How many recommendations are being implemented?</p> <p>4. Which recommendations are the Department considering as a priority?</p> <p>5. How much of the \$750 million invested into the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce has been spent?</p> <p>6. How much of the \$750 million has been recommitted?</p> <p>7. Does the Department undertake regular reporting to the Taskforce recommendations?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001879	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Workers' compensation claims - DOHA (includes TGA)	<p>13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <p>- How many of these claims were successful?</p> <p>o How many of the successful claims were due to an injury of a physical nature?</p> <p>o How many of the successful claims were due to an injury of a mental</p>	Written	22/06/2023

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				nature (i.e. relating to psychological, or mental health injury)? - How many of these claims were rejected?		
SQ23-001878	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Workplace culture - Allegations of untoward behaviour - DOHA (includes TGA)	12. In the period between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023? were there any allegations (either formally or informally reported) of untoward behaviour (E.g. bullying, harassment, discrimination) made against any APS, or labour-hire contractors engaged at the agency? - How many of these claims were investigated (formally or informally) and found to have merit? o How many of the claims were raised with ComCare? o Of those that were deemed to have merit, how many resulted in time away from work for the victim? o What is the total amount of leave taken, in days, from the agency that are attributable to claims of this nature? - How many of these allegations were investigated and found to have no merit?	Written	22/06/2023
SQ23-001103	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Relapses of vaccine injuries	40. Why are vaccine victims having relapses of their vaccine injury? For example, I have spoken to many people with myocarditis who see some improvement only for their condition to relapse one or two months later - what's causing this?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001061	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Medicine shortage list and 60-day dispensing policy	1. How many medicines are currently on the TGA's medicine shortage list? 2. Of the medicines on the TGA's shortage list, how many are also included in the 60-day dispensing policy? 3. Can you provide a list of the medicines that are both on the shortage list which will be impacted by the 60-day dispensing policy? 4. Has the TGA conducted any assessments or evaluations to determine the potential impact of the 60-day dispensing policy on the availability of	Written	7/06/2023

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				<p>medicines already experiencing shortages?</p> <p>5. What strategies are in place to prevent exacerbation of shortages or potential disruptions to the supply chain as a result of implementing the 60-day dispensing policy for medicines on the shortage list?</p> <p>6. How has the TGA addressed concerns raised by healthcare professionals, including pharmacists and patients, regarding the potential impact of this policy on medicine shortages?</p>		
SQ23-001216	Department of Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	Departmental work related social media	<p>1. Please table all LinkedIn posts made by the Departmental Secretary. Please also table any other public social media posts made relevant to their current role since their appointment.</p>	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001134	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Deaths of children following covid vaccine	<p>78. In relation to the 9 reports of death in children following a covid vaccine, 4 involved cardiac arrest, 1 involved myocarditis and 1 involved another heart related issue. Did this number of cardiac related deaths in children constitute a safety signal for the TGA and can the TGA explain what that investigation looked like?</p> <p>79. Does the TGA have the background rates for cardiac arrest in children aged 5 – 9 years of age? If so, can they provide?</p>	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001128	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	TGA recommendation of Pfizer for those with Antiphospholipid	<p>71. Why is the TGA recommending Pfizer for those with Antiphospholipid syndrome with thrombosis in light of reported and recognised deaths from the Covid-19 vaccines? - https://www.health.gov.au/news/joint-statement-from-atagi-and-thanz-on-thrombosis-with-thrombocytopenia-syndrome-tts-and-the-use-of-covid-19-vaccine-astrazeneca#:~:text=Based%20upon%20this%2C%20the%20following%20gro</p>	Written	13/06/2023

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			syndrome with thrombosis	ups%20of%20people,Factor%20V%20Leiden%2C%20or%20other%20non-immune%20thrombophilic%20disorders		
SQ23-001119	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Testing adequacy in Pfizer nonclinical report	59. Page 5 of the Pfizer nonclinical report says, "However, the number of animals studied for cytokines was small (n=3) and there was high inter-animal variation. One in vitro study using human PBMC gave inconclusive results. Therefore, the potential of the LNP or the vaccine formulation for complement activation or stimulation of cytokine release was not adequately assessed in nonclinical studies." – how is this adequate testing? 60. Page 5 of the Pfizer nonclinical report says, "Considering the chemical structure of the excipients and limited potential lifetime exposure, the excipients are not expected to pose genotoxicity or carcinogenicity potential." – how is this considered adequate testing?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001087	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Clinical evidence of vaccine injuries	24. https://blog.rebekahbarnett.com.au/p/west-australian-government-finally) - care to explain this? Numbers from the Western Australian vaccine report show that of the vaccine injuries reported, 48% went to emergency and 9% were admitted to hospital. This is hard clinical evidence that most vaccine injuries are not mild as constantly repeated by Professor Skerritt and other health professionals, isn't it?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001060	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Modelling or impact analysis of 60-day dispensing policy	1. Has the TGA conducted any modelling or impact analysis on the financial implications of the proposed 60-day dispensing policy on community pharmacies? If not, why? 2. Does the TGA have plans to support community pharmacies that may face financial burdens and potential closures due to the 60-day dispensing policy?	Written	7/06/2023

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				3. What is the TGA's assessment of the 60-day dispensing policy, on patient health outcomes and possible medicine shortages?		
SQ23-001056	Department of Health and Aged Care	Hollie Hughes	TGA's Advisory Committee on Medicines Scheduling - correspondence	<p>9. On the 16th of February, during our Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings, I asked the Therapeutic Goods Administration about a potential conflict of interest regarding a Mrs Julie Viatos who was represented on the TGA's Advisory Committee on Medicines Scheduling via the consumer health products group.</p> <p>Dr Skerritt pointed out there was a possibility Mrs Viatos could have been present around discussions pertaining to vaping and vaping products, but the minutes of the various meetings would be provided to us on notice and if not on notice, then in confidence.</p> <p>It's June, and I've not yet received any correspondence. Was this perhaps lost in the mail? Is there any chance I can or will receive those?</p>	Written	5/06/2023
SQ23-001049	Department of Health and Aged Care	Hollie Hughes	Climate Active accreditation for British American Tobacco	<p>During our Supplementary Budget Estimates, on February 16, I asked the Department of Health about a letter from the Health Department to DCCEEW regarding the rescinding of its Climate Active accreditation for British American Tobacco, despite this business meeting its climate obligations.</p> <p>Hansard confirms Professors Kelly and Murphy said it would be taken on notice. It's June and I have not received any correspondence, replies or letters from the Department.</p> <p>1. Despite the fact, this is a breach of your obligation as a government agency for transparency and could be construed as contempt for the Senate Estimates process - is it possible, the agency simply forgot?</p> <p>2. Will or are you able to provide these to me now and by the due date?</p>	Written	5/06/2023

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SQ23-001407	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Program Funding Cuts	<p>1. Can the Department advise which programs across the Health and Aged Care portfolio were due to end on 30 June 2023?</p> <p>a. Which of these programs has been funded beyond 30 June 2023?</p> <p>2. Which programs that were due to end on 30 June 2023 have not been funded going forward?</p> <p>3. For each of the programs that are due to end on 30 June 2023 and have not been funded beyond the end of this financial year:</p> <p>a. What is the name of the program?</p> <p>b. What was the total funding provided to this program in the 2022-23 financial year?</p> <p>c. Was there any evaluation of the program undertaken prior to the decision being made not to continue funding the program?</p> <p>d. Where an evaluation was undertaken, has this been released?</p> <p>i. If not, are there any plans to release the evaluation?</p> <p>e. What alternative arrangements have been made to continue the work or activities that are currently being funded by this program?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001053	Department of Health and Aged Care	Hollie Hughes	Clinical guidance for medicinal cannabis	<p>3. The TGA's most recent clinical guidance for medicinal cannabis was published in 2017. Is the government intending to update this guidance to provide more accurate and current information to healthcare professionals?</p>	Written	5/06/2023
SQ23-001679	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Registered Nurse Supplement	<p>1. Is the following statement correct? 'The RN supplement rate differs between Modified Monash Model (MMM) 1-4 areas and MMM 5-7 areas in recognition of the additional costs of attracting RNs to</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>work in rural and remote areas. The supplement will cap the funding provided in MMM 1-4 areas at the cost of an 8-hour overnight RN (around \$257,000 per annum), while in rural and remote areas (MMM 5-7) the supplement delivers the full cost of having an RN onsite 24-hours per day not provided by the AN-ACC Daily Subsidy'?</p> <p>2. What is the calculated amount for the RN supplement for MMM5-7?</p> <p>3. How many people are eligible for the RN supplement?</p> <p>1. How many people have received their RN supplement who were eligible to?</p>		
SQ23-001674	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Nurse requirements	<p>1. Has the Department reviewed the exemption policy for the 24/7 nurse requirement since 1 January 2023?</p> <p>2. How often is the exemption criteria reviewed to ensure it is appropriate and adequate to the current workforce circumstances?</p> <p>3. What did the review entail?</p> <p>4. Who was the review provided to?</p> <p>1. How many aged care homes do not currently have a registered nurse onsite 24/7?</p> <p>2. How many registered nurses are required by 1 October 2023 broken down by MMM classification?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001851	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	6th National Hepatitis C Strategy	<p>1. Can the Department outline the status of the Sixth National Hepatitis C Strategy?</p> <p>2. Can the Department confirm when the Strategy will be made public?</p> <p>3. What are the main reasons behind the delay in the release of this Strategy?</p> <p>a. Is the Government satisfied, given the Minister's statement that "Australia's rates of treatment have stalled over recent years" that we don't have a Strategy in place?</p> <p>b. Does the Government anticipate that there will be any ramifications because of this delay?</p> <p>4. The Fifth National Hepatitis C Strategy outlined that Australia has the essential tools to achieve the elimination of hepatitis C as a public health threat. Will this Strategy include an ongoing commitment to eliminate hepatitis C as a public health threat?</p> <p>5. How will the Sixth National Hepatitis C Strategy be funded?</p> <p>a. Have conversations begun with the States and Territories on the funding of this National Strategy? If not, when do you expect them to begin?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001278	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	TGA consultation process on regulation of nicotine vaping products	<p>12. As part of the TGA's consultation process on the regulation of nicotine vaping products, which closed on 16 January 2023, the Northern Territory's Health Department, submitted the "creation of well-regulated retail market is the most pragmatic way to eliminate the current illegal sale of a range of products with largely unknown safety profiles." This position appears contrary to that of the Federal Government's. Has the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Department of Health and Aged Care or the TGA engaged with the Northern Territory Government on its position?</p>	Written	16/06/2023

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				a. Has any other state or territory government proposed the adoption of a regulated retail market for nicotine vaping products?		
SQ23-001272	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Current vaping laws and penalties across different jurisdictions	9. Under current vaping laws, some jurisdictions such as the Australian Capital Territory have laws that impose a penalty of two years' imprisonment for the unlawful possession of nicotine vaping products. Is the Federal Government contemplating a national law that would make non-prescribed possession of nicotine vaping products an offence punishable by a prison sentence?	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001269	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Nicotine vaping product reforms	3. What legislative and regulatory changes are required to enact the Minister's NVP reforms? 4. Will the Minister's new nicotine vaping laws be contained within a revised Therapeutic Goods Order? 7. Under the Minister's new laws, nicotine vaping products dispensed in Australia will be assessed by the Therapeutic Goods Administration for safety and quality. What safety and quality standards will the TGA use to determine if a nicotine vaping product is safe? 8. TGO 110 was announced in December 2020 and took effect on 1 October 2021 – a transition period of 10 months. What transition period has been proposed for the Government's changes to the regulation of nicotine vaping products?	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001866	Department of Health	Anne Ruston	Public Good Activities –	In relation to Page 153 of Budget Paper 2: "The Government will provide \$61.0 million over 4 years from 2023–24 for the Therapeutic Goods Administration's delivery of public good activities. This measure will be offset	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		Budget Measure	by redirecting funding from the 2023–24 Budget measure titled Reinvesting in Health and Aged Care Programs." 1. How does this measure change the proposed increases in cost-recovery fees for the TGA for FY24?		
SQ23-001848	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Medicine Shortages	1. Can the Department please provide a general update on medicine shortages? 2. How many medicines are currently in critically low supply? 3. Is the Department forecasting any future medicine shortages? 4. What modelling is undertaken to anticipate future medicine shortages? 5. Can the Department please provide an update on the current supply shortage of Ozempic (Semaglutide)? 6. How many patients have been impacted by the shortage? 7. I understand regular supply is expected to remain limited until June 2023. Is this still the case? 8. Can the Department please provide an update on the current supply shortage of Trulicity (Dulaglutide), including an update on when Trulicity supply is expected to return to normal? 9. I understand there are current shortages of some antibiotics in Australia. Can the Department please provide an update on current shortages of antibiotics in Australia?	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001880	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Unpaid leave taken by ongoing or non-ongoing employees - DOHA	14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023? - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.	Written	22/06/2023

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SQ23-001876	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees who resigned, were considered excess or made redundant - DOHA (includes TGA)	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023? 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?	Written	22/06/2023
SQ23-001862	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	60 Day Dispensing – Medication packing services and impact on Aged Care	1. Will the Government guarantee medication packaging, regular and emergency delivery services, and pharmacists on-call 24/7 will continue cost free from when the 60-day dispensing policy takes affect? 2. Has the Department of Health and Aged Care considered the impact on the hospital system should Aged Care medication packing services be withdrawn by Community Pharmacy? 3. Will the Department of Health and Aged Care commit to expanding current Dose Administration Aid Funding to include an uncapped Aged Care Residents DAA fee at no less than the existing DAA/IDAA fees?	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001277	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Discussions around import bans of vaping products	11. The ABF Commissioner has stated that import bans won't end the black market in nicotine vaping products, and that operationalise any sort of prohibition in relation to vapes at the border is a work in progress. Outside of the TGA, has the department of health been involved with these discussions?	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001251	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Consultations with prescribers, dispensers or manufacturers of nicotine vaping products	1. Has the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Department of Health and Aged Care, or the Therapeutic Goods Administration consulted with any authorised prescribers, dispensers or manufacturers of nicotine vaping products on the Government's proposed changes? a. If so, please provide an account of all engagements, including: i. With whom they occurred. ii. The dates on which they occurred. iii. The format of the engagements (i.e. online, in person). iv. The scope of the engagements. v. The outcome of the engagements.	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001689	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - PSR	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001691	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - PSR	<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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001584	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/agency head with each portfolio minister - DOHA	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022?</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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001242	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Allied health services in aged care	<p>1. What actions is the government taking to address issues of funding for allied health services in aged care?</p> <p>2. Progress of the proposal in QoN 1511, found at</p>	Written	16/06/2023

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				https://www.aph.gov.au/api/qon/downloadattachment?attachmentId=113ff15e-0a0b-4e11-a412-0d8c023b6935 , to expand the National Aged Care Mandatory Quality Indicator Program (QI Program) to include additional staffing quality indicators with a particular focus on allied health professionals.		
SQ23-001237	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Residential aged care provision ratio	<p>The following questions refer to the reduction in the residential aged care provision ratio as a result of the Budget measure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How will this measure work? 2. Will the savings be achieved by reducing the number of aged care residents from current levels? 3. If this is just a parameter change, why was it included as a Budget measure? 	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001234	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Residential facility closures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What steps is the Department taking to ensure approved providers notify the Department of an impending residential facility closure? 2. What steps is the Department taking to ensure providers give adequate notice, appropriate relocation assistance and communicate effectively with the consumers and families during a facilities closure? 	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001695	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 31. Since 1 July 2022, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	19/06/2023

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			by electorate - PSR			
SQ23-001694	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - PSR	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001693	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committees the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - PSR	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001692	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			<p>reviews since 1 July 2022 - PSR</p>	<p>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. 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>		
SQ23-001686	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	<p>Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - PSR</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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.		
SQ23-001698	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - PSR	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001697	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - PSR	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001550	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2022/23 to date - NHMRC	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs .</p> <p>33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001340	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - ADHA	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001343	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commissio	<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,</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			n referrals and claims in current financial year to date - ADHA	<p>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>		
SQ23-001555	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - NHMRC	<p>28. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001489	Independent Health and	Jane Hume	Total expenditure	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	19/06/2023

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	Aged Care Pricing Authority		<p>e on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - IHACPA</p>	<p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.</p>		
SQ23-001491	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Use of departmental/agency credit cards - IHACPA</p>	<p>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 2022/23 to date and what was it for? c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date? f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 to date and what was the cost of their replacement? g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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? h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001507	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - IHACPA	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001539	National Health and Medical	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers'	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	Research Council		offices - NHMRC	Since 1 July 2022, 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.		
SQ23-001540	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' office - NHMRC	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 February 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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001542	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - NHMRC	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001544	National Health and Medical	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonw	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023

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	Research Council		health inter-departmental committees - NHMRC			
SQ23-001545	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - NHMRC	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001546	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - NHMRC	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 number of contracts	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>(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>		
SQ23-001547	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - NHMRC	<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 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; 	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>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>		
SQ23-001559	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - NHMRC	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001560	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			received since 1 July 2022 - NHMRC	d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.		
SQ23-001486	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date - IHACPA	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p> <p>33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001673	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Rural and Regional Health	<p>1. Which measures contained within the Budget will make it easier to see a doctor in rural, regional or remote Australia?</p> <p>2. Can you please detail any measures or funding contained within the Budget that address the current GP workforce crisis that is being strongly felt in rural, regional and remote Australia?</p> <p>3. Has the Department been informed of any medical practices who have had to close their doors due to the regional doctor shortage?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001675	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	John Flynn Prevocational Doctor Program	<p>1. Can the Department please provide an update on the John Flynn Prevocational Doctor Program?</p> <p>2. What work has been undertaken so far to implement this program?</p> <p>3. How many additional rural primary care training rotation/placement opportunities have been created as a result of this program?</p> <p>4. Why did the Government delay the implementation of this important</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>program expansion?</p> <p>5. What impact will this have on the significant workforce shortages already facing rural and regional Australia?</p>		
SQ23-001857	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Flexible Approach to Training in Expanded Settings (FATES) program	<p>1. In March 2022, the Coalition announced an investment of \$4.2 million across country Australia to increase access to specialists and encourage more specialists to undertake their training in regional, rural and remote areas. This included funding through the Flexible Approach to Training in Expanded Settings (FATES) program for four years, from 2021-22, to better support trainee specialists in locations with shortages of specialists.</p> <p>Can the Department please provide an update on the FATES program?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001759	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Workforce Challenges	<p>1. Workforce challenges are a critical issue for our health care system right now. What urgent measures are being implemented to improve the supply of GPs and nurses?</p> <p>2. Why are there no specific measures recommended by the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce to address this?</p> <p>3. Can the Department provide data on the extent of current GP shortages that are being felt across the country, particularly in rural, regional and remote Australia?</p> <p>4. What is the current unmet need for GPs? How many vacant places?</p> <p>5. What is the modelling for the next 12 months? Is this data predicted to get worse, and by how much?</p> <p>6. How many GPs have left rural, regional or remote areas over the last year?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001549	National Health and Medical	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	Research Council		2022/23 to date - NHMRC	<p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p>		
SQ23-001886	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Labour-hire contractors , employment and extensions - SIA	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>3. How many labour-hire contractors were employed at the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many of these are engaged full time? - How many of these are engaged part time? - How many labour-hire contract positions were advertised by the agency in this period? - How many of these advertised positions were filled? - What is the average duration for the recruitment of a labour-hire contractor (i.e. how long does it take, on average, from approval to fill a position to the filling of the position)? - Have any labour-hire contractors at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth in this period? - If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many and at what level? What was the nature of the delegations? <p>5. How many labour-hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time? 	Written	22/06/2023

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				6. How many existing labour-hire contracts were extended by the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?		
SQ23-001342	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - ADHA	<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 2022/23 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>	Written	19/06/2023

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				k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023		
SQ23-001327	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - ADHA	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001468	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - FSANZ	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001467	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - FSANZ	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001464	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate - FSANZ	31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001439	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - FSANZ	1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested.	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>		
SQ23-001470	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - FSANZ	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue. 	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001296	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - AIHW	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001294	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			2022 - AIHW			
SQ23-001487	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - NBA	<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 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>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target? i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-001485	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - NBA	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001484	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - NBA	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001482	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - NBA	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001481	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - NBA	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001479	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/a gency head with each portfolio minister - NBA	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001478	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - NBA	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 February 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	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>have been allocated to the Minister. Please denote any change in this allocation since February 2023.</p>		
SQ23-001476	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - NBA	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001875	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Labour-hire contractors employment and extensions - DOHA (includes TGA)	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>3. How many labour-hire contractors were employed at the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many of these are engaged full time? - How many of these are engaged part time? - How many labour-hire contract positions were advertised by the agency in this period? - How many of these advertised positions were filled? - What is the average duration for the recruitment of a labour-hire contractor (I.e. how long does it take, on average, from approval to fill a position to the filling of the position)? - Have any labour-hire contractors at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth in this period? - If yes: How many and at what level? What was the nature of the delegations? <p>5. How many labour-hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many of these were engaged full time? 	Written	22/06/2023

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				- How many of these were engaged part time? 6. How many existing labour-hire contracts were extended by the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?		
SQ23-001499	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - NBA	24. In relation to department/agency: 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? 25. In relation to the department/agency: 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 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.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001498	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - NBA	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 2022/23 to date and what was it for? c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001496	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			year 2022/23 to date - NBA			
SQ23-001494	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2022/23 to date - NBA	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs .</p> <p>33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001492	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - NBA	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001490	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded	<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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			in financial year 2022/23 - NBA	<p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ23-001419	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2022/23 to date - CA	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs .</p> <p>33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001117	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Bifidobacteria levels of newborn babies	<p>57. Are the Bifidobacteria levels of newborn babies being tested from mothers who got the covid vaccine? If not, why not?"</p>	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001436	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister,</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - CA	b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.		
SQ23-001434	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - CA	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001321	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created. 30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	19/06/2023

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			since May 2022 - AIHW			
SQ23-001319	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - AIHW	28. 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; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001318	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - AIHW	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.	Written	19/06/2023

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				<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. 		
SQ23-001317	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	<p>Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - AIHW</p>	<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 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. 	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001314	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	*Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - AIHW	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001897	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Gambling as a public health issue	1. Does the Department view gambling as a product that causes harm? If so, would you consider it a public health issue? 2. Are staff in areas that work with comorbidities like mental health, family violence and alcohol and other drugs trained to understand gambling harm?	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001330	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - AIHW	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001328	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - AIHW	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001326	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - AIHW	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001324	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices	31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	Written	19/06/2023

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			seeking data or information by electorate - AIHW	if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.		
SQ23-001292	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/a agency head with each portfolio minister - AIHW	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001288	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - AIHW	2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001283	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - AIHW	1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>b) the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>		
SQ23-001309	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - AIHW	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001306	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - AIHW	<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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001303	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions	<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 2022/23 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue;</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			in financial year 2022/23 to date - AIHW	<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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001301	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal	<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> <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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			expenses - AIHW	<p>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>		
SQ23-001299	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - AIHW	<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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001297	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonw	<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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			health inter-departmental committees - AIHW			
SQ23-001313	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date - AIHW	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p> <p>33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001290	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - AIHW	<p>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 February 2023.</p> <p>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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				have been allocated to the Minister. Please denote any change in this allocation since February 2023.		
SQ23-001144	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	\$98.9 million and the pharmacy sector	3. Will the pharmacy sector in both acute and primary care settings be included in the \$98.9 million dedicated to connecting Australians at greater risk of hospitalisation to general practices?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001355	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - ADHA	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001354	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - ADHA	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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;	Written	19/06/2023

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				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.		
SQ23-001348	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - ADHA	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created. 30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001338	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2022/23 to date - ADHA	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date? 21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs . 33. 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	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001334	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - ADHA	<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 2022/23 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 2022/23 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001322	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - ADHA	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2022, have there been any amendments to the Department's</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment.</p>		
SQ23-001214	Department of Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	Voice campaign material	<p>1. As of 16 June 2023, how many employees have a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum campaign in their email signature? How many of these implied a position in favour of the proposed referendum question? How many of these implied a position against the proposed referendum question? Please table all employee email signatures as of 16 June 2023 that had a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum.</p> <p>2. As of 16 June 2023, how many pieces of material with a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum campaign were displayed in any workspace? How many of these implied a position in favour of the proposed referendum question? How many of these implied a position against the proposed referendum question? Please table all pieces of material that had a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum.</p>	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001868	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	National Immunisation Program - Meningococcal B	<p>1. Has the Department undertaken any recent work on expanding access to the Meningococcal B vaccine on the National Immunisation Program Schedule to all Australians?</p> <p>2. Who is the Meningococcal B Vaccine available to through the NIP?</p> <p>3. Are there any plans to expand availability to further cohorts?</p> <p>4. Is the Department aware of any other States and Territories who may be considering funding expanded eligibility?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001864	Department of Health	Anne Ruston	Details on the Genomics Branch –	<p>1. In January 2023, the government released an updated organisation chart for the Department with the inclusion of a new Genomics and Health Technology Assessment</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		Department of Health	<p>Policy Branch. Can the government please provide further information as the reasons for this branch's establishment?</p> <p>a. Did the government receive any advice in relation to the need to establish this branch?</p> <p>b. What is the remit of the branch and how many FTE staff have been dedicated to the branch?</p> <p>c. What role, if any, is this new branch playing in the current Health Technology Assessment Policy and Methods Review? Does the branch intend to prepare a submission to the Review?</p>		
SQ23-001665	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Fiasp	<p>1. Did the Department provide any advice to the Minister on the option of exercising discretion not to apply the full statutory price reduction to Fiasp before the decision was taken to remove it from the PBS?</p> <p>2. If so, what was the advice?</p> <p>3. If not, why was no advice provided on this option?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001465	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Australian Centre for Disease Control – Additional Funding	<p>1. Has the Government responded to the CDC Stakeholder consultation report? I note the report highlights some concerns that the process was truncated, and more time would have allowed for better analysis of concerns and submissions.</p> <p>2. What is the time frame to have the CDC up and running?</p> <p>3. Has a location been picked?</p> <p>4. The funding is for two years, what financial commitment will the Government have going forward?</p> <p>5. Will the States pick up some of the costs?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001228	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Susan McDonald	Meetings with representatives from alternative protein and animal protein sector	<p>5. Has FSANZ met with any representatives of the alternative protein sector over the last 18 months? If so, who did they meet, what was the purpose of the meetings, and what were the outcomes?</p> <p>6. Has FSANZ met with any representatives of the animal protein sector over the last 18 months? If so, who did they meet, what was the purpose of the meetings, and what were the outcomes?</p>	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001227	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Susan McDonald	Senate Inquiry into meat definitions of meat and other animal products	4. Can FSANZ outline what actions it has undertaken to consider or progress the recommendations handed down by the Senate Inquiry into meat definitions of meat and other animal products, particularly in relation to recommendations 4, 5 and 9?	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001226	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Susan McDonald	Implementation strategy to support meat and plant industries	<p>1. Can FSANZ provide an update on its role and contributions to develop an implementation strategy for the Government's election commitment - 'to support meat and plant industries...by improving existing regulations that deliver accurate and clear food labelling so that consumers have informed choice'?</p> <p>2. Is FSANZ (or any other government agency) planning to undertake public consultation on the implementation strategy?</p> <p>3. What are the timelines associated with the implementation strategy?</p>	Written	16/06/2023

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SQ23-001068	Department of Health and Aged Care	Lidia Thorpe	ACCHO and NACCHO funding	<p>1. Can you tell me what percentage of funding that ACCHOs receive is administered through NACCHO?</p> <p>2. Similarly, what percentage of funding that goes to NACCHO is passed onto ACCHOs?</p>	Written	8/06/2023
SQ23-001601	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - DOHA	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001858	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	MBS – MBS Recommendations for Participating Midwives	<p>1. The MBS Recommendations for Participating Midwives were released in 2018. It had appropriate consultation with consumers, midwives, GPs and OBs. Private midwifery has also been shown to have improved outcomes for reducing preterm births of Aboriginal Babies. Are these recommendations being prioritised given the outcomes, and timeframe since the original recommendations?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001710	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023

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			Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - SIA	Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.		
SQ23-001709	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/agency head with each portfolio minister - SIA	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? 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 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001884	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	APS employment and redundancies - SIA	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023? - How many of these are engaged full time? - How many of these are engaged part time? - How many ongoing positions were advertised by the agency in this period? - How many of these advertised positions were filled? - How many of the new ongoing employees transferred in from another agency? - What is the average duration for the recruitment of an ongoing employee (I.e. how long does it take, on average, from approval to fill a position to the filling of the position)? - How many ongoing roles that were offered to prospective employees turned down by the prospective employee?</p> <p>7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency</p>	Written	22/06/2023

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				<p>between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time? 		
SQ23-001723	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - SIA	<p>28. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001707	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - SIA	<p>2. Since 1 July, 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 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001222	Sport Integrity Australia	James McGrath	Work related social media - SIA	<p>1. Please table all LinkedIn posts made by the Departmental Secretary and the CEO. Please also table any other public social media posts made relevant to their current role.</p>	Written	16/06/2023

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SQ23-001221	Sport Integrity Australia	James McGrath	Voice campaign material - SIA	<p>1. As of 16 June 2023, how many employees have a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum campaign in their email signature? How many of these implied a position in favour of the proposed referendum question? How many of these implied a position against the proposed referendum question? Please table all employee email signatures as of 16 June 2023 that had a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum.</p> <p>2. As of 16 June 2023, how many pieces of material with a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum campaign were displayed in any workspace? How many of these implied a position in favour of the proposed referendum question? How many of these implied a position against the proposed referendum question? Please table all pieces of material that had a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum.</p>	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001448	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	National Partnership Payments for Health Services	<p>1. All but 3 of the National Partnership Payments for health services are set to end by 2026-27. Why are these key partnership payments ending?</p> <p>2. Why is the Federal Government not continuing to fund these important payments?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001717	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - SIA	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001716	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded	<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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			in financial year 2022/23 - SIA	<p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ23-001715	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - SIA	<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 2022/23 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> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 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>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001714	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - SIA	<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 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</p>	Written	19/06/2023
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				the savings target? i. If so, why and was it approved?		
SQ23-001721	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - SIA	24. In relation to department/agency: 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? 25. In relation to the department/agency: 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 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.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001720	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - SIA	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 2022/23 to date and what was it for? c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001719	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			2022/23 to date - SIA			
SQ23-001718	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date - SIA	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p> <p>33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001885	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing employees employment and extensions - SIA	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>2. How many non-ongoing employees were employed in the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many of these are engaged full time? - How many of these are engaged part time? - How many non-ongoing positions were advertised by the agency in this period? - How many of these advertised positions were filled? - How many of the new non-ongoing employees transferred in from another agency? - What is the average duration for the recruitment of a non-ongoing employee (I.e. how long does it take, on average, from approval to fill a position to the filling of the position)? - How many non-ongoing roles that were offered to prospective employees turned down by the prospective employee? 	Written	22/06/2023

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				<p>4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <p>- How many of these were engaged full time?</p> <p>- How many of these were engaged part time?</p>		
SQ23-001728	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - SIA	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001727	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - SIA	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022?</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>	Written	19/06/2023

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				i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.		
SQ23-001722	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - SIA	<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. 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. 	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001894	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Contracted start date and end	22. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates.	Written	22/06/2023

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			dates, including the previous role of each Senior Executive Service Officer - SIA	23. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.		
SQ23-001893	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Purchase of goods/services from Supply Nation Certified Organisation - SIA	<p>20. How many procurement activities, since 18 February 2023, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the total value of all Supply Nation procurements to date for the agency this financial year (2022/23)? - What percentage of the agency's procurements for the 2022/23 financial year to date does the above value represent? - Would the agency please categorise the types of procurements undertaken with Supply Nation businesses for financial year 2022/23? <p>21. Would the agency list all Supply Nation entities it has purchased goods and / or services from this financial year, with a total value for each supplier?</p>	Written	22/06/2023
SQ23-001892	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Consultancy costs, companies, employment and delegation powers - SIA	<p>15. How many consultants (I.e. not APS, or labour-hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What was the nature of work these consultants performed on behalf of the agency? - Were any consultants used to augment work ordinarily conducted by APS employees? <p>16. How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p>	Written	22/06/2023

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				<p>17. From which companies were all consultants engaged by the Department? - What was the value for each consultancy procured by the agency? - Please tabulate this information.</p> <p>18. Were any consultants at the agency given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023? - If yes: a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?</p> <p>19. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 18 February 2023? - If yes: a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?</p>		
SQ23-001891	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Unpaid leave taken by ongoing or non-ongoing employees - SIA	<p>14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023? - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.</p>	Written	22/06/2023
SQ23-001890	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Worker compensation claims - SIA	<p>13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023? - How many of these claims were successful? o How many of the successful claims were due to an injury of a physical nature? o How many of the successful claims were due to an injury of a mental nature (i.e. relating to psychological, or mental health injury)? - How many of these claims were rejected?</p>	Written	22/06/2023

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SQ23-001889	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Any allegations of untoward behaviour - SIA	<p>12. In the period between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023? were there any allegations (either formally or informally reported) of untoward behaviour (E.g. bullying, harassment, discrimination) made against any APS, or labour-hire contractors engaged at the agency?</p> <p>- How many of these claims were investigated (formally or informally) and found to have merit?</p> <p>o How many of the claims were raised with ComCare?</p> <p>o Of those that were deemed to have merit, how many resulted in time away from work for the victim?</p> <p>o What is the total amount of leave taken, in days, from the agency that are attributable to claims of this nature?</p> <p>- How many of these allegations were investigated and found to have no merit?</p>	Written	22/06/2023
SQ23-001888	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing employees and labour-hire contractors who resigned - SIA	<p>Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement.</p> <p>10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <p>11. How many labour-hire contractors resigned from the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p>	Written	22/06/2023
SQ23-001887	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees who resigned, were considered excess or	<p>Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement.</p> <p>8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <p>9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p>	Written	22/06/2023

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			made redundant - SIA			
SQ23-001148	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Gender affirming care and surgery	<p>1. Is any medical procedure that would be used by a person who is transitioning commencing from the point of puberty blockers, covered by medicare? For clarity I am asking about the medical lifecycle of modern trans treatment including doctor's visits, specialists and surgeons, drugs used at any point in the process, medical devices used in surgery or patient care.</p> <p>2. How much did these items cost the taxpayers in the latest period you have, 2022 would be good.</p> <p>3. Is any medical procedure that would be used by a person de-transitioning, putting themselves back the way God made them, covered by medicare?</p>	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001140	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Effects of puberty blockers	<p>There are reports that doctors have been prescribing testosterone to females, including children, are doing so using the PBS criterion "primary testicular disorder" to allow their patients to access the drug at subsidised cost.</p> <p>7. Is the Department aware of any evidence to show the maximum time a child can remain on puberty blockers and retain 100% reversibility of its effects?</p> <p>8. Are there known effects of puberty blockers on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. future fertility and gonadal development? b. someone's final height? c. psychosocial effects of delayed puberty on peer relationships? 	Written	13/06/2023

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SQ23-001133	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Covid-19 National Evidence Taskforce protocol	76. Who wrote the Covid-19 National Evidence Taskforce protocol of 600+ pages for dealing with Covid?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001131	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Use of remdesivir	74. Does remdesivir treat bacterial pneumonia? If not, why are patients being treated with an antiviral that causes renal failure in a phase of illness where the virus is no longer present and bacterial pneumonia has occurred? 77. Who or what agency made the decision to treat unvaccinated patients with remdesivir?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001143	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Aged Care Community Pharmacy Outreach Program	1. How will the aged care community pharmacy outreach model, delivered through episodic care rather than embedded as recommended by Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and consulted on, sufficiently address medicines use issues identified in the Commission's Final Report including, the use of multiple medications to treat a medical condition, chemical restraint, and inappropriate use of high-risk medicines? 2. What governance and evaluation measures will be in place to ensure the aged care community outreach program achieves policy aims, and that it is sustainable and not at-risk of high volume of service activity levels without demonstrating commensurate positive patient outcomes?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001085	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Autoimmune response due to covid vaccination	21. Does the Health Department/TGA acknowledge that the Covid vaccines generate an autoimmune response and as such it is then a risk factor for autoimmune disease?	Written	13/06/2023

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SQ23-001083	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Covid vaccine partial responsibility for excess deaths	18. Does the Health Department acknowledge that the Covid vaccines could be partly responsible for the excess deaths given the strong temporal association?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001072	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Covid-19 vaccine and myocarditis	5. Why does the Covid-19 vaccine cause myocarditis? If the TGA can't understand why the vaccine causes myocarditis, then how does the TGA know the vaccine doesn't cause other side effects not picked up by the sponsors in the trials? 6. Why did the TGA say the Covid-19 vaccines was safe and effective if it didn't understand its side effects? Given the TGA doesn't know why the vaccines cause myocarditis, why are they still approving the vaccine and why are health officials still mandating it?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001064	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Consultation on the 60-day dispensing policy	5. What consultation was undertaken by the Department in the development of the 60-day dispensing policy? 6. Was any consultation considered from community pharmacists or pharmacy representatives from Western Australia?	Written	7/06/2023
SQ23-001063	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	60-day dispensing funding and savings	3. Can the Department provide a detailed breakdown of projections that say this policy will save \$1.6 billion over the next four years? 4. "The Government is also investing \$350 million to community pharmacy outreach into aged care facilities to ensure older Australians are managing their medications". (https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/cheaper-medicines-to-ease-cost-of-living)	Written	7/06/2023

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				<p>Can the Department provide further detail on the \$350 million investment into "community pharmacy outreach into aged care facilities"?</p> <p>a) How will it improve medication management for older Australians?</p> <p>13. "This reform delivers important cost of living relief to Australians, and every dollar saved by the Government will be reinvested straight back into community pharmacies to secure the ongoing strength of the sector and ensure our trusted pharmacists play an even larger role in the healthcare of Australians". (https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/cheaper-medicines-to-ease-cost-of-living)</p> <p>Can the Department outline exactly how savings generated from this policy will be reinvested into community pharmacies?</p> <p>14. Can you provide examples of programs that would be funded by this reinvestment?</p> <p>15. Will there be any accountability mechanisms put in place to ensure "every dollar saved" is directly invested back into pharmacies?</p>		
SQ23-001055	Department of Health and Aged Care	Hollie Hughes	Imports of medicinal cannabis products and local growers	<p>5. It has been recently reported that 80% of the medicinal cannabis products used in Australia are imported from overseas. Does the government have a plan to address that imbalance? What support is the government providing to local growers to help them get more products to market?</p> <p>6. Is the government able to provide some very basic data on how the medicinal cannabis system is working? [they can't]</p> <p>a) How many people have been prescribed medicinal cannabis so far?</p> <p>b) How much revenue does the industry generate on an annual basis?</p> <p>7. On July 1 2023, new rules will come into effect that are intended to ensure that imported medicinal cannabis products are held to the same Good</p>	Written	5/06/2023

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				<p>Manufacturing Practice (GMP) quality standards as locally-made products. Can the government clarify:</p> <p>a) How many of the 400+ products currently available in Australia will be impacted?</p> <p>b) What modelling the government has conducted to ensure there will be enough local production to fill any gaps?</p> <p>c) What impact the government expects this to have on product pricing?</p> <p>8. From July 1 2023, imported products will have to comply with these new quality standards. But importers will not have to demonstrate that their products are compliant before they are imported. With the health and safety of patients in mind, why isn't the government putting any safeguards in place to ensure that imported products are compliant before they are prescribed to patients?</p>		
SQ23-001220	Australian Sports Foundation	James McGrath	Work related social media - ASF	1. Please table all LinkedIn posts made by the Chairman of the Board.	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001219	Australian Sports Foundation	James McGrath	Voice campaign material - ASF	<p>1. As of 16 June 2023, how many employees have a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum campaign in their email signature? How many of these implied a position in favour of the proposed referendum question? How many of these implied a position against the proposed referendum question? Please table all employee email signatures as of 16 June 2023 that had a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum.</p> <p>2. As of 16 June 2023, how many pieces of material with a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum campaign were displayed in any workspace? How many of these implied a position in favour of the proposed referendum question? How many of these implied a position against the</p>	Written	16/06/2023

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				proposed referendum question? Please table all pieces of material that had a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum.		
SQ23-001881	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Consultancy costs, companies, employment and delegation powers - DOHA (includes TGA)	<p>15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour-hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <p>- What was the nature of work these consultants performed on behalf of the agency?</p> <p>- Were any consultants used to augment work ordinarily conducted by APS employees?</p> <p>16. How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <p>17. From which companies were all consultants engaged by the Department?</p> <p>- What was the value for each consultancy procured by the agency?</p> <p>- Please tabulate this information.</p> <p>18. Were any consultants at the agency given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023?</p> <p>- If yes:</p> <p>a. How many and at what level?</p> <p>b. What was the nature of the delegations?</p> <p>19. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 18 February 2023?</p> <p>- If yes:</p> <p>a. How many and at what level?</p> <p>b. What was the nature of the delegations?</p>	Written	22/06/2023
SQ23-001373	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official	<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 2022/23 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			<p>receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - ASC</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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001371	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	<p>2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal</p>	<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. 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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			expenses - ASC	<p>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>		
SQ23-001369	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - ASC	<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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001367	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for	<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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - ASC			
SQ23-001366	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - ASC	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001595	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - DOHA	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 2022/23 to date and what was it for? c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date? f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 to date and what was the cost of their replacement? g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001363	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Meetings between Secretary/agency head with each portfolio minister - ASC</p>	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? 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 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001359	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - ASC</p>	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001358	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - ASC	<p>1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001218	Australian Sports Commission	James McGrath	Work-related Social Media - ASC	<p>1. Please table all LinkedIn posts made by the CEO and the Australian Sports Commission Board. Please also table any other public social media posts made relevant to their current roles.</p>	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001217	Australian Sports Commission	James McGrath	Voice campaign material - ASC	<p>1. As of 16 June 2023, how many employees have a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum campaign in their email signature? How many of these implied a position in favour of the proposed referendum question? How many of these implied a position against the proposed referendum question? Please table all employee email signatures as of 16 June 2023 that had a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum.</p> <p>2. As of 16 June 2023, how many pieces of material with a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum campaign were displayed in any workspace? How many of these implied a position in favour of the proposed</p>	Written	16/06/2023

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				referendum question? How many of these implied a position against the proposed referendum question? Please table all pieces of material that had a reference to the Voice to Parliament Referendum.		
SQ23-001393	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - ASC	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001392	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - ASC	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001391	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - ASC	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled .	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001390	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate - ASC	31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001389	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - ASC	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created. 30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001387	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - ASC	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001385	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - ASC	<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. 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	19/06/2023

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				<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>		
SQ23-001384	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - ASC	<p>24. In relation to department/agency: 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> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency: 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 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001382	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency	<p>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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			credit cards - ASC	<p>financial year 2022/23 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001380	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - ASC			
SQ23-001378	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2022/23 to date - ASC	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs .</p> <p>33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001376	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - ASC	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001316	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - AIHW	<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 2022/23 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>	Written	19/06/2023
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SQ23-001699	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Board Responsibility of Aged Care workforce requirements	1. Following the Royal Commission Recommendations, Board Members are now responsible for the Aged Care homes in their purview. What guarantee or safe harbour do they have if their provider cannot meet the workforce requirements?	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001703	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Direct Employment policy in Aged Care	1. What is the current status of the Government's plans to draft guiding principles for Direct Employment in aged care? 2. Why did the Government adopt a policy of Direct Employment in spite of the recommendation of the Productivity Commission not to do so? 3. Why did the Government ignore the Commission's findings that: "Many older Australians highly value the choice and agency that this model [digital platforms] provides, as well as the bespoke nature of the service offerings from platforms that cater for diverse needs. In many cases this is allowing them to fulfil an aspiration to stay in their own home for as long as possible. Equally, many platform workers highly value the flexibility, autonomy and the potential for higher pay associated with independent contracting - all of which add to their job satisfaction and help keep them in the sector"?	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001592	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's	Written	19/06/2023

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			date - DOHA	<p>travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p>		
SQ23-001660	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Pay rise for Aged Care workers	<p>1. How many aged care homes are currently paying above award?</p> <p>1. Will the 15% increase be to the base rate, or be on top of the negotiated EBA amount for Residential Aged Care workers?</p> <p>1. Can the funding provided as stated in the budget be broken down proportionately by how much will be provided through the AN-AAC tool to pass on the pay rise to Residential Aged Care workers, how much will be provided through the CHSP program and how much will be provided through the HCP?</p> <p>1. How many home care package re-negotiations have been signed to ensure the pay-rise for eligible home care workers could be paid? 2. How many are outstanding?</p> <p>1. If CHSP workers who are eligible for the pay rise are already paid above the award, will they still get the full pay rise on the award? 2. If an individual is currently paid 7% above award, will they be funded the</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				difference to 15% above the award so they can receive the full pay rise?		
SQ23-001650	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Update requested to SQ23-000558 Attachment A	1. Can the Department please provide an update to SQ23-000558 'Attachment A', including a total of how many grants and what value of grants have been repaid since the QoN was tabled?	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001244	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Janet Rice	Independent Health & Aged Care Pricing Authority expenditure	The following questions refer to the Health Portfolio Budget Statements, https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-05/health-portfolio-budget-statements-budget-2023-24.pdf , Independent Health & Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) Table 3.1 Comprehensive Income Statements: 1. How much of the Agency's \$40 million plus supplier expenses per year over the next four years is for the engagement of consultants for Hospital and Aged Care pricing? 2. Why aren't employee benefits growing significantly over the forward estimates combined with a significant decrease in supplier expenses?	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001704	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Capability Review of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	1. When will the Government intend Mr David Tunes AO preliminary report of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Independent Capability Review? 2. How many submissions did the Tune review receive? 3. Will you publish the submissions as well?	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001662	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Staff Attraction Agreement	<p>1. Did the Department of Health have any input in drafting the MOU agreements?</p> <p>2. How were the three union's chosen to participate in this MOU?</p> <p>3. Do the MOU's with the unions being signed to date require foreign employees to be members of unions?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001666	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Covid-19 Grant Program – Claims	<p>1. How many residential aged care homes are currently owed money from the Department under the COVID-19 Aged Care Support Program Extension Grants?</p> <p>1. How many claims have been received in all of the grant rounds since the scheme was established?</p> <p>2. How many claims have been rejected in all of the grant rounds since the scheme was established?</p> <p>1. Where in the May 2023 Federal Budget was there more money allocated, or more resources allocated to help the Department process the claims?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001236	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Specialist Dementia Care Program Units (SDCPUs)	<p>1. When does the government expect all 35 SDCPUs to be operational?</p> <p>2. Why has there been a delay in getting units operational?</p>	Written	16/06/2023

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SQ23-001235	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Home care inclusion and exclusion framework	<p>The following questions are about the updates to the Home Care Packages (HCP) Program Manual on the 13th of January 2023:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the Department consult with aged care recipients about the revised HCP Program Manual? 2. Did the Department communicate updates to the HCP Program Manual ahead of the 13th of January 2023? 3. Is the Department undertaking any monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the HCP Inclusion and Exclusion Framework? 4. Is the Department working with HCP providers to address issues arising for clients due to updates to the HCP Program Manual? 	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001702	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	New Aged Care Act	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a timeline for when the draft Act is expected to be released. 2. When will the new Act be introduced to Parliament? 3. What will the key functional differences be between the existing Act and the new Act? 	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001701	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	AN-ACC Funding Model Change to include care minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did the AN-ACC care minutes change to be re-allocated amongst 13 categories? 2. Why did the Department consider this to be a necessary action? 3. How was this change communicated with providers? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Can any communications from the Department to Providers, including the date of communication be provided? 4. Who was consulted on this change? When? 	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001664	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Pay Rise for Aged Care workers - On-Costs	<p>1. How much of the funding profiled in Budget Paper 2, Page 131 is dedicated to on-costs?</p> <p>2. Can the on-cost funding profiles be provided over the forwards?</p> <p>3. How did you tally up the existing leave liabilities?</p> <p>4. Will you guarantee every on-cost owed for every eligible worker will be paid?</p> <p>1. Are on-costs subject to indexation?</p> <p>2. If not, why not?</p> <p>1. What mechanism will be used to pay on-costs for:</p> <p>a) Residential Aged Care providers?</p> <p>b) Home Care packages?</p> <p>c) Commonwealth Home Support Program?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001239	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	New Aged Care Act	<p>1. What consultation has Department undertaken with civil society and human rights groups on the development of the new aged care reforms?</p> <p>2. When will an exposure draft for the new reforms be public?</p>	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001582	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - DOHA	<p>2. Since 1 July, 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 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001583	Department of Health	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio	<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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		Ministers' offices - DOHA	<p>have been allocated to the Minister. Please denote any change in this allocation since February 2023.</p> <p>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 February 2023.</p>		
SQ23-001873	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	APS employment and redundancies - DOHA (includes TGA)	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023? - How many of these are engaged full time? - How many of these are engaged part time? - How many ongoing positions were advertised by the agency in this period? - How many of these advertised positions were filled? - How many of the new ongoing employees transferred in from another agency? - What is the average duration for the recruitment of an ongoing employee (I.e. how long does it take, on average, from approval to fill a position to the filling of the position)? - How many ongoing roles that were offered to prospective employees turned down by the prospective employee?</p> <p>7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 18 February 2023, and 2 June 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?</p>	Written	22/06/2023

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SQ23-001778	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - AICIS	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001777	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - AICIS	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001776	Department of Health	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide:	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - AICIS	a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled .		
SQ23-001775	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate - AICIS	31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001774	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - AICIS	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created. 30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001773	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - AICIS	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001772	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - AICIS	<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. 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); 	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>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>		
SQ23-001771	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - AICIS	<p>24. In relation to department/agency: 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> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency: 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 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001770	Department of Health	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency	<p>23. In relation to departmental use of credit cards: a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		credit cards - AICIS	<p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2022/23 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001769	Department of Health	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		I merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - AICIS	Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.		
SQ23-001768	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date - AICIS	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs .</p> <p>33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001767	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - AICIS	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?		
SQ23-001766	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - AICIS	<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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001765	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - AICIS	<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 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date, please provide the following:</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<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. 		
SQ23-001764	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - AICIS	<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 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 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns 	Written	19/06/2023

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				<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>		
SQ23-001763	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - AICIS	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001762	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - AICIS	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001761	Department of Health	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		and overseas - AICIS	Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.		
SQ23-001760	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - AICIS	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001758	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/a agency head with each portfolio minister - AICIS	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001757	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - AICIS	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 February 2023. 4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>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 February 2023.</p>		
SQ23-001756	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - AICIS	<p>2. Since 1 July, 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 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001755	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - AICIS	<p>1. Since 1 July 2022, 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>a) the previous turnaround requirement; and</p> <p>b) 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 by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001627	National Mental	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work	<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>	Written	19/06/2023

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	Health Commission		Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - NMHC	<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>		
SQ23-001620	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - NMHC	<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> <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>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<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>		
SQ23-001863	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Genomics Australia - Progress and funding update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It has not been publicly conveyed how Genomics Australia will be progressed under the Albanese Labor Government. Can you provide a progress update in relation to the establishment of Genomics Australia? 2. Is the current government fully committed to the establishment of Genomics Australia? 3. Has the \$28.1 million originally committed to the establishment of Genomics Australia been expended? If not, why not? When will these funds be expended? 4. Does the government remain committed to the originally stated establishment date of 1 January 2024 as under the Coalition? 5. What analysis has the government undertaken of other countries and 	Written	19/06/2023

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				their own implementation of genomics to inform the government's approach?		
SQ23-001782	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/a agency head with each portfolio minister - OGTR	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? 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 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001801	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - OGTR	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue. 	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001800	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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 	Written	19/06/2023

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			2022 - OGTR	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.		
SQ23-001799	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - OGTR	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001798	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate - OGTR	31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001797	Department of Health	Jane Hume	New entities created,	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - OGTR	30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ23-001796	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - OGTR	28. 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; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001795	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - OGTR	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;	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>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. 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>		
SQ23-001824	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - NST	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001794	Department of Health	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work	<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>	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - OGTR	<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>		
SQ23-001823	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - NST	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023

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				i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.		
SQ23-001793	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - OGTR	<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 2022/23 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>	Written	19/06/2023

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				k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023		
SQ23-001822	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - NST	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001792	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - OGTR	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001821	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information	31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023

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			by electorate - NST			
SQ23-001791	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2022/23 to date - OGTR	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p> <p>33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001820	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - NST	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001790	Department of Health	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		date - OGTR	accommodation. 19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?		
SQ23-001819	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - NST	28. 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; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001789	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - OGTR	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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001818	Department of Health	Jane Hume	Current reviews and	26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide:	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - NST	<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. 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>		
SQ23-001788	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to	<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 2022/23 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>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;</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			date - OGTR	and g. Details of any entertainment provided. 14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 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.		
SQ23-001817	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - NST	24. In relation to department/agency: 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? 25. In relation to the department/agency: 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 confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the	Written	19/06/2023

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				complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ23-001816	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - NST	<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 2022/23 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>	Written	19/06/2023

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				k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023		
SQ23-001815	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - NST	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001814	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date - NST	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date? 21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs. 33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001813	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.	Written	19/06/2023

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			2022/23 to date - NST	19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?		
SQ23-001812	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - NST	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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001811	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - NST	13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 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. 14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, please provide the following: a. List of functions; b. List of attendees;	Written	19/06/2023

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				<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>		
SQ23-001810	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - NST	<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 total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <p>i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<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>		
SQ23-001809	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - NST	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001808	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - NST	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001807	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			overseas - NST			
SQ23-001806	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - NST	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001805	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/a agency head with each portfolio minister - NST	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001804	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - NST	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 February 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	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>have been allocated to the Minister. Please denote any change in this allocation since February 2023.</p>		
SQ23-001803	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - NST	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001802	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - NST	<p>1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001787	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and	<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. 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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			<p>savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - OGTR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-001786	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			taskforces - OGTR			
SQ23-001785	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - OGTR	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001784	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - OGTR	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001783	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - OGTR	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001781	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - OGTR	<p>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 February 2023.</p> <p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001780	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - OGTR	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001779	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - OGTR	<p>1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.		
SQ23-001899	Department of Health and Aged Care	Mehreen Faruqi	Additional placements	2. How will the additional psychology placements, including 500 psychology post-graduate placements, 500 one-year internships, and 2,000 supervisor training sessions be allocated?	Written	26/06/2023
SQ23-001640	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - OTA	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001137	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Risks of hormone treatment of minors	At least one private indemnity insurer has recognised that hormone treatment of minors in the private setting represents an incalculable and unacceptable risk and will not offer indemnity for this use of medicine. 2. What is the government / TGA committed to do to limit the legal exposure of taxpayers by doctors prescribing off label medicines in a non-evidenced based manner?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001850	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Mid-term review of the National Health	On 24 February 2023, the Minister for Health and Aged Care announced that the National Health Reform Agreement will be independently reviewed in the lead up to negotiations beginning on the next agreement. An interim report is due in August 2023 and a final report is due in December 2023. 1. Why did the Minister for Health and Aged Care commission the Review? 2. What are the Review's terms of reference? 3. What is the status of the Review?	Written	19/06/2023

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			Reform Agreement	<p>4. The announcement made no mention of opportunities to engage in the Review. Who will the Independent Reviewers engage with as part of the Review? Further, are they engaging with consumer advocates as part of the process?</p> <p>5. The current NHRA included, for the first time, the funding of high cost highly specialised therapies. Will this Review include the suitability of the NHRA as the funding mechanism for these therapies? What external stakeholders will it engage to inform its findings?</p> <p>6. Will the interim report and final report both be made public, and when?</p>		
SQ23-001632	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - NMHC	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification;</p> <p>b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001624	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date - NMHC	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p> <p>33. 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	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001625	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - NMHC	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001869	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Continuous Glucose Monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department provide an update on the review of Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) funding under the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS)? 2. Is the Department aware of a number of public requests for the expansion of the CGM scheme to include people with Diabetes Type 2, who are insulin users? 3. Has there been any application for expanding access to CGM for those with type 2 diabetes via an application to MSAC? 4. If so, what was the outcome of the application? Is it proceeding? 5. If not, on what basis isn't the MSAC application proceeding? Was this decision based upon clinical advice or non-clinical advice? 6. Have there been any MSAC applications that have been lodged and subsequently not proceeded with due to advice from the Minister? If so, how many and when? 7. Has the decision not to proceed with the MSAC application been 	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>communicated to patients?</p> <p>8. Can the Department confirm that any savings to the NDSS (including reduction in blood glucose test strips usage) are re-invested back into the NDSS including the CGM scheme, or do any savings go back to Consolidated Revenue as a savings measure?</p> <p>9. Is the Government seeking to limit consumer and provider choice by running such a strict tender?</p>		
SQ23-001658	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - OTA	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification;</p> <p>b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001635	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - OTA	<p>1. Since 1 July 2022, 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>a) the previous turnaround requirement; and</p> <p>b) the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.		
SQ23-001638	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/a agency head with each portfolio minister - OTA	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001639	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - OTA	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001643	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel 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. 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	Written	19/06/2023

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			<p>legal expenses - OTA</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> <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>		
SQ23-001644	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year</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 2022/23 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; 	Written	19/06/2023

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			2022/23 to date - OTA	<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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001645	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - OTA	<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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001646	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - OTA	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?		
SQ23-001648	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date - OTA	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date? 21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs. 33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001649	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - OTA	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001651	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency	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 2022/23 to date and what was it for?	Written	19/06/2023

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			credit cards - OTA	<p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001652	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims	<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>	Written	19/06/2023

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			in current financial year to date - OTA	<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>		
SQ23-001661	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - OTA	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001659	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - OTA	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022?</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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				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.		
SQ23-001656	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate - OTA	31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001655	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - OTA	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created. 30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001654	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - OTA	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001653	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - OTA	<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. 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; 	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>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>		
SQ23-001642	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - OTA	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001637	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - OTA	<p>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 February 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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001641	Australian Organ and	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonw	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	Tissue Authority		Health inter-departmental committees - OTA			
SQ23-001636	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - OTA	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001602	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - DOHA	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide:</p> <p>a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled .</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001437	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by	<p>31. Since 1 July 2022, 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. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			electorate - ASF			
SQ23-001435	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - ASF	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001415	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - ASF	<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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001404	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmen	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001069	Department of Health and Aged Care	Lidia Thorpe	\$7.6 million funding for First Nations Aged Care	<p>1. I welcome the funding for First Nations Aged Care. Of the \$7.6 million for ACCHO's, will this involve building the capacity of ACCHO's to conduct Aged Care assessments?</p> <p>a. What else will this money be used for?</p> <p>b. How much do you estimate it would cost for a majority of ACCHO's to be able to conduct Aged Care assessments?</p>	Written	8/06/2023
SQ23-001705	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	New Aged Care Taskforce	<p>On Wednesday June 7, Minister Wells announced the establishment of a new Aged Care Taskforce.</p> <p>1. How were taskforce members selected? What was the criteria for the selection process?</p> <p>2. Are taskforce members remunerated? If so, how much are they paid?</p> <p>3. Did the Department advise that Minister Anika Wells should chair the taskforce? If so, what was the reasoning behind this decision?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001600	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Mental Health – General Questions	<p>1. What measures have the Federal Government put in place for support outside of the clinical response? Where is funding for support outside of the clinical response?</p> <p>2. Is the Government funding any measures to provide survivors, such as cancer survivors, support with their mental health as they enter the recovery phase of their health journey? (Noting that the journey often impacts the patient long after the cancer has been defeated.)</p> <p>3. Was there funding for Headspace in the 2023-24 Budget? How much and over what period?</p> <p>4. Does the Government have plans to expand Headspace locations?</p> <p>5. Which measures contained within the 2023-24 Budget will improve</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>Australians' access to Medicare-funded mental health support? Are there any measures that specifically increase Australians access and affordability to Medicare-funded mental health support?</p> <p>6. How is the Government increasing Australians' affordable access to psychology sessions?</p> <p>7. Can the Department confirm whether mental health is currently a priority of the Federal Government?</p> <p>8. The 2023-24 Budget included \$91.3 million over 5 years from 2022–23 for additional psychology placements (Page 139, BP2). How many of these placements will be allocated for clinical psychologists?</p> <p>9. The 2023-24 Budget papers note that: The Government has provisioned funding for future mental health priorities in response to the Better Access evaluation. (Page 140, BP2) Why isn't the amount that has been provisioned available in the Budget papers? When will the amount provisioned be made publicly available? Over how many years has the funding been provisioned?</p>		
SQ23-001672	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	60 Day Dispensing	<p>1. Can the Department confirm whether any additional and ongoing modelling is being undertaken further to the impact analysis on the impact of this policy? Can you provide the details of this modelling and how many community pharmacies are involved in ongoing consultation?</p> <p>2. Can the Department guarantee that the entire community pharmacy sector will have the opportunity be involved in any ongoing consultation that may be undertaken on the impact of this policy?</p> <p>3. Can you confirm if any external consultants have been engaged on this policy?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001441	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			t/agency received since 1 July 2022 - ASF	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.		
SQ23-001438	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - ASF	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001399	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - ASF	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001396	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - ASF	<p>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 February 2023.</p> <p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001395	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - ASF	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001843	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001847	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - OIICAG	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001443	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - ASF	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001088	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	FOI 2366 - PCR guarantee	25. I note as per FOI 2366 (email from me 12th April), that the TGA cannot provide scientific evidence that the virus has been isolated. If this is the case, can the TGA guarantee that the PCR tests are accurate? If not, why not?	Written	13/06/2023

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SQ23-001084	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	FOI 2389-6 - Follow up questions	<p>19. Why did the TGA redact information about optimisation and transfection in the original Freedom of Information request 2389-6 in regard to the Pfizer nonclinical report? Wasn't this information critical to understanding the safety of the vaccine given it was a novel therapy?</p> <p>22. As per FOI 2389-6, Pfizer Nonclinical report, it is stated that CD8 cells are stimulated by the vaccine. Does the TGA/Health Department accept that CD8 cells are killer cells and are cytotoxic which can destroy an otherwise healthy cell, and, not as Professor Murphy claims, just the part of the spike protein presented on the cell membrane?</p> <p>54. As per page 44 of 2389-6, Pfizer Nonclinical report - No luciferase specific IgG was detected in any groups. If not luciferase, what was the IgG response to the lipids?</p> <p>55. Fig 2.24 on Page 38 of the Pfizer nonclinical report 2389-6, show that Interleukin 10 is still going up. Given it's a suppressor/down regulator, if its increasing then isn't the vaccine downregulating the immune system rather than increasing it?</p>	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001082	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Background rates for increase in deaths in 2021	<p>17. In regards to excess deaths, Professors Skerritt always said we should look at the background rates so why aren't we and given the alarming increase in deaths in 2021 (pre community covid) and 2022, what is the Health Department doing about it?</p>	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001081	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	The use of azithromycin to treat COVID	<p>15. As per typical clinical guidelines found at the following link, azithromycin is recommended for the treatment of pneumonia requiring hospitalisation: https://www.uptodate.com/contents/treatment-of-community-acquired-pneumonia-in-adults-who-require-hospitalization. However, according to the National Clinical Evidence Taskforce, azithromycin is not recommended for</p>	Written	13/06/2023

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				those with covid: https://app.magicapp.org/#/guideline/L4Q5An/rec/jboeKl . Since Covid can also result in pneumonia as a secondary bacterial infection, why is it not recommended for covid patients?"		
SQ23-001080	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Average time of death between someone catching Covid and dying from it was 18.1 days	14. https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34154563/ - Does the Health Department concur with the attached study that the average time of death between someone catching Covid and dying from it was 18.1 days? If so, does this tend to confirm that many deaths attributed to Covid were actually from bacterial pneumonia?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001079	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Death rate between Omicron and Alpha	13. Why is the Health Department (Prof Kelly) still claiming in estimates that Omicron has a higher death rate than Alpha instead of admitting that the data collected from the states is of poor quality and cannot be used to determine efficacy?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001078	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Product assessment report for the Pfizer Covid vaccine	12. I note the product assessment report for the Pfizer Covid vaccine said it was approved to prevent Covid, not reduce illness or death. Why did the TGA and health authorities move the goal posts as to the initial stated efficacy of the vaccine? It is stated that the rollout was dependent on the longer-term efficacy and safety of the vaccine. Given that the vaccine never stopped Covid why hasn't the TGA stopped its rollout?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001076	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Testing and quality control manufactur	10. 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. What testing and quality control was done on changed manufacturing techniques	Written	13/06/2023

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			ing techniques	to ensure output remained the same as the early development - can trial data be provided?		
SQ23-001073	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	FOI 4251 - Warning label on vaccine for Antiphospholipid syndrome	7. I note as per FOI 4251, another recognised death by the TGA had antiphospholipid syndrome. Has the TGA put a warning label on the Covid-19 vaccines regarding antiphospholipid syndromes? If not, why not?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001071	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	PCR tests for COVID-19	<p>1. The TGA has previously said that the PCR test cannot distinguish between live and dead virus – how many positive PCR tests were false positives? What was the margin of error on the PCR testing?</p> <p>2. Can the TGA provide the genomic sequence used in the PCR test to determine whether or not someone has Covid?</p> <p>3. Do PCR tests test for antibodies or genomic sequence. If antibodies, then how do you know what the antibodies are for and, given the vaccine produces antibodies, how do you know they aren't positive from that?</p> <p>4. Can you provide the Product Assessment report for the PCR test?</p> <p>20. In validating the PCR tests, the Doherty Institute targeted the RdRP and ORF1ab gene - are these genes contained in other forms of coronaviruses? Also, isn't a cycle threshold of 40 too high to test against - would not 32 been more appropriate?</p>	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001107	Department of Health	Gerard Rennick	Vaccine lipids	44. Does the TGA acknowledge that the vaccine lipids can enter more cells than the virus itself given the virus requires the ACE receptor and Transmembrane Serine Protease to cross the membrane, whereas the	Written	13/06/2023

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	and Aged Care			vaccine lipids don't? 46. Page 17 of the Pfizer Nonclinical report says the lipids are novel excipients - why then did Professor Skerritt say they were normal lipids found in the sausages you eat for breakfast? This was a deliberate deflection from the fact that two of the four lipids were completely new technology.		
SQ23-001106	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Novel excipients ALC-0159 and ALC-0315	43. Page 17/18 of the Pfizer Nonclinical report says that novel excipients ALC-0159 and ALC-0315 have been engineered to optimise intracellular deliver and transfection potency. Why were people not made aware of this fact given it increases the infectivity of the vaccine?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001102	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Vaccination percentage of people with long covid	39. What percentage of people with long Covid were vaccinated? Has a pathologist performed histology studies which include staining for spike and nucleocapsid proteins to determine the presence of the vaccine spike protein? If not, why not?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001100	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	WHO code for death	37. What is the WHO code for a death from a vaccine?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001098	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	APL syndrome and low APL antibodies	35. Feedback from a medical professional: "I was stunned to see Skerritt suggest that APL syndrome is as high as 1:100. Completely erroneous. What he presumably misinterpreted is that up to 1:100 people have low levels of APL antibodies – but that does not make them APL syndrome – in most people these are benign and don't have any clinical significance." Why did Professor Skerritt confuse APL syndrome with low APL antibodies?	Written	13/06/2023

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SQ23-001096	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Evidence on the deaths of two children	33. If the TGA didn't have sufficient evidence on the deaths of the two children, why didn't they ask for more information? Insufficient information doesn't rule out causality, it's an example of the TGA not investigating vaccine injuries properly.	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001095	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Histology studies on deaths associated with covid	32. Have deaths associated with Covid had a pathologist perform histology studies which include staining for spike and nucleocapsid proteins to determine the presence of the vaccine spike protein? If not, why not?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001094	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Testing on protein structure or sequencing	31. If the mRNA is not intact, then what is the protein being expressed? Has there ever been testing on protein structure or sequencing? If not, why not?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001093	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Batches accepted with 62% purity	30. I note the TGA accepted batches with as low as 62% purity. Why is the TGA okay with 38% of mRNA coding for random proteins - they have unknown impacts. Our cells have checks and balances to make sure that messages from DNA to mRNA have high fidelity so why doesn't the Covid vaccine?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001092	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Risk of immunological events	29. Page 35 of https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/assessment-report/comirnaty-epar-public-assessment-report_en.pdf says, "Data demonstrate the presence of significant amounts of truncated/modified forms of mRNA at somewhat higher levels in the batches manufactured with the commercial process as compared to material used in clinical trials. These forms are poorly characterised, and the limited data provided for protein expression do not fully address the uncertainties relating to the risk of translating proteins/peptides other than the intended spike protein.... However, when present in the cell there is a possibility that aberrant	Written	13/06/2023

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				proteins will be expressed with possibilities for unwanted immunological events." While the risk of immunological events is low, it is still a possibility. Why has the TGA ignored this risk when marketing the vaccine as safe and effective?		
SQ23-001090	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Misfolded or truncated proteins in the mRNA vaccine	27. Agilent results on vaccine mRNA show that not all mRNA strands are the same - given this fact, how can the TGA say with certainty that misfolded proteins aren't created by the mRNA? Does the TGA agree that misfolded or truncated proteins could be potentially toxic or damaging to the human body? If so, how can the TGA stand by its claim that the vaccines are safe and effective without qualifying the risk?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001089	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Laboratories used to perform immunofluorescence to identify the spike protein in tissue samples	26. Which laboratories are the TGA using to perform immunofluorescence to identify the spike protein in tissue samples - if the TGA doesn't know, why not? How can the TGA claim they are taking the risks of the vaccine seriously if they are not studying the tissue samples of vaccine injured victims?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001123	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Histopathology/microscopic evaluation of gonads (ovaries/testes) of vaccinated animals -	64. Can the Histopathology/microscopic evaluation of gonads (ovaries/testes) of vaccinated animals in relation to Pfizer and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines please be provided? If not, why not? Was appropriate testing of the reproductive organs carried out? If so, can any related testing please be provided?	Written	13/06/2023

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			Pfizer and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines			
SQ23-001121	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Intramuscular use for covid-19 vaccine	62. The Covid-19 vaccine vials say, "Intramuscular use" - what happens if the drug is delivered intravenously? Were tests done to see what would happen? With over 60 million doses this will surely happen, will it not?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001118	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Waste products excreted from the body	58. How are the waste products of the vaccine, the lipids, spike protein and mRNA, if not taken up by cells, excreted from the body?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001116	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Weight loss and gain in control and inoculated group	56. Page 52 of the Pfizer non-clinical report says - why is the body weight gain so much higher in the control group than the inoculated group and why do females lose weight?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001115	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Batches not tested	53. What does the TGA mean when they say a batch hasn't been tested? FG3712 for example wasn't tested.	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001114	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Toxicity studies for N,N-ditetradecylamine, 2-	52. Are N,N-ditetradecylamine, 2-hexyldecanoic acid and hydroxyalkyl-azanediy l moieties by-products toxic to the body - how does the TGA know if it never did toxicity studies?	Written	13/06/2023

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			hexyldecan oic acid and hydroxyalky l-azanediy l moieties			
SQ23-001112	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Trans anchor genes in vaccine mRNA genome	50. The Endoplasmic Reticulum contains ribosomes that produce proteins for export from the cell – as stated in the TGA Pfizer nonclinical report the s-antigen protein is produced for insertion into the cell or export - how does the trans anchor genes work to ensure the protein isn't exported from the cell and what position are they on the vaccine mRNA genome?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001110	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Presence of ACE2 in numerous organs	48. Finally, despite the presence of ACE2 in numerous organs, tissues and cells have not been completely clarified and in many of them not yet investigated. ACE2 seems to be absent in the spleen, thymus, lymph nodes, bone marrow, and in several cells of the immune system. Given ACE2 receptors don't appear on organs in the immune system, does the TGA agree that the vaccine poses a greater threat to the immune system than the virus? Frontiers Body Localization of ACE-2: On the Trail of the Keyhole of SARS-CoV-2 (frontiersin.org) –	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001108	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Page 18 Pfizer nonclinical report	45. Page 18 of the Pfizer Nonclinical report says particle size was in the range of 40-180nm and 58-90nm. This is a massive variance is it not? Surely the tolerances should have been lower given the potential impact of mRNA on the body?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001132	Department of Health	Gerard Rennick	Azithromycin and community	75. Covid19evidence.net.au specifies not to use azithromycin which is an antibiotic used for community acquired pneumonia, which is what killed	Written	13/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		acquired pneumonia	most covid patients. Who made the decision to prohibit antibiotic use in the Covid protocols?		
SQ23-001130	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Long covid and port-viral syndrome	73. https://www.couriermail.com.au/coronavirus/queensland-study-reveals-severe-symptoms-for-longcovid-no-different-to-the-flu/news-story/757b2ef722eef68862e1e9f958377c6b . Does the Health Department agree with the Queensland CHO that the rate of long covid from covid is about the same as post-viral syndrome from the flu?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001129	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Copy of Pfizer's Paxlovid Nonclinical Evaluation Report	72. Can the TGA release a copy of Pfizer's Paxlovid Nonclinical Evaluation Report, preferably unredacted, and subsequent human clinical trial data?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001125	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Coroners Act 2003 and reportable deaths from vaccines	67. Under the Coroners Act 2003, a reportable death is if it is related to a health care procedure. How much time after the taking of a provisional vaccine is the death no longer considered to be possibly caused by the vaccine? 68. The Coroners Act 2003 says you can release data if it is in the public interest and the family agree. Don't you think the coroners reports of people reported as dying from the vaccine should be released as it's in the public interest?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001124	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	mRNA contaminants and batch testing	65. How does the TGA know every Covid vaccine contains the exact same mRNA free of contaminants? What is the margin of error used for each batch of Covid mRNA vaccines?	Written	13/06/2023

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				66. Was there lots of testing of purity of mRNA in the lots? Can the records of the batch testing please be provided?		
SQ23-001135	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	AI used for post-market safety surveillance activities	82. Does the TGA utilise AI in any of its post-market safety surveillance activities?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001136	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Use of the puberty blocker / cross sex hormone continuum in minors	Regarding the use of the puberty blocker / cross sex hormone continuum in minors, there is clear evidence of harm, growing rates of regret and international recognition that this is little to no evidence of benefit in systematic meta analyses. 1. In light of this, what is the government / TGA committed to doing to prevent young people being harmed by medicines which are off label and lack evidence?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001138	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Concerns regarding the regulation of puberty blocker / cross sex hormone	At least one private indemnity insurer has recognised that hormone treatment of minors in the private setting represents an incalculable and unacceptable risk and will not offer indemnity for this use of medicine. 3. Is the TGA aware of local and international concerns about the puberty blocker / cross sex hormone regime and the paucity of supporting evidence leading to a deliberate restriction on their use in numerous western nations? 4. If the TGA does not assume responsibility to regulate the use of these medications, who should the responsibility fall to?	Written	13/06/2023

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SQ23-001215	Department of Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	Website usage request	<p>Since the swearing in of the new ministry on 1 June 2022, please provide a breakdown of the domain usage for the 50 most utilised (by data sent and received), unique (internet) domains accessed by the minister's office. Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The domain name of the website being accessed (or IP address if the Domain is unavailable in the tracking system). 2. Amount of data downloaded and uploaded to the site. 3. Number of times the site was accessed. 	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001466	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/agency head with each portfolio minister - IHACPA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001752	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Regional Cancer Treatment Centre for Mount Gambier	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current average radiotherapy utilisation rate for cancer patients in Australia? 2. How do Australia's radiation treatment figures compare to global benchmarks? 3. What is the Government doing to increase radiation treatment numbers nationally? 4. Can the Department please provide an update on the Regional Cancer Treatment Centre for Radiation Therapy in Mount Gambier/Limestone Coast? 5. What date did the Department sign off on South Australia's proposal for the 'Integrated Cancer Consult Suite' in Mount Gambier? 	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>6. Does the Department think that the "Replacement and expansion of Mount Gambier Hospital's existing nurse call system to accommodate the new consult areas and address legacy issues pertaining to the ageing infrastructure" is a good use of Federal Government Funding originally allocated to radiation cancer treatment?</p> <p>7. How will the use of Federal Government funding to upgrade carparks, footpaths and roads around the Mount Gambier Hospital deliver better cancer treatment to patients?</p> <p>8. Where is the Federation Funding Agreement for this \$4.3million proposal up to? Has it been finalised?</p> <p>9. Does the Department accept that the answer to SQ22-000476 was incorrect given no radiation therapy facility to deliver services is being delivered to Mount Gambier?</p>		
SQ23-001113	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Sensitivity of the imaging detection system	51. Page 10 of the Pfizer Nonclinical report says - Sensitivity of the imaging detection system was low - how reliable was this research if the sensitivity was low - how does the TGA know it detected all of the lipid nanoparticles?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001870	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Prostheses List - Blocked listings, funding model changes, feedback and consultations	<p>1. Since the signing of the MOU in March 2022, has the Department blocked any listings of new general use items on the basis that these items would be removed from the PL on 1 July 2023?</p> <p>2. Does the Department believe blocking products changes value proposition of private health insurance?</p> <p>3. Has the Department adequately and thoroughly considered the feedback from stakeholders regarding the complexities and challenges of postponing the</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>implementation of the regrouping of medical devices?</p> <p>4. As a result of the Medical Services Advisory Committee's (MSAC) assessment on cardiac services, has the Department provided advice to the Minister regarding potential funding model changes?</p> <p>5. Will the Government commit to timely consultation with the sector – industry, clinicians, patients – on these changes?</p>		
SQ23-001386	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - ARPANSA	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001362	Australian Radiation Protection	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Nuclear Safety Agency		2022/23 to date - ARPANSA	travel for financial year 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?		
SQ23-001388	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - ARPANSA	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001383	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - ARPANSA	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001381	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or	31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	Written	19/06/2023

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			information by electorate - ARPANSA	if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.		
SQ23-001379	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - ARPANSA	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created. 30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001374	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - ARPANSA	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:	Written	19/06/2023

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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. 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. 		
SQ23-001370	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards -ARPANSA	<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 2022/23 to date and what was it for? c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date? f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 to date and what was the cost of their replacement? g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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? 	Written	19/06/2023

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				<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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001368	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - ARPANSA	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001365	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p> <p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			in financial year 2022/23 to date - ARPANSA	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.		
SQ23-001360	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - ARPANSA	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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001357	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - ARPANSA	13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 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. 14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 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. 		
SQ23-001356	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	<p>2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - ARPANSA</p>	<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 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 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire 	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>ii. Consultancy 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?</p>		
SQ23-001349	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - ARPANSA	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001347	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - ARPANSA	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001344	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/agency head with each portfolio minister - ARPANSA	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? 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 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001101	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Follow up of reported death in the Australian	<p>38. Why did the TGA never follow up on the reported death of a 24 year old girl with the parents as per the Australian - "In a statement to The Weekend Australian, the TGA said it was aware of the case and was awaiting an investigation by the NSW coroner as to Amy's cause of death." - https://www.theaustralian.com.au/nation/amy-sedgwick-followed-the-rules-on-covid-jabs-was-that-a-fatal-mistake/news-story/c6e8e0e2167296652cf2feca76f42af8</p>	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001271	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Nicotine vaping products - concentration limits and plain flavouring determinations	<p>5. Has the Minister, the Department or the TGA determined what the nicotine concentration limit will be? a. If a decision has been made: i. How was the concentration limit determined? ii. Since the Minister's announcement on 2 May, have any manufacturers or suppliers of nicotine vaping products been engaged on nicotine concentration limits? iii. Will prescribed vapers be consulted, to ensure they can continue to access products of a sufficient concentration, to prevent relapse to smoking or the seeking out of illicit products?</p> <p>6. Has the Minister, the Department or the TGA determined what will constitute "plain flavouring"? a. If a decision has been made:</p>	Written	16/06/2023

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				<p>i. How will the Government define what is a plain flavouring?</p> <p>ii. Since the Minister's announcement on 2 May, have any manufacturers or suppliers of nicotine vaping products been engaged on flavourings?</p> <p>iii. Will prescribed vapers be consulted, to ensure they can continue to access products that deter them from a relapse to smoking, or seeking out illicit vaping products?</p>		
SQ23-001607	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Mental Health Roundtable /Forum	<p>1. On 30 January 2023, the Minister convened a Mental Health and Equity and Access Forum in Canberra. When will the Department publish the outcomes from that Forum?</p> <p>2. What is the timeline for the implementation of outcomes from the Forum?</p> <p>3. When is the Minister planning to engage with stakeholders who attended the Forum on progress since the Forum?</p> <p>4. Can the Department provide an outline the outcomes of the Forum now?</p> <p>5. Who attended the roundtable (organisations, academics, experts etc)?</p> <p>6. In a Daily Telegraph article in April, the Minister was quoted as saying in reference to the Mental Health and Equity and Access Forum that "During these forums no-one other than those representing private psychologists, said we should reintroduce those 10 extra sessions in a blanket fashion." Can the Department table the minutes from the Forum so that this claim can be verified?</p> <p>7. Following the roundtable on 30 January 2023, Minister Butler said that 'discussions at the forum focused on how to make services more affordable and accessible to those who need them most'. What action has the Federal Government undertaken to increase the accessibility and affordability of mental health support since that Roundtable?</p> <p>8. Can the Department please provide an update on the progress of the establishment and operation of 2 independent national mental health lived experience peak bodies?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001614	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - NMHC	<p>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 February 2023.</p> <p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001619	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - NMHC	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001631	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by	<p>31. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			electorate - NMHC			
SQ23-001590	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - DOHA	<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 2022/23 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>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> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>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>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001537	Office of the National Rural Health	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001536	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - NRHC	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001535	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled .	Written	19/06/2023

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			2023 - NRHC			
SQ23-001534	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate - NRHC	31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001532	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - NRHC	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created. 30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001531	Office of the National Rural Health	Jane Hume	List of Interdepart mental committee' s the	28. 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	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001529	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - NRHC	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. 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 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. 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;</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>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>		
SQ23-001528	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - NRHC	<p>24. In relation to department/agency: 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> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency: 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 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001527	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - NRHC	<p>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 2022/23 to date and what was it for? c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001526	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			2022/23 to date - NRHC			
SQ23-001524	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2022/23 to date - NRHC	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs .</p> <p>33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001523	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - NRHC	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001522	Office of the National Rural Health	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded	<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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	Commissioner		in financial year 2022/23 - NRHC	<p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ23-001520	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 - NRHC	<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 	Written	19/06/2023

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				<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>		
SQ23-001519	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - NRHC	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001518	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - NRHC	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001517	Office of the National Rural Health	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	Commissioner		and overseas - NRHC	Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.		
SQ23-001516	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - NRHC	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001515	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/agency head with each portfolio minister - NRHC	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001514	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - NRHC	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 February 2023. 4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>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 February 2023.</p>		
SQ23-001513	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - NRHC	<p>2. Since 1 July, 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 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001512	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - NRHC	<p>1. Since 1 July 2022, 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>a) the previous turnaround requirement; and</p> <p>b) 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 by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001521	Office of the National Rural Health	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of	<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 2022/23 to date, please provide the following:</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001605	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Government Business Enterprise - DOHA	<p>1. How many FTE are employed within the GBE within roles relating to government relations and/or government affairs?</p> <p>2. Please provide the total remuneration for the following individuals, including any short-term incentives and a list of any fringe benefits with their estimated value: a. CEO b. Chair of the Board c. Each member of the executive</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>3. For each member of the board, please provide:</p> <p>a. Date they were first appointed to the board</p> <p>b. Date their term is due to conclude</p> <p>c. How many terms they have had on the board</p> <p>4. For the Chair of the board, please provide:</p> <p>a. Date they were first appointed to the board</p> <p>b. Date they were first appointed Chair</p> <p>c. Date their term as Chair is due to conclude</p> <p>d. How many terms they have had on the board</p> <p>e. How many terms they have had as Chair of the board</p> <p>5. Is the GBE a member of any industry bodies? Please list them along with details of any cost or membership fees associated with each body.</p>		
SQ23-001594	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - DOHA	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001603	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - DOHA	<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>		
SQ23-001604	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - DOHA	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001598	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July	<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	19/06/2023

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			2022 - DOHA	<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. 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>		
SQ23-001596	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - DOHA	<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 Comcare claims? 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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				referred to the Fair Work Commission? 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.		
SQ23-001543	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - NHMRC	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001581	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Provision of Ministerial Briefs - DOHA	1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested. 7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001586	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - DOHA	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001127	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Payment to TGA for vaccine approval	70. How much in fees did Pfizer and Moderna pay to the TGA to get their Covid vaccines approved?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001122	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	FOI 2183-09 - Lipid Nanoparticles	63. Why did the sponsors/TGA list the molecules in the Lipid Nanoparticles as excipients when it is well known they contained active and potentially active ingredients? I note they are defined as functional lipids in Table 3, Page 21 in FOI 2183-09.	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001120	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Tromethamine risks	61. https://geoffpain.substack.com/p/tromethamine-is-a-hazardous-substance - Why was tromethamine allowed to be used with limited testing given its known risks?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001075	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	New Moderna bivalent vaccine	9. I note that recent testing of the new Moderna bivalent vaccine showed that plasma concentrations of DNA are 100 times higher than the generally acceptable safe levels. Did the drug sponsors purify the Covid vaccine batches to remove the plasmid DNA from the batches. If not, why not? If so, can evidence of the purification quality assurance testing please be provided?	Written	13/06/2023

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SQ23-001062	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Modelling, analysis, assessments and evaluations of 60-day dispensing policy	<p>1. Has the Department conducted any modelling or impact analysis on the financial implications of the proposed 60-day dispensing policy on community pharmacies? If not, why?</p> <p>2. Has the Department conducted any assessments or evaluations to determine the potential impact of the 60-day dispensing policy on the availability of medicines already experiencing shortages? If not, why?</p>	Written	7/06/2023
SQ23-001051	Department of Health and Aged Care	Hollie Hughes	Cost of medicinal cannabis	<p>1. What is the government doing to address the significant cost of medicinal cannabis products?</p>	Written	5/06/2023
SQ23-001538	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - NHMRC	<p>1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001621	National Mental	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of	<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 2022/23 to date, please provide the following:</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	Health Commission		functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - NMHC	<p>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> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001613	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - NMHC	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001628	National Mental	Jane Hume	Current reviews and	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide:</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	Health Commission		completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - NMHC	<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. 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; 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>		
SQ23-001622	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - NMHC	<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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.		
SQ23-001633	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications received since 1 July 2022 - NMHC	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001606	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Mental Health - Better Access Initiative	1. Does the Department agree that there is currently an increasing demand and unmet need for mental health support services in Australia? 2. The Evaluation of the Better Access initiative was published on 12 December 2022. Has the Albanese Government formally adopted the recommendations in that report? If not, when does the Government intend to formally respond to the recommendations? 3. Recommendation 12 of the Better Access report "The additional 10 sessions should continue to be made available and should be targeted towards those with complex mental health needs." As the Minister has already announced that the additional 10 sessions will not continue to be made available, can the Department confirm that the Minister formally	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>rejected this recommendation, and when and how he made this decision? Was the decision considered by Cabinet?</p> <p>4. Given that the Better Access evaluation did not recommend that the additional 10 sessions cease, on what basis was this decision made by the Minister?</p> <p>5. Did the Government undertake consultation following the evaluation of the Better Access initiative, particularly pertaining to Recommendation 12?</p> <p>6. Did the Minister personally consult with key peak bodies, Mental Health Australia and Suicide Prevention Australia, before announcing cuts to the Better Access initiative?</p> <p>a. If so, can you provide the dates and details of that consultation?</p> <p>7. Can the Minister confirm how many mental health organisations, mental health professional associations, mental health professionals, advocates or those with lived experience have contacted the Minister's office seeking reinstatement of these sessions?</p> <p>a. How many psychologists or mental health professionals have contacted the Minister's Office since he made this decision?</p> <p>b. How many items of Ministerial Correspondence has the Minister's Office received on the decision to revert from 20 to 10 Medicare sessions?</p> <p>8. Can the Minister table the joint letter received from the Australian Psychological Society, the Rural Health Alliance, the Victorian Ambulance Union and the Federal Police Association calling for the retention of the 10 additional psychology sessions?</p>		
SQ23-001335	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year	<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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments,</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			2022/23 - ADHA	kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.		
SQ23-001433	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - ASF	28. 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; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001431	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - ASF	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	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022. 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. 		
SQ23-001428	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - ASF	<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 confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the 	Written	19/06/2023

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				complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ23-001425	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - ASF	<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 2022/23 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>	Written	19/06/2023

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				k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023		
SQ23-001423	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - ASF	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001420	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date - ASF	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date? 21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs. 33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001418	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.	Written	19/06/2023

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			2022/23 to date - ASF	19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?		
SQ23-001412	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - ASF	<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 2022/23 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>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> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>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>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001409	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings	<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>	Written	19/06/2023

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			<p>from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - ASF</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 alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
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SQ23-001406	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - ASF	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001401	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - ASF	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001398	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/agency head with each portfolio minister - ASF	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001394	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - ASF	1. Since 1 July 2022, 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:	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>		
SQ23-001630	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - NMHC	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001111	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Kevin McKernan and batch testing results	49. Kevin McKernan (prior lead of the human genome project) has found levels of DNA as high as 100 times as is allowed in bivalent Covid vaccine batches he tested. How did the TGA test to ensure that the DNA was filtered out of the batches? Was this checked by the OGTR?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001572	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - NHFB	<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 2022/23 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001569	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	<p>Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - NHFB</p>	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001566	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - NHFB	<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 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</p>	Written	19/06/2023
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				the savings target? i. If so, why and was it approved?		
SQ23-001700	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Gender Assessment in relation to the Government's 24/7 Nurses in Aged Care election commitment	<p>1. Did the Department undertake a gender assessment in relation to the Government's 24/7 Nurses in Aged Care election commitment?</p> <p>2. What did the gender assessment find?</p> <p>3. Did the assessment look at the secondary effects of the Government's policy decision?</p> <p>4. Can the gender assessment be provided?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001647	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Update requested to SQ23-000561	1. Can the Department please provide an update to SQ23-000561 from 28 February 2023 (in the exact same format).	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001238	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Embedded pharmacists and medication reviews	<p>The following questions refer to the changes to pharmacy service delivery to aged care recipients, https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/minister-for-health-and-aged-care-press-conference-26-april-2023, from delivering services by both on-site and community pharmacists to only community pharmacists:</p> <p>1. Why was this policy changed?</p> <p>2. How will this policy work?</p> <p>3. Will it involve paying community pharmacists directly?</p>	Written	16/06/2023

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				<p>4. How will any conflicts of interest be managed i.e community pharmacists receiving dispensing fees?</p> <p>5. What is the evidence basis for this change?</p>		
SQ23-001836	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - OIIGAC	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001835	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - OIIGAC	<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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001834	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions 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 2022/23 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>	Written	19/06/2023

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			<p>year 2022/23 to date - OIIGAC</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. 14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001833	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	<p>2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - OIIGAC</p>	<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. 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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>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>		
SQ23-001832	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - OIIGAC	<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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001831	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmen	<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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001830	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - OIIGAC	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001829	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - OIIGAC	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001828	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/a agency head with each portfolio minister - OIIGAC	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001827	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - OIIGAC	<p>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 February 2023.</p> <p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001826	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - OIIGAC	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001839	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - OIIGAC	<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 2022/23 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001838	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			date - OIIIGAC			
SQ23-001837	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date - OIIIGAC	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p> <p>33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001840	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - OIIIGAC	<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</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ23-001841	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - OIIGAC	<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. 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. 	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001842	Department of Health	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. Please provide:</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - OIIGAC	a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.		
SQ23-001339	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - ARPANSA	2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001844	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate - OIIGAC	31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001845	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - OIIGAC	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001846	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - OIIGAC	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001825	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - OIIGAC	1. Since 1 July 2022, 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.	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>a) the previous turnaround requirement; and</p> <p>b) 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 by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>		
SQ23-001099	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Vaccine batch FL5333	36. FL5333 is a vaccine batch that has reported a large number of reported and suspected deaths. What steps were taken by the TGA when they approved this batch for release that there were no contaminants in it?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001091	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Genomic sequencing testing of the batches	28. Did the TGA do genomic sequencing testing of the batches - yes or no - if not, why not? How does the TGA know that the ribosomes have correctly translated the mRNA into a protein that replicates the virus spike protein if no genomic testing was performed?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001077	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Genotoxicity tests on the Covid-19 vaccine	11. https://www.pfizer.com/science/innovation/gene-therapy/manufacturing - This document from Pfizer shows that transfection is Gene therapy. Given this is the case, why didn't the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator perform genotoxicity tests on the Covid-19 vaccine?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001067	Department of Health and Aged Care	Lidia Thorpe	Agomelatine cost and the PBS	1. Agomelatine, otherwise known by its brand name Valdoxan, is not listed in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. Valdoxan, along with a range of other atypical antidepressants, which people with treatment resistant depression need to try, are exorbitantly expensive (Valdoxan for 28 tablets is \$79.99 at Chemist Warehouse). When was the last time atypical antidepressants were reviewed for adding to the PBS?	Written	8/06/2023

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				2. When did the PBAC last consider novel atypical antidepressants, and what was the rationale for their not being recommended to be PBS-listed?		
SQ23-001054	Department of Health and Aged Care	Hollie Hughes	Education for healthcare professionals about medicinal cannabis	4. What is the government doing to help educate healthcare professionals about medicinal cannabis?	Written	5/06/2023
SQ23-001580	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - NHFB	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001577	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by	31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023

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			electorate - NHFB			
SQ23-001576	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - NHFB	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001575	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - NHFB	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001574	National Health	Jane Hume	Current reviews and	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide:</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	Funding Body		completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - NHFB	<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. 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; 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>		
SQ23-001573	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to	<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 Comcare claims? d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			date - NHFB	25. In relation to the department/agency: 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 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.		
SQ23-001571	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date - NHFB	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001568	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - NHFB	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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded	Written	19/06/2023

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				together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.		
SQ23-001567	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - NHFB	<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 2022/23 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 2022/23 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001565	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonw	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			ealth taskforces - NHFB			
SQ23-001564	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - NHFB	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001563	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - NHFB	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001562	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - NHFB	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001561	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/a agency head with each portfolio minister - NHFB	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? 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 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001533	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - NHFB	<p>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 February 2023.</p> <p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001530	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - NHFB	<p>2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001525	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - NHFB	<p>1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001510	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2022 - IHACPA	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; c. the number of applications refused; and d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001504	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			2023 - IHACPA	the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.		
SQ23-001502	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate - IHACPA	31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001500	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - IHACPA	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created. 30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001497	Independent Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the	28. 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	19/06/2023

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	Pricing Authority		department/agency participates in or provides representation to - IHACPA	c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.		
SQ23-001495	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - IHACPA	<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. 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; 	Written	19/06/2023

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				j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.		
SQ23-001493	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - IHACPA	24. In relation to department/agency: 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? 25. In relation to the department/agency: 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 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.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001483	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to date - IHACPA	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001480	Independent Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings	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 2022/23 to date?	Written	19/06/2023

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	Pricing Authority		upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - IHACPA	<p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 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 any photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ23-001477	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - IHACPA	<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 2022/23 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 2022/23 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; 	Written	19/06/2023

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				and g. Details of any entertainment provided.		
SQ23-001475	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 - IHACPA	<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 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>	Written	19/06/2023

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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>		
SQ23-001473	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - IHACPA	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001472	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - IHACPA	<p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001471	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - IHACPA	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001469	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - IHACPA	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001463	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - IHACPA	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 February 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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001460	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices - IHACPA	2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001458	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - IHACPA	<p>1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001070	Department of Health and Aged Care	Claire Chandler	Consultations and impact on Tasmanian pharmacies regarding the 60-days dispensing changes	<p>1. What consultation did the Department undertake with Tasmanian pharmacies regarding the 60-day dispensing changes announced in the 2023-24 budget? a. Please provide details of the dates and form of any consultation which occurred.</p> <p>2. What modelling did the Department undertake on the financial impact of these changes on Tasmanian pharmacies, particularly pharmacies in regional communities?</p> <p>3. What did this modelling project the impact on pharmacy viability, opening hours, and number of staff employed would be? a. If the Department did not model these impacts, why not?</p> <p>4. What modelling did the Department undertake on the impact these changes would have on the ability of Tasmanian pharmacies to provide other services, including the delivery of methadone replacement programs?</p> <p>5. What feedback did the Department receive from the Federal Minister for Small Business, Julie Collins MP, before announcing these changes? a. Please provide the detail of any feedback or input received from the</p>	Written	9/06/2023

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				Minister for Small Business on the changes related to the impact on Tasmanian pharmacies.		
SQ23-001233	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Gambling as a public health issue	<p>1. Does the Department view gambling as a product that causes harm? If so, would you consider it a public health issue?</p> <p>2. Are staff in areas that work with comorbidities like mental health, family violence and alcohol and other drugs trained to understand gambling harm?</p>	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001578	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - NHFB	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide:</p> <p>a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification;</p> <p>b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001341	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - ARPANSA	<p>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 February 2023.</p> <p>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 February 2023.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001872	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Prostheses List Reform - Post Listing Review and Compliance Framework	<p>Post-Listing Reviews</p> <p>1. In relation to the Post Listing Review of Spinal Cord Stimulators – has this Review been considered by the Prostheses List Advisory Committee?</p> <p>2. When will you be communicated with patient organisations, clinical groups and sponsors about findings and recommendations?</p> <p>Compliance Framework</p> <p>1. What is your plan to communicate with these stakeholders, particularly clinicians about the Compliance Framework and their obligations under it?</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001109	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Thimerosal and Covid-19 vaccine	47. Is Thimerosal used in the Covid-19 vaccines?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001126	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Access to antiviral treatment Paxlovid under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme	69. 'We failed Aussies stranded by Covid': parliamentary committee The Australian Health Minister Mark Butler on Thursday announced more than 160,000 people aged 60 to 69 would from next month be given access to the antiviral treatment Paxlovid under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, which would normally cost up to \$1000 per script. Isn't the cost of Paxlovid incredibly expensive – couldn't the money be used elsewhere?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001105	Department of Health	Gerard Rennick	Results of the sponsor state trail	42. Page 8 of the Pfizer Nonclinical report says, "The Sponsor state that long term immunity was being assessed in Ongoing Phase 1 studies in the US and Germany up to 2 years following vaccination and this data would provide a	Written	13/06/2023

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	and Aged Care		mentioned in the Pfizer Nonclinical report	more accurate measure of long-term immunity." – Can the results of these trials please be provided?		
SQ23-001104	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Studies funded by pharmaceutical companies	41. Out of all the studies that the TGA relied on to base their 'safe and effective' label on, how many of them were funded by pharmaceutical companies?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001097	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Coroner office and report on the death of 7 and 9 year old	34. Did the TGA report the deaths of the 7 and 9 year old, and any other children's reported deaths to the coroner's office - if not why not? What did the coroner's report conclude if it was reported?	Written	13/06/2023
SQ23-001052	Department of Health and Aged Care	Hollie Hughes	Medicinal cannabis for veterans	2. The Department of Veterans' Affairs provides subsidised access to medicinal cannabis therapies, but not for the treatment of psychiatric illnesses such as PTSD and anxiety. What is the government doing to address this barrier to access for veterans?	Written	5/06/2023
SQ23-001589	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings	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	19/06/2023

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			from advertising, travel and legal expenses - DOHA	<p>iii. Advertising campaigns</p> <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>		
SQ23-001751	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2022?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>b. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused; and</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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			since 1 July 2022 - ACQSC	d. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.		
SQ23-001750	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 - ACQSC	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022? 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001749	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023 - ACQSC	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 May 2023. Please provide: a. a breakdown of this ASL by APS classification; b. the number of ASL, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and c. the number of ASL, by classification, that are currently not filled.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001748	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate - ACQSC	<p>31. Since 1 July 2022, 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001747	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - ACQSC	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001746	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. 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	19/06/2023

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			participates in or provides representation to - ACQSC			
SQ23-001745	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 - ACQSC	<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. 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; 	Written	19/06/2023

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				<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>		
SQ23-001744	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to date - ACQSC	<p>24. In relation to department/agency: 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? 25. In relation to the department/agency: 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 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001743	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards - ACQSC	<p>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 2022/23 to date and what was it for? c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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				<p>payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 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>		
SQ23-001742	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001739	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2022/23 - ACQSC	<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 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001741	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date - ACQSC	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p> <p>33. 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	19/06/2023
SQ23-001740	Aged Care Quality and	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2022/23 to	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 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 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and</p>	Written	19/06/2023

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	Safety Commission		date - ACQSC	accommodation. 19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?		
SQ23-001738	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Expenditure and hosting of functions and official receptions in financial year 2022/23 to date - ACQSC	13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 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. 14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 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.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001737	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings	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?	Written	19/06/2023

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			<p>from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - ACQSC</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 alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
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SQ23-001736	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - ACQSC	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001735	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - ACQSC	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001734	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - ACQSC	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001733	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	19/06/2023

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			since 1 July 2022 - ACQSC	Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.		
SQ23-001732	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/agency head with each portfolio minister - ACQSC	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister. 6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001731	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Staff and DLOs allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - ACQSC	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 February 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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001730	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers'	2. Since 1 July, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2022, have there been any amendments to the Department's	Written	19/06/2023

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			offices - ACQSC	policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment.		
SQ23-001729	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Provision of ministerial briefs - ACQSC	1. Since 1 July 2022, 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: a) the previous turnaround requirement; and b) the date the change was requested. 7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001243	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	Unreasonable force with aged care residents	1. What actions is the Commission taking to reduce instances of unreasonable force between aged care residents? 2. What steps is the Commission taking to ensure providers aren't assessing incidents involving unreasonable use of force as having minor or no impact?	Written	16/06/2023
SQ23-001364	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2022 - ASC	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2022? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal. Please denote where these New Policy Proposals have been provided since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023

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SQ23-001333	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	2022-23 October budget, savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses - ADHA	<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 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</p>	Written	19/06/2023
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				the savings target? i. If so, why and was it approved?		
SQ23-001599	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of Interdepartmental committee's the department/agency participates in or provides representation to - DOHA	28. 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; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001588	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - DOHA	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 February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023
SQ23-001587	Department of Health and Aged Care	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. Please specify where there are changes to the list since February 2023.	Written	19/06/2023

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