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QoN No.	Department/Agency	Senator	Subject	Question	Hansard page/Written	Hearing date/Date received
SQ23-000020	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing APS employees who were employed by the Department and all Portfolio Agencies between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<p>1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the Department between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 ongoing positions were advertised by the Department 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>**Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000021	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing employees who were employed in the Department and portfolio agencies	<p>2. How many non-ongoing employees were employed in the Department between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 Department 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 	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>non-ongoing employee (I.e. how long does it take, on average, from approval to fill a position to the filling of the position)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many non-ongoing roles that were offered to prospective employees turned down by the prospective employee? <p>**Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p>		
SQ23-000022	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors who were employed at the Department and for all portfolio agencies.	<p>3. How many labour hire contractors were employed at the Department between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 Department 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 Department been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth in this period? <p>If yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations? <p>**Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000023	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing contract extensions that were granted by	<p>4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the Department between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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			the Department and portfolio agencies	- How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time? **Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.		
SQ23-000024	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors that were engaged by the Department and all portfolio agencies	5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the Department between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time? **Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000025	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Existing labour hire contracts that were extended by the Department and portfolio agencies	6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the Department between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? **Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000026	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees made redundant from the Department and portfolio agencies	7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the Department between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time? **Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000027	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Resignations and redundancies in the Department and all portfolio agencies	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the Department between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess,	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the Department between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the Department between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>		
SQ23-000028	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Allegations (either formally or informally) of untoward behaviour (E.g. bullying, harassment, discrimination) made against any APS, or labour hire contractors engaged at the Department or at portfolio agencies	<p>12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 Department?</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 Department 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000029	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Workers compensation claims (department and portfolio agencies)	<p>13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the Department, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 nature (I.e. relating to psychological, or mental health injury)?</p> <p>- How many of these claims were rejected?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000030	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Unpaid leave taken by ongoing or non-going employees of the Department and all portfolio agencies	<p>14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the department took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>- What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the Department.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000031	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	The number of consultants working at the Department and all portfolio agencies	<p>15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the Department between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>- What was the nature of work these consultants performed on behalf of the Department?</p> <p>- Were any consultants used to augment work ordinarily conducted by APS employees.</p> <p>- How much money did the Department spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>16. Have any consultants at the Department been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022?</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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000032	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Use of Supply Nation Certified organisations in procurement activities (department and all portfolio agencies)	<p>17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations?</p> <p>- What is the total value of all Supply Nation procurements to date for the Department this financial year (2022/23)?</p> <p>- What percentage of the Department's procurements for the 2022/23 financial year to date does the above value represent?</p> <p>- Would the Department please categorise the types of procurements undertaken with Supply Nation businesses for financial year 2022/23?</p> <p>Would the Department list all of the Supply Nation entities</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				it has purchased goods and / or services from this financial year, with a total value for each supplier?		
SQ23-000033	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	COVID-19 vaccine wastage over past 12 months	Topic: Vaccine wastage (Department of Health and Aged Care) 1. What is the total cost in dollar value of vaccine wastage in the past 12 months due to registered and/or approved doses expiring?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000034	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Public Health Network funding	Topic: Public Health Network funding (Department of Health and Aged Care) 1. Is the funding of Public Health Networks indexed or linked to CPI? If not, why not? 2. Is consideration given to the increased cost of service delivery? If not, why not?	Page 131	16/02/2023
SQ23-000035	Australian Sports Commission	Anne Ruston	AIS funding boost for the Commonwealth Games	Senator RUSTON: That's great. I look forward to it and I look forward to hopefully, tomorrow afternoon, having some detail around what our commitment is. I'm not sure if this is the right place to ask-and if we don't have the right people here I'll put these questions on notice-about the announcement today by the AIS on the boosting of funding for the Commonwealth Games. Prof. Murphy: The AIS were not invited tonight. Senator RUSTON: It was quite a significant announcement. It was \$17 million to netball, squash and bowls in preparation for the Commonwealth Games in 2026, and I was just interested to understand why netball, squash and lawn bowls were the ones that had been selected for this \$17 million. Do you have any understanding? Prof. Murphy: That would go from the high-performance funding scheme. They have a regular appropriation for that.		22/02/2023

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SQ23-000036	Department of Health and Aged Care	Marielle Smith	Lung cancer specialist nurse pilot, screening program and National Strategic Action Plan funding	<p>1) Can you provide an update on how the lung cancer specialist nurse pilot is progressing?</p> <p>a) Are there plans to expand the funding and service provided?</p> <p>2) I was pleased to hear MSAC's recommendation for the lung cancer screening program and I understand the Government is currently considering this – I'm just wanting to know -</p> <p>a) Are plans to scale up the number of lung cancer nurses also being considered?</p> <p>b) And are there any plans to improve the access to specialist lung cancer nurses across Australia?</p> <p>3) I understand funding for some organisations provided through the National Strategic Action Plan for Lung Cancer may be coming to an end -</p> <p>a) Are there any plans to bridge the funding for these organisations?</p> <p>b) Is there any update on what is happening with the strategic plans or chronic disease framework?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000037	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Data on the reporting of COVID deaths	<p>Senator RUSTON: I'm sure that's absolutely true and factual. I was wanting to understand the determinant of the decision to change how we were reporting on COVID deaths? Have you got the COVID deaths there yet?</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: Yes.</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: While Professor Kelly is getting that, the department was strongly pushing that change. We did originally use a fairly unverified death statistic which was calculated from the various reports of states and territories when they were reporting every day. They used to report their deaths every day and they were not verified, and often when the ABS analysis happened some weeks later</p>	Pages 8-9	22/02/2023

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				<p>we had to revise them down. In the early phase of the epidemic, when there was huge public interest in the daily death numbers and they were driving vaccine uptake and so on, it was quite important to get something that was seen by the community to be real-time, but in being real time it compromised accuracy. Many of those deaths were then revised down, found not to be due to COVID. As Professor Kelly said, the gold standard has always been the ABS. We, the department, put to government late last year that we thought it was time to move to the gold standard method that would provide accurate time-to-time comparison. It was very much our desire to move away from what was an inherently inaccurate system.</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: However, we still are reporting on the National Notifiable Diseases surveillance system data every week rather than daily. It does have every day's data in there, but it is less liable to those fluctuations, as the secretary has said. The number is 18,190, as at 8 February.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Have you got them broken down into years, 2020, '21, '22 and obviously to date, this year?</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: The data for 2022 is 14,855.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So it's 14,855 for 2022?</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: For 2022. There have been 892 so far this year.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: For '23. What about '20 and '21?</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: I'll just take that on notice for the moment, if I may, and we'll look back on that and get it back to you later.</p>		
SQ23-000038	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Data on COVID related deaths	<p>Senator RUSTON: Is it possible to get, say, the reconciled data on a weekly basis from 1 January till now? In going and having a look at the data as it's currently provided, it's really difficult to make any comparison. Is there somewhere I can go to get better information? There</p>	Page 10	16/02/2023

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				<p>seemed to be an unexplained increase in the number of deaths in some areas. We don't know whether they were COVID related deaths or not. We're assuming they are, but we don't know from what period they were likely to be applied to. Is there somewhere that you can go and get fully reconciled data on a week-by-week basis so that you can make some sort of sense out of what these numbers are?</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: Just to make sure I've got your question exactly in my mind, you're looking to see what was reported on a particular day?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: No, not a day. A week is fine.</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: I'd have to take that on notice, but what I can say is the data which is publicly available on the Health website is the most accurate data on that day, which includes the reconciled data going back. The other issue—and recognising that 2023 is still relatively a new year—is that there is a delay usually of sometimes weeks before the accurate death data comes in. Even through this process, as I mentioned, sometimes that can be even longer if we're waiting for a coroner's report. Just on that, the other important reason we're very interested in using the ABS data is that they have a much more accurate way of looking deaths with COVID, deaths from COVID and the underlying illnesses that might have contributed. It also allows us to look specifically at aged care residents, at people with a disability, First Nations people and so on, and those things are really important for policy.</p>		
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SQ23-000039	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Data relating to deaths in Aged Care	<p>Senator RUSTON: To be honest, my interest sits around the fact that we had 686 deaths in 2020 when we were in a state of great uncertainty and terror. We went into 2021 and with the great work you guys did-and I acknowledge the extraordinary work in aged care facilities by the Department of Health and Aged Care-we managed to get that number down to 226, which was a phenomenal effort. In 2022 we then saw 3,855, with a significant escalation towards the end of last year. I think it was less than a thousand in the first half of the year and 2,000 in the second part of the year, and we're still seeing significant deaths in aged care now. I'm trying to understand what happened that resulted in the phenomenal success that you had in aged care to have deteriorated so significantly by the end of 2022, where we saw nearly 3,000 deaths in the second half of 2022 in aged care. Was there something we should've done that we didn't do? Was there some circumstance that we can put this down to? What were the lessons learnt from that to ensure that we don't see the horrific figures that we saw in the last six months of last year?</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: I'll just talk about deaths in aged care, and there's others that might want to chip in on that from the aged care area themselves. Death from any cause, of course, is a sad but unfortunately inevitable event. It's a very common daily event in aged care. In fact, since the start of the pandemic, 175,513 residents of aged care have died of all causes. But very specifically to your comment about the second half of last year, that figure I gave you was for the full year. The highest death rate was actually in January of last year, not the second half of the year. But the reality is people die in aged care and some of those have died from COVID.</p>	Page 10	16/02/2023
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				<p>Senator RUSTON: So, you're saying more people died in the first half of last year, not the second half of last year?</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: There were 3,855 deaths in aged care related to COVID in 2022. There were, as you know, several waves of Omicron related COVID during the year. The highest rate and the biggest effect on aged care was actually the first one, which was in December of '21 and peaked in January of '22 and then into February. But there were other waves. There was another wave in winter which also affected aged care and there was another wave towards the end of the year as well. I don't have the breakdown in front of me. I'll take that on notice about when those deaths occurred. But there were deaths in aged care throughout 2022.</p>		
SQ23-000040	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Seniors Dental Benefits Scheme	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: You might not have heard which commission I was referring to. I was referring to the recommendation of the Aged Care Royal Commission in relation to the creation of a Seniors Dental Benefits Scheme, and I asked whether the department had been given any directives to explore how to implement that scheme. Your colleague just informed us that some work is being done. My question was: when did that work commence?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: The department started undertaking exploratory work on this issue as soon as the royal commission made its recommendations. I don't think we've provided advice to this government about it.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: When did you begin that exploratory work? I'm trying to find out when you started, firstly.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: Can I take that on notice in terms of actual dates? Obviously it was when we were looking at the response to the royal commission, so after the royal</p>	Page 14	16/02/2023

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				commission report came out. But we'll try to come back to you with specific timing.		
SQ23-000041	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Schedule for setting up Seniors dental scheme	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Minister, the recommendation of the royal commission was really clear. What is needed here is a seniors dental benefits scheme. Your minister has not made a direction to the department to investigate the setting up of the scheme so long after the recommendation was made. Is it the intention of the government to make a commitment to such a scheme in the coming budget?</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: Can I just correct you there. We've had the passage of two new acts through parliament in 2022, combined with measures from the October '22-23 budget, which will address in full or in part a total of 37 recommendations. As at 27 January this year, as we've heard, 19 recommendations are completed; 107 recommendations are in progress; and for the remaining 22 recommendations the department is working with government on its reform priorities and to determine whether further action is required. So, we are working on it.</p> <p>I cannot stress enough that this body of work is being done.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN:Specifically, though, on the seniors dental benefits scheme, are you saying that there is work being done and the government is expecting a recommendation to be made to it in relation to the setting up of that scheme?</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: Certainly the minister and the department are working on it. I'm happy to get the latest updated information for you in terms of that specific question.</p>	Page 15	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000042	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Completion date into review of Child Dental Benefits Schedule	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Please do. Thank you. Mr Cotterell, you mentioned that the government has undertaken a review in relation to the provision of dental care to disabled children.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: It's the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, which provides benefits to all family tax benefit eligible children.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: You're reviewing it particularly in the context of disabled children?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: That's one aspect of the review.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Remind me of the completion date of the review.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: It's early this year. I'll have to come back on notice with the exact date.</p>	Page 15	16/02/2023
SQ23-000043	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	National Oral Health Plan 2015-2024	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I'll come now to the National Oral Health Plan 2015-2024. From what I understand, the last reporting against the KPIs in the plan was released in 2020, using data from reporting in 2016-18. Can I check that it's correct that no public data has been released since that which was collected in 2018, about three years ago?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: There's no longitudinal dataset on dental health. From time to time, the department and governments answer research studies. That would have been one of them, that latest available data. We're considering when the next one will be undertaken.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: So you're considering it now?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: Yes.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: When did that consideration process commence?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: I will need to take that on notice. We'd expect an answer in the middle of the year.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Your plan, as noted in the headline,</p>	Pages 15-16	16/02/2023

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				<p>is 2015-2024. It's very hard to see how you will track against those KPIs if you're using a dataset that's three years old.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: As I say, we're considering undertaking the next study to update that data.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Is there an intention to take that recommendation to the National Cabinet space to enlist the states in the gathering of that data?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: Our minister is discussing long-term dental health reforms with the states in the context of the Health Ministers' Meeting. That's a live discussion. There's a working group on long-term dental reform that is looking at these issues, the funding of the adult public dental schemes, funding that's currently provided through outpatient departments and a range of other mechanisms. We're looking at how we can make that more sustainable in the long run.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: In relation to the plan, is there an intention to report against the KPIs in the plan?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: I think we have a commitment to do that, yes.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Could you just come back to us with a clear yes or no with that? I note that the report is available online. Beyond the plan, there is a report available online titled Oral health and dental care in Australia, which includes some key reporting, including how many people have been assessed, how many people have accessed dental services, and hospitalisations that may have been prevented had they received earlier treatment. The report was last updated online in about March of 2022, from what I've been able to see. It includes data from 2019 to 2021. If there's data for this report, why is there no public data to complete an updated report</p>		
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				<p>against the National Oral Health Plan? It seems that we have a serious problem when you've got one report over here with a more recent dataset than the National Oral Health Plan.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: I'm not familiar with the precise dataset you're referring to. We'll need to have a look at that. As I've said, we have a commitment to update the data. We're working on doing that and have a commitment to report at the end of the oral health plan.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: As I'm sure you would be aware, datasets vary depending on the particular slice that we take. It may be that it's reliant on hospital data and AIHW data rather than a much more comprehensive set. If we take that detail, we'll be able to provide a comprehensive answer.</p>		
SQ23-000044	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Legislative process for MBS items	<p>Senator RUSTON: What is the purpose of the action that exists between the MSAC recommendation and the MBS approval? What matters are taken into account that would determine whether the recommendation was accepted or not?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I suppose things like the ability of the service to be provided in Australia through providers. MSAC will look at part of that, but we also need to confirm that with the clinical providers. The example I gave earlier about ensuring that we have adequate protection of broad community based genetic data for testing purposes; it really can vary depending on what the item is.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Is the assumption then that, in the process of assessing that, if you get the green light on everything and there is nothing preventing that particular recommendation from being practically applied, then it would automatically be approved? Or is there another process?</p>	Page 17	16/02/2023

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				<p>Ms Shakespeare: There are also legislative processes. MBS items are given effect through legislative instruments. We go through a process working with providers-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: They're not disallowable, though, are they?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare:Yes. The general medical services table and the pathology services table-they're all legislative instruments.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Every time you list a new MBS item it's a disallowable legislative instrument?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: Yes. In terms of developing the legislative instrument, we need to look at conditions, and we do check those with providers to make sure they're as clear as possible; that we don't end up with any unintended impacts on delivery of services or patients in the way that the legislative instruments are drafted.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: On average, how long does it take from an MSAC recommendation to those instruments being tabled?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I'd need to check that. Sorry. I don't have that with me.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Are we talking weeks, months, years?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: There are generally three updates to the Medical Benefits Schedule each year. There can be things done through determinations in between those updates. It's probably on the order of months, but there would be some more complex services that would take a lot longer.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: It would be great if you could give the average and then maybe the outliers.</p> <p>...</p>		
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SQ23-000045	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	MRI rebate	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Can you tell us what the average rebate is for people when they are using an MRI machine? What is the rebate they receive when they utilise the machine?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: For the average rebate MRI, we will have to take on notice.</p>	Page 24	16/02/2023
SQ23-000046	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Out-of-pocket cost for MRI	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Could you tell me-you might have to take it on notice-what the out-of-pocket costs are for people who need to access an MRI but are unable to do so because they are unable to access a licensed machine? What I'm trying to get from you is the cost differential between when you are able to access a licensed machine and when you are not able to access a licensed machine.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I'm not sure we're even going to be able to get that for you on notice. We have data about Medicare eligible services that we collect. For non-licensed machines that are not Medicare eligible, we may have some information from industry that we could look for and come back to you on notice.</p>	Page 25	16/02/2023
SQ23-000047	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	MRI licensing system	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: That would be good. I have heard from many members of the community who are having to travel long distances to access particularly MRIs that they cannot afford the services because they are not able to access a licensed machine for which they are able to claim a rebate. It has caused me to question the entire basis of the licensing system for MRIs given how basic a need it is to access these technologies in many health care based circumstances. When was the last time the current MRI licensing system itself was reviewed?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I think we significantly reviewed it from 1 November last year. I think we probably need to look into the people having to travel long distances. The changes</p>	Page 25	16/02/2023

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				<p>made from 1 November last year were specifically aimed at addressing access issues for people in rural and remote areas because there weren't the same level of MRI machines licensed in those locations. Having freed up those licensing requirements, we've had a big increase in the number of machines that are available. I think that may have been addressing some of the issues that you raise.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Yes. It addresses the question of geography. What is still with us-it is good to hear that-is the question of cost. Somebody might live very geographically close to a facility with a machine. Again, if it's not licensed and you can't claim the rebate, it's a massive cost barrier to being able to access those services.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We can certainly have a look to see what information we can provide about non-eligible machines. We do have the bulk-billing statistics for services provided on Medicare eligible machines.</p>		
SQ23-000048	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Number of claims outstanding for longer than 90 days from receipt of the aged care support program extension grant application	<p>Senator RUSTON: We've had advice from the sector that over \$100 million worth of grant applications are sitting with the department from last year. Would that number be correct?</p> <p>Mr Lye: There's a very large amount of money associated with these grants. The grants were originally appropriated for a total amount of just under \$30 million, I think it might have been. There was a very large number of claims associated with the COVID wave that happened at Christmastime last year, in 2021-22, and in the budget the government increased that appropriation. It's been increased a couple of times, but it was increased by a factor of \$800 million to deal with the large number of claims associated with that wave and with COVID cases since in aged care. So we do have a very large number of grant applications. They're continuing to come to us now.</p>	Pages 105-106	16/02/2023

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				<p>We are processing those as fast as we can, but there are a number of claims outstanding that relate to the second half of last calendar year that we are processing.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Would you be able to provide advice of how many claims are currently outstanding for longer than 90 days from receipt of the application?</p> <p>Mr Lye: Yes. I'm not sure that we're working to a 90-day time frame, but-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: No, I used that as a standard accounting time frame.</p> <p>Mr Lye: We're happy to give you that figure.</p> <p>Ms Grinbergs: We'll have to take that on notice.</p>		
SQ23-000049	Department of Health and Aged Care	Louise Pratt	Face-to-face bulk billing rates	<p>Senator PRATT: Yes. I am also going to ask that. How many people did receive all of their services bulk-billed?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I will get my colleague to go through these rates.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: What is the bulk-billing rate for seeing a GP not online?</p> <p>Ms Lucchese: If we start with your question around the proportion of patients that were fully bulk-billed, I can give that to you by financial year. Nationally, in 2021-22, which is the most recent full financial year, the proportion of patients that were fully bulk-billed was 65.8 per cent. If we compare that to the previous year, 2020-21, it was 67.6 per cent.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: What can you tell me about the kind of services that were included in there? In particular, what proportion would have vaccinations and what would face-to-face telehealth have made up versus a face-to-face GP appointment?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I think all of those numbers related to non-referred attendances, so it includes all of those things as long as they weren't referred specialist services</p>	Page 26	16/02/2023

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				<p>or operations or whatever. I'm not sure that we can break that out by the number of all patients. I'm not sure if you can actually break that out.</p> <p>Ms Lucchese: So the total number of patients?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: What is the bulk-billing rate for a 15-minute GP appointment?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: You are talking about a level B consultation?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Lucchese: That is something we would have to take on notice. What I've got with me today relates to all GP non-referred attendances.</p>		
SQ23-000050	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Prioritisation of aged-care support program extension grant application	<p>Senator RUSTON: Given that the Stewart Brown report says 77 per cent of aged-care homes are operating unprofitably, I would suggest that just about everybody who would be waiting on these grants is probably operating under some level of financial stress. Another piece of information that we've received was that, on contacting the department in relation to an aged-care support program grant, quite a big provider was advised that the department is 'currently processing applications with a value of \$20,000 or less submitted in November 2022 and other applications of a higher amount submitted in July 2022'. Is that correct? That's what's been said, but I'm interested in whether that is the prioritisation. If it's under \$20,000, we'll do it reasonably quickly, but some of these larger, more complicated ones involving significant sums of money are well over six months old?</p> <p>Mr Lye: We're happy to come back on notice about where we are on that at this point in time. The reason that might be would not be that we're deprioritising larger grants. Larger grants are by their very nature more complicated to administer, and Ms Grinbergs talked about going back and</p>	Page 106	16/02/2023

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				<p>forth with providers. We have experienced a large number of cases, particularly in the more complex grant space, where providers haven't submitted sufficient details. If the government is paying out large amounts of money in excess of \$1 million in some of these cases, we need to be able to verify basic facts. Providers are doing their very best, but we have had occasions where providers, for example, haven't been able to indicate when the outbreak took place in the facility, provide details to verify the expenditure on agency staff, justify other claims around PPE and the like. We have a test that we have to meet to make sure that, for those very large claims, people can verify that. In some cases, that takes longer to do if people are unable to provide that detail for us. We have to strike that balance. We're trying our very best. We put on a large number of extra staff when we were given additional funds in the recent budget. That's enabled us to triple the number of staff who are working on these grants. We are trying to streamline the process as much as we can, but we can't just waive expenditure through. As much as we might want to see money go to providers as quickly as possible, we can't just waive that through without being able to verify the claims that are being made.</p>		
SQ23-000051	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Centre for community-driven research funding correspondence	<p>Senator RUSTON: I'm not sure I asked that question, thank you. The commitment by the minister was the amount set out in the previous-budget submission-another three years in the manner and to the amount-which adds up to about \$800,000 a year. A decision was made in that interim period that you would provide \$150,000 over six months. I'm just understanding how that decision was made.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: As I said, the government decided it was confirming its election commitments in the October</p>	Pages 29-30	16/02/2023

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				<p>budget. There was an iterative conversation between the department and the minister about what to do in the interim. The department had \$150,000 available to support an extension of the program while the commitment was confirmed in the budget. That was offered to the Centre for Community-Driven Research. They decided to withdraw from the program in July.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Did they give you a reason for that?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: They made the communication to the minister.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Minister, could you possibly take on notice to see if you could secure the communication that went to the minister as to why they felt the need not to accept the reduced funding?</p> <p>Senator McCarthy: Yes. I can take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Thank you, Minister. Obviously, they have received no funding from you since that time?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Was there any discussion between the department or, to your knowledge, the minister that the reason they did this was that they were fearful they were going to have to cut their patient care? Instead of cutting patients, they decided that it was preferable to their patients not to continue in any way, shape or form. They did not want to continue with the uncertainty that was obviously created by a broken promise regarding the funding going on in the manner that it was promised to the amount it was promised and then having that reduced amount. Were there any discussions around that at the time that you are aware of, Mr Cotterell?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: There were discussions with the organisation about whether \$150,000 was sufficient to extend the six months. There were discussions in parallel with the</p>		
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				<p>organisation about its acquittal of the previous pilot grant. Those things happened rapidly and in parallel. The organisation decided to withdraw from the process.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: In the budget commitment that obviously has been subsequently reaffirmed in the budget, was there any mention at the time that there would be a review while waiting for the budget process?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: The evaluation of the pilot program that was undertaken was initiated well before the end of the program, so it was not related.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So the minister made the decision that he was going to continue the program for three years in the manner set out in the pre-budget submission of \$2.47 million over the three years. The review had no bearing on it whatsoever. What is your understanding of the CCDR at the moment in relation to the delivery of that commitment?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: So the commitment will be delivered. There is a grant opportunity that has been forecast.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Take a step back. This was promised to Patient Pathways and now you're saying it's not promised to Patient Pathways.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: Well, Patient Pathways withdrew from the program. We had a conversation with the minister. He asked us-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: They said they didn't want to go on with the program, not that they were unable to continue for the time being because of the lack of funding. They said they never wanted to have anything to do with it again.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: They didn't want to be the recipient of the funding that was announced in the budget for the election commitment that we were seeking to confirm in</p>		
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				<p>the budget. They didn't want to be the recipient of the funding. The minister asked us for advice about how best to deliver the program in the absence of CCCR being the funding recipient. We had discussions with the participating organisations about how that could happen.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I will take a step back. Can you provide me with some evidence to suggest that they chose or they indicated to you or to the minister that they did not wish to take the full grant when it became available through the budget process as opposed to merely saying that they didn't want the \$150,000 through that time frame? Have you got that writing?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: Yes, we do.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Could you provide that?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: We can take that on notice. It's part of the questions that the minister has taken on notice.</p>		
SQ23-000052	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Indication of larger outstanding to individual providers with multiple aged-care support program extension applications	<p>Senator RUSTON: I quite understand that, but I'm getting a huge number of calls from providers and operators that I think we would all consider household names. They're providers who say they're not profitable at the moment even outside of the money that's owed to them, which inevitably you have to audit. They're saying that they're borrowing money to be able to meet the liabilities on the grants that are not being processed. I'm keen to understand what level of contact you're having. Are you receiving at the department the same level of quite distressing phone calls?</p> <p>Mr Lye: We are receiving contact from providers, and they are anxious to make sure those grants are paid out. We have done some work with the industry around trying to make sure that we push information out based on our experience of the grants process to say to them when they put a claim in, 'These are the common things where we</p>	Pages 106-107	16/02/2023

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				<p>have to come back to you to ask for further detail and which slow the processing of claims.' We're trying to do that work with them. When providers contact us, we also take the opportunity to try and make sure that, if a provider is experiencing financial difficulties, we stream them into that stream. In many cases, we're already working with some of these providers, so we know from other parts of the aged-care group where we're doing that work with them that they have a COVID grant, and we're able to expedite that. So we're doing our very best. We do understand that people are anxious to get the proceeds from their grant. It is a really important initiative that the government has put in place. It's very important in terms of making sure that, for providers who experience COVID outbreak, we are providing this large level of assistance to them to meet those additional costs that they face when that happens.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: What is your expectation for when you will be in a position to provide for this extraordinarily large backlog? How much of this is backlog and how much is just business as usual? Can you also give us an indication of some of the larger amounts that are outstanding to these providers? My understanding is that we're talking tens of millions of dollars that are owed to a singer provider organisation. Can you confirm that?</p> <p>Ms Grinbergs: We would need to take that on notice for individual providers. I don't have that data with me in terms of grouping together providers and their applications. Some providers will have experienced multiple outbreaks and so will have submitted applications, particularly over the course of the last year and including into this year, following outbreaks during the summer period.</p>		
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SQ23-000053	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Centre for community-driven research grant process	<p>Senator RUSTON: Can we get that back as soon as possible, because I can assure you that is not my understanding? Has the grant process that you are referring to for the program opened?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: It has been forecast. The guidelines are with the Department of Finance for approval.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: If I said to you that those guidelines were publicly available in January, what would you say?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: That's part of the forecast process. When the grant is forecast, because there is a lot of process involved in these grant opportunities, draft guidelines are put in the public domain. The final guidelines are subject to approval from the department.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: They are publicly available to everybody, not just to some?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: That's my understanding. If you've registered on GrantConnect-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: You can get access to it?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: you get access to draft guidelines.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I'm just trying to understand, then. Nobody was sent them particularly. You had to go on to the grant guidelines website. If you were particularly looking for that grant program, you go in there and find it, as you would normally for a grant program. Was there any communication from the department to any of the potential applicants that might have considered who would be eligible for a program of this nature? Were any of them contacted by the department proactively, or is it just an access through?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: I'll have to check that on notice.</p>	Page 31	16/02/2023
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SQ23-000054	Department of Health and Aged Care	Marielle Smith	Outstanding QoN data for the past 5 years	<p>Mr Wann: We provided some information earlier on the status of our questions on notice. We endeavoured to come back with an update on where we are at. There were 358 questions on notice since the November hearing. Ninety-four per cent of these have been tabled by the department. Of the six per cent outstanding-that represents 21 questions on notice-nine were received by the department in mid-January this year. We expect that all the QONs currently with the minister's office-that is 13-for noting with the minister's office will be tabled in the coming days.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: They are currently with the minister's office?</p> <p>Mr Wann: That's right. They will be tabled in the coming days.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: That is 13 out of the 21?</p> <p>Mr Wann: Yes. That's right. Of the QONs submitted by Senator Ruston, she mentioned 14. On our books it is 13. We suggest that my team work with Senator Ruston's office to reconcile those two lists. Some of the senators' QONs were tabled this morning. We will work on getting the remainder processed as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: Does the 21 include the ones tabled this morning, or is that still outstanding?</p> <p>Mr Wann:No. That's of that. It was 26 when I reported. It is now 21 because of those that have been tabled this morning.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: I will pass that on.</p> <p>CHAIR: Pass that on to Senator Ruston. This might assist the committee. Are we able to get some similarfigures back over the last five years?</p>	Page 46	16/02/2023
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				Mr Wann: Absolutely, yes. CHAIR: If you could take that on notice for the committee, that would be wonderful...		
SQ23-000055	Department of Health and Aged Care	Alexander Antic	Adverse event data	Senator ANTIC: Sure. At the end of the day, the question was when did the TGA become aware of the deaths of a seven-year-old and a nine-year-old from cardiac arrest in a short time frame from having a COVID vaccine? Dr Skerritt: I would have to take on notice the dates they reported those individual cases to the database of adverse event notifications. As I've said before, we have almost 1,000 reports of deaths temporally around the same time as COVID vaccination, of which 14 have been determined to be related to COVID vaccination.	Page 53	16/02/2023
SQ23-000056	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Review of grant guidelines regarding window of time of purchase to be able to claim Personal Protective Equipment claims	Senator RUSTON: So they're incurring the interest. Somebody suggested to me that, in some instances where they've put in an application for the reimbursement, they've been knocked back on some of their PPE claims because the PPE was older than 30 days. Is that a criteria for being able to claim it, that it has to have been purchased within the 30-day period around the outbreak? Ms Grinbergs: I would have to confirm and look at the grant guidelines for that level of specificity. We do allow some claiming of pre-purchased PPE but there are some constraints around that which are subsequently used in the course of an outbreak. But I would have to check the guidelines for the details around that. Mr Lye: If you are able to give us the detail of that case, we would be happy to have a look and see. We've also supplied PPE to residential aged-care facilities. It may be that the guidelines are trying to pick up where we might have already supplied. If you do have the specific details- Senator RUSTON: I do. Mr Lye: we can look for you.	Page 108	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000057	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Proportion of claims knocked back and the reasons for their refusals	<p>Senator RUSTON: They said that, because it was more than 30 days old, it was not eligible to be claimed. Their response was, 'We thought we were being proactive in making sure that we had it on site to make sure that we were ready to respond immediately to an outbreak.' They feel that they've been penalised for their preparation was the advice that I got. I don't expect you to have this information now but could you give me some details around the proportion of claims that have been knocked back and the reasons why they've been refused? That was one small example but there must be other reasons in terms of the non-compliance and particularly the period of time from the claim to when that claim was refused by the department.</p> <p>Mr Lye: Yes, we are happy to provide that.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: That would be great. Thank you.</p>	Page 108	16/02/2023
SQ23-000058	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Figure table of number of population and physical restraint percentage	<p>Ms Laffan: Can I just correct something or provide more detail to something from before? My colleague just reminded me that the numbers and percentages have gone down in terms of physical restraint; the population has grown. Likewise, over that same period, we have seen a 2.2 per cent reduction in terms of medical restraint, chemical restraint, used.</p> <p>Senator RICE: So we've got an increase in population.</p> <p>Ms Laffan: Yes, which has increased the overall count but not the percentage.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Can you get me the figures?</p> <p>Mr Maldon: We'll give you a table.</p> <p>Senator RICE: The table, on notice, would be great.</p>	Page 110	16/02/2023
SQ23-000059	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	List of aged care homes with rating of one-star and two-stars	<p>Senator RICE: ... I think this is our first estimates since the star rating has come into place, and there's been quite a lot of discussion, obviously. First of all, give us the baseline. How many providers have we got overall who are being</p>	Pages 110-111	16/02/2023

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				<p>rated? Ms Laffan: It's 2,547. Senator RICE: Let's go through them. How many providers received only a single-star rating? Ms Laffan: Are you looking for a count or a percentage? Senator RICE: Both. Ms Laffan: It was 19 with one star, which is one per cent. We've got some rounding here, so things don't add up exactly. Those with two stars were 187, which is seven per cent. Those with three stars were 1,364, which is 53 per cent. Those with four stars were 957, which is 38 per cent. And there were 20 with five stars, which is one per cent. Senator RICE: So we've got half of them being three stars and 61 per cent are three stars and under. Are you able to provide a list of the one-star and two-star ones? It is on the website if you click through to them all, isn't it? Ms Laffan: Yes. We're able to provide that. I don't have that on me. Senator RICE: Take it on notice.</p>		
SQ23-000060	Department of Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	Minister's round table review into regulatory regime around nicotine vaping products	<p>Senator McGRATH: I was just going to say that I'm sure you're going to miss us! I have some questions in relation to the issue of vaping, which I raised previously with you. At the last estimates, the TGA took on notice the membership of the minister's round table on the review into the regulatory regime around nicotine vaping products. I have looked at the list. Most of the organisations on that round table were formerly proponents of the current regime. It is a regime which has delivered a black market that makes up at least 90 per cent of the vaping products sold in Australia. Why have these same organisations been drafted in to fix a mess of their own making?</p>	Page 56	16/02/2023

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				<p>Dr Skerritt: I won't describe it as a mess of their own making. The particular invitees to the round table were determined by the minister and the minister's office, not by the TGA.</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: Why was there not a single representative of the retail or pharmacy sector on the round table?</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: Again, we were not involved. This was a meeting coordinated by the minister's office. The TGA was not involved in sending out invitations or whatever. I understand the ministers had meetings with a range of stakeholders, including the retail sector and so forth, but those questions would be best directed to his office. We didn't organise that meeting at the TGA.</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: Minister, I might put the question to you because you're representing the minister. In relation to the round table, why wasn't there a single representative of the retail or pharmacy sector?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Thank you, Senator McGrath. I'll probably have to take that on notice. I wasn't involved in the invites for the round table. I'm sure it's just the first of many consultations that the minister for health will be having in this regard. If there are people who want to engage with the minister, I'm very happy to facilitate that request. I will see if I can come back to you, Senator McGrath, with any further information.</p>		
SQ23-000061	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	DSCATT - CSIRO study	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: I did get some very comprehensive responses back last time, thank you. I have a few follow-up questions on that now. The first one, which obviously you don't have in front of you, is about the CSIRO tick survey. You provided some additional information. The first question on notice would be, could I</p>	Pages 60-61	16/02/2023

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				<p>get a more detailed understanding of how the \$2.347 million is being spent? It's obviously a very complex and longitudinally timed project. Could I get more information about that? The second question is: they talk about part of the process of the laboratory validating micro RNA markers. Could I get some more information about how long that takes? They also talk about a larger patient cohort, but the response didn't say how many there was in the original part of the review. What has that expanded to? Could I get the project time line so we can see how long and what is occurring across that? The third one is: what methodology has been used to correlate disease severity and duration for tick borne diseases? Another question is: are RNA biomarkers found only in acutely ill patients or also in chronically ill patients? One of the things that has been put to me by the Lyme Disease Association and people who are still suffering many years after tick bites is whether it is possible to get more visibility of that project so that, as they go through and have staged findings, rather than waiting three, four or five years to do anything more, there are things that can progressively be implemented in terms of medical outcomes this year? If it's not possible, could they explain why? As I understand it from the answers I got back, the CSIRO study has already shown in the cohort of patients-again, we don't know how many-that there is a set of micro RNA biomarkers present in people who have been bitten by a tick. Could we get some more information about the nature of those biomarkers? It was clear from that response also that they are looking at an Australian borrelia strain. Can we also get-there has been additional research done</p>		
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				<p>overseas-some information about how that is being incorporated into this study? Are there some things that have been learnt overseas that, rather than waiting several more years, we can look to-again, perhaps where the TGA comes into drugs and therapies? As part of that, are you looking to extend that trial? If so, how long? This is my final question. At what point of knowledge will the department consider it appropriate to remove the DSCATT label from people bitten by ticks in Australia?</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: Thank you, Senator. That's quite a long list of questions.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: A long list of questions. I thought it might be. Take them on notice.</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: I will take them on notice. The major question you asked which led to the ones you mentioned in the replies was whether we have completed the task that the department was set in relation to the Senate community affairs reference committee inquiry on what at the moment we will continue to call debilitating symptom complexes attributable to ticks. That is what has been agreed.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: I think it's easier for us to say tick bites.</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: Well, DSCATT is what we've been using and that's what we will continue to use. The short answer to your question is whether we have fulfilled all of the various recommendations of that committee. I can report to this committee that all of them have been completed. You mentioned a range of things that are ongoing, particularly that CSIRO work, which is fascinating and interesting and will continue. I will undertake to bring back further information in relation to your questions.</p>		
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				<p>Senator REYNOLDS: Thank you. Thank you for taking all those on notice...</p>		
SQ23-000062	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Nicotine vaping - Meetings with New Zealand health colleagues	<p>Senator CANAVAN:the New Zealand health department believes all that you have just said. In New Zealand, they do not have a prescription model. That is true. They have a regulated market for vaping. I have searched New Zealand media and I can't see the same surge in vaping in schools that we seem to be experiencing here in Australia. When was the last time you spoke to your New Zealand health colleagues about their approach to vaping and how it might be performing?</p> <p>Dr Skerritt:Well, we actually invited the New Zealand ministry of health and some of their quit smoking groups. We actually hosted a seminar for Australian GPs and other interested people in Australia to share the New Zealand experience with them. We were actually criticised for that.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: Not GPs. When have you? At a policy level, I suppose I am referring to.</p> <p>Dr Skerritt:I have spoken to them. I would have to take on notice the last date. I have spoken to them a number of times. I think it would be worthwhile sharing with you the nicotine numbers within New Zealand. What we are worried about is total nicotine use, and that is going up.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: This is not my question. This is clearly not my question. I wouldn't normally do it, Dr Skerritt, but I have only five minutes. I didn't ask about that. I can go and collect that myself or get it myself. I just asked when you last met with them. You have taken that on notice.....</p>	Page 63	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000063	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Briefings - QLD Minister for health, QLD health dept. and community advocates	<p>Senator WATERS: Specifically, has the minister or the department been briefed by the Queensland minister for health or the Queensland health department?</p> <p>Prof. A McMillan: I'm not aware of whether that briefing has occurred.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Could you take it on notice to ascertain that?</p> <p>Prof. A McMillan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. Has the minister or the department met with any of the community advocates working to restore maternity services in Gladstone and Biloela?</p> <p>Prof. A McMillan: I haven't had any meeting with consumers.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Again, could you double-check for me on notice, please?</p>	Page 66	16/02/2023
SQ23-000064	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Mount Gambier radiation facility	<p>Senator RUSTON: I'm sorry. The people of Mount Gambier have been promised a radiation facility, as outlined by the information that has been constantly provided to that community. I now hear from you that is not necessarily what is being delivered. Has anybody told the people of Mount Gambier, who have been publicly promised this radiation facility, that there seems to be some back-peddalling going on here?</p> <p>Ms Field: I might just go back a step. We actually did do a competitive approach to market around looking at what services could be delivered. There was a proposal put in for such a facility. However, it wasn't assessed as viable and that it would actually be able to consistently maintained and connected to other services in that region. That was one of the fundamental criteria to be met in the assessment. When we went back to the drawing board,</p>	Page 70	16/02/2023

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				<p>we decided to work with the South Australian government to ensure those services would remain viable into the future and had the best chance of success. The guidelines, as I've said, are broader than just a radiation therapy service. We are working with the South Australian government about what their proposal is contained in that.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I understand the difficult position you find yourself in. This is no criticism of you whatsoever. It appears from the correspondence that I also have from the South Australian government, that the South Australian government is dictating how this money is being spent. They are saying that it is actually the Limestone Coast local health network that is suggesting they can't do this. I will tell you why they are saying they can't do it. They can't recruit specialist staff. I would say that is a fundamental challenge about dealing with the recruitment and retention of health care staff in rural and regional Australia. We can't just walk away from this because it's too hard. With regard to the maintenance of equipment, once again, this is just the complete neglect of rural and regional South Australia by the South Australian government. There are clinical oversight requirements. We want some more information about what is driving the decision that was previously made to support this radiation facility in Mount Gambier and the decision for the federal government to not pursue it. It seems to me that there is a level of dictation being given here to the federal government about how this money is being spent. I'm quite happy for you to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Yes. We will. If there is more detail, we can give it. I want to correct you. You said that you have concerns that we're not going to deliver this. I note that this was promised in April 2019. You had quite</p>		
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				<p>a lot of time in your last term to sort through this, which didn't happen. We've now come in. We're having a look at it. The approach to deliver as per what was outlined, I think, under the original commitment was not viable. It has required further work to be done to work out the best way to deliver that cancer treatment to the people in Mount Gambier. I think you would all agree that going ahead with a non-viable proposal just because it had been announced in April 2019 isn't the best way to ensure that communities are getting the services they need.</p>		
SQ23-000065	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Urgent care clinic program and locations	<p>Senator RUSTON: I want to ask some questions about the urgent care clinic program. How many of the urgent care clinic locations have been identified? Ms Rishniw: There were 50 locations identified at the time of the election. They were confirmed on 1 February by the minister. There are 50 confirmed locations. Senator RUSTON: Is that information publicly available? Ms Rishniw: We're happy to table it. Senator RUSTON: Is it possible to table it and the criteria around which those locations were chosen? Ms Rishniw: The locations were chosen. As I said, they were identified during the course of the election. They were identified, as we understand it, on the basis of hospital emergency department pressure. The locations were identified and clinics established to relieve pressure on EDs. Senator RUSTON: My list from the election was 26. Were there 50? You said that 50 were identified in the election process. Ms Rishniw: There are 50 confirmed locations. Senator RUSTON: No. Were those 50 locations identified in the election? My list had only 26.</p>	Page 72	16/02/2023

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				<p>Ms Rishniw: That is our understanding. They were all identified at the time of the election.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: And you will provide that?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: We will provide the confirmed list. It was confirmed on 1 February.</p>		
SQ23-000066	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	EOI's for urgent care clinics	<p>Senator RUSTON: When the Prime Minister said that three EOIs had been issued in Western Australia and they were the first EOIs, that wasn't correct? There already had been EOIs?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: The first EOI is being issued through the primary health network. There are seven sites in Western Australia. The primary health network has issued an EOI in respect of the first three of those seven.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: What would be really handy, if it is at all possible, to save us going through it now is if you could give us the list of the 50 locations. Can you list state by state how they are intending to go, be it through the federal government through PHNs or whether it's going to be done as a straight payment to the states and territories? Is it possible to provide copies of the guidelines in terms of how they are intending to operate? There is the data matched on the emergency department catchment areas. There is the process around, obviously, the selection of those locations. As I said, I had only 26 from the election. Clearly, you are saying there were 50 from the election, so we've missed 24. I'm interested to know how many of the 50 sites have EOIs out at the moment or have had EOIs returned.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: We may need to take that on notice in terms of the detail.</p>	Page 73	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000067	Department of Health and Aged Care	Louise Pratt	Esther House	<p>Senator PRATT: Are you aware of the parliamentary inquiry in the state parliament of WA into the Esther Foundation. Have you considered this in the context of the contract they were given back in 2019 by the last government? You might need to take this on notice. I would like to know what milestone payments were made and up until which point. Perhaps you have that information now.</p> <p>Ms Field: Thank you for that. We are aware of the inquiry that occurred in the WA parliament about Esther. It was 2019 we put in a funding agreement with Esther. It was \$4 million for the running of AOD services and a number of other services. We've paid out \$2 million of that funding agreed to Esther but suspended payments when they went into administration. We terminated that funding agreement when they went into liquidation.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Was that before or after the parliamentary inquiry was called?</p> <p>Ms Field: I will have to double-check on my timeframes. I'm pretty sure it was before.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: What work did the department do, noting that the parliamentary inquiry found serious abuse was taking place that would not meet the current national alcohol and drug policy guidelines? What oversight did the department have to ensure that, for example, child safe principles were met and other standards that should be required were being met by Esther in delivering these services?</p> <p>Ms Field: All of our funding agreements have standard clauses that all grant recipients need to abide by all Commonwealth and state legislation.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I understand that. What did you do to uphold them, including the child safe organisation principles, which are not just about employees and</p>	Page 75	16/02/2023
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				<p>whether they've got a criminal record? They are actually about the culture within the organisation.</p> <p>Ms Field: Certainly when we put the funding agreement in place, they had to show that they would abide by safety checks and all of those things.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: How do you audit that?</p> <p>Ms Field: The relationship management of the actual grants is through the DSS hub. They look at milestone reports to see if an organisation has met those milestones and certainly keep standing-</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Could you take on notice a question as to what complaints were received either through the department of health or DSS and an assessment of what access any residents at Esther House or their families might have had to complaints mechanisms?</p> <p>....</p>		
SQ23-000068	Department of Health and Aged Care	Louise Pratt	Alcohol and drug services grant agreements	<p>Senator PRATT: ...What work might the government look to do to ensure that funded and unfunded alcohol and other drug services are able to meet the national guidelines? There are many other such organisations still in operation.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: In terms of broader alcohol and drug services, as you mentioned, there is the national quality framework, which was released in December 2019. It is part and parcel of any of our grant agreements in terms of-</p> <p>Senator PRATT: What will happen in the context of ensuring that both funded and unfunded organisations that market themselves as drug and alcohol services when they are not accredited can't market themselves in that way unless they have a formal accreditation?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: Part of that responsibility is obviously a shared one between the state and territory governments</p>	Pages 75-76	16/02/2023

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				<p>and the Commonwealth. We have the most direct levers in terms of the funded services that we provide funding for.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I put it to you that you might also have a lever in terms of the fact that most of the clients of these services hand over their income via Centrepay. Centrepay hands over that money for a residential service. They will tick the box to say that they are accommodation when in actual fact they've been marketed as a drug and alcohol service. It is on that basis that someone signs up their Centrepay to that organisation. In that context, there are many unregulated drug and alcohol services. I can name half a dozen of them across the country. While you say we don't fund them, we are still leveraging the participation of people in what is being marketed as a drug and alcohol service in what is a completely unregulated environment.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: We can have a conversation with our state and territory colleagues as well. Most residential alcohol and drug facilities are run by the states and territories. We will look into the areas that you've raised.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: It is the unregulated ones that I'm most interested in....</p>		
SQ23-000069	Department of Health and Aged Care	Louise Pratt	National framework - unfunded and unregulated organisations	<p>Senator PRATT:The national framework is supposed to apply to unfunded and unregulated organisations. I want to ask for some progress against that and to see how the enforcement of that across the states and territories could be enhanced by having a better view and intersection with the social security and housing components of that. Thank you. I want to ask-</p> <p>Mr Exell: I want to answer one of your questions about the timing of the department's ceased funding versus the report. I can confirm that the report was tabled on 1</p>	Page 76	16/02/2023

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				<p>December 2022 and our funding agreement ceased in May 2022. Yes, that-</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Not long after the inquiry was called.</p> <p>Mr Exell: was held.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: On what basis was it withdrawn? Was it because they went into voluntary liquidation at that time?</p> <p>Ms Field: Yes.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Not because of any concerns about their performance had come to your attention?</p> <p>Mr Exell: They came together at the same time. At that point, I think it had been noted through the performance agreements that nothing had come up. But I think it was around the same time it was terminated.</p> <p>Ms Field: We were looking at our various options with the allegations coming to light. We were looking at a number of allegations. They also then went into administration. We were looking at a range of options because we</p> <p>took those allegations very seriously.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: What were those allegations?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I might have to take that on notice. I don't have them in front of me.</p>		
SQ23-000070	Department of Health and Aged Care	Louise Pratt	Mental health in LGBTIQ+ communities	<p>Senator PRATT: Great. Finally, what steps are happening in relation to the bipartisan commitment to eliminate HIV transmission by 2030, including, again, with community based organisations?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: That is a question for the Chief Medical Officer. I could also go on about the investment we are making in mental health with LGBTIQ+ communities.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: It would be great to see some of that outlined on notice.</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: Sure.</p>	Page 77	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000071	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Human Rights Commission report - coordination between Attorney-Generals and Health ministers	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Fantastic. In 2021, the Human Rights Commission released its report on protecting the human rights of people born with variations in sex characteristics, particularly in the context of medical interventions. A key recommendation of the report included a convening of all state Attorneys-General and health ministers to coordinate progress in this area. Have these meetings occurred?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: I think we might need to take that one on notice. I'm not aware of a meeting in the last six months. Can we take that on notice and come back to you?</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: You can. Obviously, the Attorney-General's part we can put to the Attorney-General's office as well. Minister, from your perspective, do you know if your colleague is working to bring together a meeting of health ministers to discuss the findings of the report?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I'm not aware, Senator, but I'm happy to take it on notice and see if I can provide any additional information to the committee.</p>	Page 77	16/02/2023
SQ23-000072	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Residential eating disorder facilities	<p>Senator RUSTON: Just quickly, some funding was previously allocated to the state governments-I think it was \$70 million-to construct residential eating disorder facilities. Is that something that would mean anything to anyone here? Hi, Mr Short. I'm just wondering where that particular funding expenditure was at. Have facilities been built; are they underway or contracted et cetera?</p> <p>Ms Field: We have fully committed all those funds. We've got all federation funding agreements established with states. It's at varying processes and progress in every single state and territory. Some have got land, some have built construction and some are still looking to acquire land. They're at different statuses and, because we</p>	Page 78	16/02/2023

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				<p>fund the states to do that, it really is a responsibility of states around getting these up and running, delivering services.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Sure. That's great. Would it be possible to get an update on each of the facilities in each of the states just so we can see where they're up to?</p> <p>Ms Field: I'm certainly happy to take that on notice and give that to you.</p>		
SQ23-000073	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Out-of-pocket expenses for GP consult	<p>Senator RUSTON: I was not provoking you. If you want to be provoked, I can provoke you. Do you collect data on how many clinics are taking on new patients, for instance? Would you have any idea of that?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: No, we don't collect information directly. We do get information from rural workforce agencies that may be working with practices that are struggling to recruit and that might tell them that they are not taking on patients. But it is not something that we collect. If we were to require all GP practices to report that to us, it would be an additional data reporting burden on them and we want them to focus on their patients.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I quite understand, but a useful piece of data nonetheless. As an example, do you have an idea through the data collection of what the average out-of-pocket expense for an average GP consult would be, for instance?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: What is it at the moment?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I don't have my outcome 2 folder with me, which has all of that MBS data in it-sorry-but we can get it to you a notice.</p>	Page 80	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000075	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Data on MM category	<p>Senator RUSTON: Well, I look forward to receiving that data and then I may put some more questions on notice about information about specific locations.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We can probably give you that data now. There's been a 41 per cent increase in international medical graduate registrations in the last financial year, which is 2,985 new doctors entering the workforce. That's the increase in the international medical graduate workforce coming into Australia.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: The increase in it, or the number that have come? That's the new-</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: Yes, that's the new people coming in and being registered as working in Australia.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: You said that there has been no change in the number of those that are going to rural and regional areas? Is that what you said? Normally a certain percentage of those-</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I don't have the breakdown of that number about who's ended up in which MM category. I'm not sure we can get it for you, because that's based on Ahpra registration data, but we'll look and see what we can provide.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Great. Thank you. I've finished that block of questions.</p>	Page 82	16/02/2023
SQ23-000076	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	ADHD assessment and services	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I've heard from many people who are currently pursuing ADHD assessment and subsequent services throughout the country, who have experienced a very long wait time to access them. It's not unusual for folks that have reached out to me to wait for more than a year to see a psychologist or a psychiatrist as part of that diagnosis process. What measures is the department taking to establish the cause of these wait times?</p>	Page 83	16/02/2023

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				<p>Ms Rishniw: That, I think, goes in part to the ability and partly where these clinical guidelines are trying to actually improve the diagnosis and access to effective treatment so that more clinicians can actually have specialised understanding and diagnosis skills for people with ADHD and, similarly, the consumer guide to allow for people with ADHD to understand what those clinical guidelines will mean and how they might increase both the availability of clinician services and time. This is a big first step.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Right. It is a necessary action that has been taken. Can you point to anything else that your department is doing to either identify the cause of these wait times or to reduce them?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: Specifically with ADHD, I don't know that I can go into that detail, and I might need to take that on notice. Obviously, there are a broad range of other measures that are trying to increase the workforce, particularly in mental health, to increase the scholarships and psychologists and psychiatrists but also peer workers, mental health nurses, counsellors and a whole range of mental health workforce that will also be armed with these guidelines to improve access.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: If you could take it on notice- Ms Rishniw: I will.</p>		
SQ23-000077	Department of Health and Aged Care	Hollie Hughes	Climate active tick correspondence	<p>Senator HUGHES: The department acknowledged a letter came from the department of health suggesting that by giving a legal company a tick, just because part of their business is a tobacco business-not even their whole business now, but part of their business is a tobacco business-regardless of them reaching the emission standards and climate action, the department of health</p>	Page 85	16/02/2023

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				<p>suggested the tick be removed.</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: As I said, it's my area of the department which is working with climate change. The one thing I do know is we are involved and engaged with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and</p> <p>Water in relation to assessing our own climate impact as a department. That's what I thought you were referring to.</p> <p>Senator HUGHES: No.</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: In terms of writing to private companies, and particularly private tobacco companies-</p> <p>Senator HUGHES: No, writing to fellow departments. It wasn't written to British American Tobacco. It was written to the Climate Active tick agency, through the department of climate change and energy. I would like the letter from the department of health that went to DCCEEW telling them to remove the Climate Active tick from British American Tobacco, which has occurred despite them complying with all conditions required for the tick. I would like tabled a copy of the letter-I appreciate you managed to take it on notice-that was sent from the department of health to DCCEEW, telling them to remove or advising them it would be beneficial to remove British American Tobacco from the program.</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: We'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator HUGHES: And perhaps take notice, whichever part of the department of health took it upon itself to write this letter, do they plan to further these letters across industries that perhaps the department of health does</p> <p>not deem worthy of being endorsed? Perhaps fast food,</p>		
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				the sugar industry, the alcohol industry. Prof. Kelly: We'll take that on notice.		
SQ23-000078	Department of Health and Aged Care	Tammy Tyrrell	Better access initiative	<p>Senator TYRRELL: I want to ask some questions about the Better Access initiative, if that's okay. From March 2020 to the end of last year, we saw a trial take place in response to COVID-19, and people were pretty happy with it. The government decided not to adopt the recommendations for the additional 10 sessions. It's a four-point question. What was the rationale for not adopting the recommendation? Did the department advise the minister not to adopt this recommendation? What other advice did the minister received about the recommendation? What was the cost to the taxpayer of this scheme for each financial year it was used?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I can kick off. Better Access was a program that offered 10 sessions. It was elevated during COVID to 20 sessions, and, under the former government, it was due to expire at the end of December. So it expired at the end of December. There was a review into the program, which showed that it's well liked. Whilst it gave extra sessions to people on the program, it didn't actually provide better access to people who were off the program. Because it's a demand-driven program, if psychologists are seeing the same person for double the amount of time, they can't double the number of sessions and see other people. In a sense, that was a concern, particularly for people who were not in the program. It expired at the time that was set by the previous government. We can give you the figures, I think; I'll let</p>	Page 87	16/02/2023

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				<p>you, Ms Rishniw, do the figures in case I get them wrong. It was also around access as well-making sure sessions were there for people who weren't on the program, so we were actually reaching people so they were able to get that early intervention and access to care. I read somewhere the average number of sessions per person was five. Yes, the average sessions per person on the program was 5.4. Ms Rishniw: I should say, access to the 10 Better Access sessions remains for all Australians as intended. As the minister has outlined, the COVID additional 10 was always due to expire. It was put in place as a terminating measure specifically in response to COVID. You asked about the amount spent on the additional 10 sessions. Senator TYRRELL: What was the cost to the taxpayer of the scheme for each financial year it was used? Ms Rishniw: I'll need to take on notice each financial year, but over the period that the additional 10 sessions were in place, from 7 August 2020 to 31 December 2023, the expenditure for those additional 10 sessions was \$310.8 million.</p>		
SQ23-000079	Department of Health and Aged Care	Tammy Tyrrell	Better access forum	<p>Senator TYRRELL: Could I ask a couple of subsequent questions of Dr Vine, then? Who are the experts in the forum? You must have been there. How were all participants in the forum selected? Was there representation from every state and territory? Did it focus on rural and regional areas specifically or was it broader? How often does and will the forum meet? Are there any terms of reference that the public were able to access? When is the outcome meant to be delivered?</p>	Page 89	16/02/2023

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				<p>Dr Vine: There are a lot of questions there. In answer to your question, firstly, throughout the evaluation there was quite a lot of consultation through two groups: a clinical group and a stakeholder engagement group. Both of those included clinical experts as well as lived experience people as well as a range of professionals and others. The forum invited those groups and, in addition, supplemented those groups with a number of systems experts as well as a much broader representation from lived experience-there were 14 lived experience people in total- and a number across the professions. There were not state and territory government representatives at that meeting. It was looking at the Commonwealth funded Better Access, but I'm pretty sure that we had representatives from each state and territory across those professions. I actually think we could provide the list of attendees, along with their professional affiliation and their jurisdictional background. That might give you the answer to that.</p>		
SQ23-000080	Department of Health and Aged Care	Tammy Tyrrell	Breakdown of enabled/ addressed recommendations and time frame for release of other recommendations of the Royal Commission	<p>Senator TYRRELL: I appreciate your time. The government has made a number of changes in this space that implement some of the 148 recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, including parliament's passage last year of the Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment (Royal Commission Response) Bill 2022. How many of the royal commission's recommendations that the government agreed to have been actioned to date?</p> <p>Mr Lye: There are a number of ways you can cut this. We have resourced or enabled, I think, 37 recommendations, but we're obviously working at progressing quite a large</p>	Page 118	16/02/2023

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				<p>number. Ms Connolly can probably give you a more detailed breakdown if you'd like it.</p> <p>Senator TYRRELL: I am aware that we've got time restrictions, too.</p> <p>Ms Connolly: Measures at the 2022-23 budget combined with two pieces of legislation passed in the second half of last year have enabled or addressed, in full or in part, 37 recommendations of the royal commission.</p> <p>Senator TYRRELL: I was going to ask for a breakdown of those, but I think that would take way too much time. Does it cluster into areas?</p> <p>Ms Connolly: It's across the suite of recommendations. I can give you some examples if you like.</p> <p>Senator TYRRELL: That would be great, and if I could get a breakdown in a spreadsheet or something sent to us, that would be amazing.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Yes, let's just provide it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Connolly: I can do that.</p> <p>Senator TYRRELL: Also in regard to that, there are quite a few more recommendations to come. Is there a time frame for release?</p> <p>Mr Lye: I can probably give you some guidance, Senator. To give you an example, I think the new aged-care legislation will equip a large number of recommendations. There are some elements of the reform that are responsible for a whole lot of them, others less. We could give you some indication on notice.</p>		
SQ23-000081	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Correspondence received from stakeholders regarding better access	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Can I ask one question of the minister, just to get a letter from the health minister?</p> <p>CHAIR: It cuts into agency time.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Just very briefly, I wondered if you could confirm that the minister has received a letter written jointly to him by the Australian Psychological</p>	Page 90	16/02/2023

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				<p>Society, the Rural Health Alliance, the Victorian Ambulance Union and the Federal Police Association which is arguing for the retention of the 10 additional sessions because of the risk of patient harm, risk of loss of life and risk to emergency services personnel created by this decision.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I'll take that on notice, but I also am aware that the AMA, Ian Hickie and Pat McGorry have all publicly supported the government's decision, so I accept there are a range of views on this program.</p>		
SQ23-000082	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	Number of aged-care home visits per year	<p>Senator RICE: That was going to be my next question. In a year, what proportion of aged-care homes would have had a visit?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: That's a different question. A site audit is a particular sort of visit, where we look at all 42 requirements under the standards. A visit may not be that thorough. A visit may take a domain approach and look at a subset of requirements.</p> <p>Senator RICE: But a visit that inspected the quality of care that was able to pick up whether there were things that needed attention.</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I don't think I have a proportion of the total sector. My difficulty is that I have a number of site visits but I don't know how many services that equates to. There would be some services we visited more than once. In 2021-22 we made 1,733 site visits, but I'm not sure what the service number is. I can probably take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Okay. So it was 1,700, but that would be an overestimate because some places would be visited more than once.</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Yes. It's a very good chance.</p> <p>Senator RICE: So, in a one-year period, how many homes would it be? Approximately half?</p>	Page 121	16/02/2023

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				Ms Anderson: That probably is in the ballpark. I'd certainly have to take it on notice to give you a more precise response.		
SQ23-000085	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Notice to changes in Modified Monash Model classification	<p>Senator RUSTON: It's a small residential facility. It has 53 residents. It resides in a town with a population of 2,688. It's more than 15 kilometres away from a town with about 15,000 people. Up until 15 September 2022, it was classified as an MMM 5. They had predicated all of their budgeting in preparations for the forth coming year on the basis of them being an MMM 5. On 15 September 2022, they were advised by email from your department that they were now classified as an MMM 3. The response gave them exactly 15 days in which to change their entire operation to take into account for the fact that they'd lost a significant amount of funding. At that time, the facility sought, by writing to the agency, the determination to be reviewed and gave evidence as to why they believed that they were still an MMM 5 in that they certainly didn't meet the criteria of 4 or below. To date, they remain frustrated as to the fact that they have not been given any reason, apart from apparent change in data from the 2019 census. I can show you this lovely little map here. It's this little dot in the middle of here, around all this MMM 5. For some weird reason, a dot in the middle of the MMM 5 region is MMM 3 for the first time. Despite the response being received from the Residential Care Funding Reform branch that says any changes to classifications would be given at least six months notice, these people were given two weeks. Could this matter be taken-</p> <p>Dr Hartland: We have to take it on notice. The MMM regions are regularly updated. They're a department-wide classification, so we'll need to liaise with some of our colleagues to find out what the update is and we'll need to</p>	Page 124	16/02/2023

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				chase down the issue about the notice. Neither Mark nor I have a briefing on that particular provider, but we'll chase it down.		
SQ23-000086	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Rio Tinto capsule response	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: My questions are in relation to the recent incident in Western Australia involving the lost Rio Tinto capsule. It's deeply concerning to the community, as I'm sure you understand. First of all, can you briefly step me through what ARPANSA's involvement was in the incident itself?</p> <p>Dr Hirth: ARPANSA's role in this incident was really in providing support to the Western Australian government. Western Australia regulate Rio Tinto. We don't have a regulatory role in Western Australia.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: So it's a non-regulatory role?</p> <p>Dr Hirth: Yes. ARPANSA was requested-I think we were notified on Friday 27-to provide some support with a wide area gamma monitoring. That activated the Commonwealth Disaster Response Plan, COMDISPLAN.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Was that the sole thing that was requested from WA?</p> <p>Dr Hirth: Support in the search for the source, and that is the technology that we applied.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Was there any other involvement of ARPANSA in the incident?</p> <p>Dr Hirth: No, that was the role.</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: If I may: there is a role for radiation safety in the department, which is beyond the regulatory role of ARPANSA. Just to assure you: we were involved in the whole-of-government response from the Commonwealth in support of the WA government's response to this incident.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN:</p>	Page 95	16/02/2023

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				<p>Thank you. What process reviews, if any, have been undertaken by ARPANSA following this incident?</p> <p>Dr Hirth: ARPANSA has done their own review of our processes, as you would with any emergency response; you would do an after-action review.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Yes, of course.</p> <p>Dr Hirth: In relation to the Western Australian response, currently we understand that the Western Australian government will undertake an investigation into the incident. ARPANSA coordinates the Radiation Health Committee. I would have to check when our next meeting is due. I think it's in March some time.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Could you take that on notice and provide that?</p> <p>Dr Hirth: Yes. We will seek an update on the status of the investigation.</p>		
SQ23-000087	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Banning of antibiotic azithromycin for COVID patients	<p>Senator RENNICK: Did the Australian government ban the prescription of the antibiotic azithromycin for COVID patients throughout 2020? Is that correct?</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: Not to my knowledge. That's probably not really relevant in the aged care outcome.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: It's just that it's older people that generally get given antibiotics for bacterial pneumonia.</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: I'm not aware of any banning of azithromycin for COVID patients. I can take it on notice and investigate, but I'm not aware of that.</p>	Page 126	16/02/2023
SQ23-000088	Department of Health and Aged Care	Wendy Askew	Time Minister Wells spends at the West Coast	<p>Senator ASKEW: Can you take on notice how much time she spent on the west coast rather than having a pie eating competition with the member for Lyons?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Well, you can have your political shot, but I think you'd be hard pressed to find a harder working</p>	Page 123	16/02/2023

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				minister who has the energy that I don't seem to be able to find. Compare her to Senator Colbeck. If we want to have a chat about it, let's compare diaries.		
SQ23-000089	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Code for the safe transport of radioactive material - future updates and meetings	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Is ARPANSA looking to use this case to update its regulation of the transporting of nuclear material? Although, taking what you just said about your regulatory role, if it's not your regulatory role then the recommendations you might make to states and territories around the regulatory models?</p> <p>Dr Hirth: I think it's important to note that the Code for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, which is published by ARPANSA through our radiation protection series, does set the standard, and that aligns with the current international best practice recommendations. There are of course nine jurisdictional regulators in radiation safety in Australia. One of ARPANSA's roles is to promote national uniformity, but promoting is different to requiring national uniformity. This is an issue that we have raised, and we have had discussions with our jurisdictional partners about other ways we can ensure we are regulating in a more consistent manner across all states and territories and jurisdictions in Australia.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: The existence of nine separate regulatory models for such a critical area of oversight is quite concerning. I'm glad to hear you have raised it. Minister, are you aware of the role the health minister might be playing in putting a description of different regulatory models on the National Cabinet agenda or at a future meeting of health ministers?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I'll take that on notice. I haven't had any discussions on that with the health minister.</p>	Pages 95-96	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000090	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Missing radiation source incident in WA – taxpayer costs	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Dr Hirth, can you take on notice for us the ways in which the WA regulatory model differs from-I forget the terminology you used-the standard you use as best practice?</p> <p>Dr Hirth: I should clarify that all states and territories follow the same code of practice, but in this instance, if the code of practice had been followed, you shouldn't have an incident of that type.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Absolutely. If you could share that with us, that would be good. Finally, you've shared with us that ARPANSA doesn't have a role in communicating directly with the community in relation to incidents such as this.</p> <p>Dr Hirth:In relation to the Western Australian incident, communication with the community in Western Australia is the responsibility of the Western Australian government. We provided briefs to the Commonwealth government and to other partners.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: First Nations partners?</p> <p>Dr Hirth: We don't have a role, in relation to that particular incident, for communication during an emergency. That is the responsibility of the lead agency.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I understand that Rio Tinto have offered to pay all associated costs. What have been the costs to the taxpayer of not only the search for the capsule but also the work you had to undertake in supporting WA?</p> <p>Dr Hirth: I would have to take that question on notice. I know that we are compiling that information. I don't have the full detail here.</p>	Page 96	16/02/2023
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SQ23-000092	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Severity of the Omicron variant compared to the Alpha variant based on death rate percentage	<p>Senator RENNICK: Good to know. This is my last question. I asked you previously in estimates for the numbers on the reduction in hospitalisations and deaths among the vaccinated and unvaccinated cohorts. You gave me figures from 15 December 2021 onwards, presumably for the omicron variant. You had an unvaccinated death rate for people who caught COVID of 32.2 per cent. Are you aware that's 40 per cent higher than the 23 per cent death rate for over-70-year-olds from the alpha variant, and, if so, how do you reconcile the fact that you said that omicron wasn't as severe as the alpha variant?</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: Sorry, that's a bit hard to follow at 10.30 at night when we're talking about aged care. I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: It's for over-70-year-olds. Most of the deaths were in aged care for over-70-year-olds, so it's relevant to the portfolio.</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Rennick, if the official has indicated he needs to take it on notice, he's able to do that. Do you have a different question?</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: The point is that you're saying the death rate for omicron for unvaccinated people over 70 is 40 per cent higher than the death rate for unvaccinated people with alpha.</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: As I said, I'll take that on notice. What I have actually said in the past, and am happy to update to 15 January 2023, is that during the omicron era, from 15 December 2021 to 15 January 2023, the proportion of cases who died is more than 36 times higher in unvaccinated compared to fully vaccinated, up-to-date people between the ages of 16 and 49; 41 times higher-not per cent, times-in people aged 50 to 69 years; and over 19 times higher in people aged 70 and over. That's Australian</p>	Page 126	16/02/2023
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				<p>data from our own records. Senator RENNICK: Yes. They're relative percentages. I'd like to see all those numbers. Last time you just gave me relative percentages. Prof. Kelly: I'll take that on notice. Senator RENNICK: My point is that your numbers don't have credibility, because you've said the omicron variant isn't as severe as the alpha variant, but the figures you gave me for the omicron variant were 40 per cent higher for the over 70-year-olds unvaccinated. So take it on notice. Prof. Kelly: I will take it on notice. Senator RENNICK: Can you justify those numbers? They don't make any sense. Prof. Kelly: I can justify them, and I will do so on notice. Senator RENNICK: Thank you.</p>		
SQ23-000093	Department of Health and Aged Care	Louise Pratt	Information regarding Minister Wells and Senator Colbeck visits to aged-care facilities	<p>Senator PRATT: Can I ask, please, for the department to advise us how many visits to aged-care facilities were made by the previous minister for aged care, Senator Richard Colbeck, in the previous parliament. If that's not possible, please tell us how many visit briefs you prepared for the former minister in the previous parliament? Senator ASKEW: [inaudible] Senator PRATT: Well, I think it's fair to have this information on the record. I'm just going to ask the question straight up. I also ask, in that context, how many visit briefs have been prepared for Minister Wells and how many visits she has made-in particular, how many visits were made to regional and rural Australia, MM 2 and above locations. If possible, please, in answering my questions about Senator Colbeck's visits, it would be great to have that broken down into 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. I'm happy for that to be taken on notice.</p>	Page 127	16/02/2023

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				CHAIR: Thank you. Is the department happy to take that on notice? Great. Senator Rice, you have the call.		
SQ23-000094	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	Aged-care home star ratings for compliance with direction to revise a plan for continuous improvement	<p>Senator RICE: I will try to be quick, and if you could be quick that would be great. I have a couple of follow-up questions on the star ratings. Is it correct that a home can receive three stars for compliance, even if there is a direction from the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner to revise a plan for continuous improvement?</p> <p>Mr Maldon: Yes, that's correct, but only in circumstances where it's a minor nonconformance and there's no risk to care recipients at the service.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Okay. Can you take on notice what that would mean-what sorts of issues that minor nonconformance would mean?</p> <p>Mr Maldon: Yes.</p>	Page 127	16/02/2023
SQ23-000095	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Joint state and federal government run hospital/ aged-care facility in rural areas	<p>Senator RICE: Right. Going back to residential aged care, has any work been done by the department to consider developing a government provider-of-last-resort model for those areas where the market coverage doesn't exist? I have multiple people contacting me, as I know others do here, in the regional and rural areas where places have closed down and there's no provision of aged care.</p> <p>Mr Lye: I think we've talked about this at Senate estimates before. We're doing some work in areas where we have thin markets. The example probably most often used is in Bombala in New South Wales. We don't have a Commonwealth provider of last resort as such, but, as you'd be aware, we have state services where there are often a hospital and an aged-care facility together.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Yes, which often aren't very good quality aged care. It's much more a hospital environment than an aged-care environment or a home environment.</p>	Pages 128-129	16/02/2023

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				<p>Mr Lye: I think that's probably true in some circumstances, but, equally, some of those facilities are much loved by people who are used to that.</p> <p>Senator RICE: I'll just cut to the chase because I haven't got much time. In terms of a model of a government provider of high-quality aged care, rather than a wing of the local hospital, is there any work going on in the department?</p> <p>Mr Lye: I would just point to the model of working with state governments as a potential future model. If you think about capital improvements or new facilities using that model, I think there's an opportunity to think about a contemporary design that works that doesn't necessarily resemble a hospital ward but that still might draw its workforce from a combined state government and Commonwealth government pool. Our funding from the state government-</p> <p>Senator RICE: So it would basically be a joint state and federal government-</p> <p>Mr Lye: It might a state-government-run facility but drawing on Commonwealth aged-care funding, and the staff might also work in a hospital setting or a primary care setting.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Could you take on notice to provide me with any information on the work that you're doing in the department with regard to that model?</p> <p>Mr Lye: Happy to.</p>		
SQ23-000096	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Refusal of Aged Care Assessment Teams assessment for people in palliative care	<p>Senator RICE: Is it correct that ACAT teams don't assess someone who is in palliative care.</p> <p>Dr Hartland: No.</p> <p>Senator RICE: I have certainly got an example of somebody who was told that they were refused to be placed on a waiting list for an ACAT assessment because they were under a palliative care team. You would say that's not-</p>	Page 129	16/02/2023

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				Mr Lye: We're happy to say that. Dr Hartland: That would be inappropriate. Senator RICE: I will put on notice		
SQ23-000097	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Factors contributing to aged-care facilities having success or otherwise with infection control	<p>Senator RICE: I will put on notice on, I would have really loved to have some discussion about COVID across aged care facilities and looking at the facilities that are doing well compared with the facilities that aren't doing so well. Generally, how is the department using the information from facilities that have good infection control to help them lift the performance of the facilities that haven't? Perhaps my simple question to end is, is it true that COVID deaths in aged care facilities are not evenly spread across the whole sector? There would be some facilities that have a lot more than others?</p> <p>Mr Lye: I think we have some intelligence, certainly around facilities that have had multiple outbreaks. Where you're going is right. We can probably provide you on notice some of the factors that we see that contribute to the success or otherwise of a facility battling COVID. I'm not sure that that extends to deaths, but we can certainly provide something to you on notice to give you a sense of that.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Ventilation was one that was particularly raised with me, but obviously there are a range of other things.</p> <p>Mr Lye: I'm not sure that ventilation is one-we are happy to give you things that we can see that are material.</p>	Pages 129-130	16/02/2023
SQ23-000098	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Professional details of members who review deaths related to COVID vaccines	Senator ROBERTS: On notice, could you give me the titles-I won't ask for the names-of the people on your committee that reviews doctors' reports attributing deaths to COVID vaccines? I want their qualifications and whether or not they're registered doctors, please.	Page 97	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000099	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Pfizer - data related to transmission	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Yes, there is a question. Could you summarise, Minister-sorry; I'm going to summarise. The Pfizer product does not stop transmission. Kids have a tiny risk of hospitalisation and a zero risk of serious harm from COVID. Two kids we know of have died from a Pfizer vaccine, on your own assessment. So why are we giving this bloody thing to kill children?</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: Well, most of the statements you just made then are wrong, in fact-if not all of them, probably, Senator. First of all, there are impacts on transmission. The impact on transmission of Omicron is much lower than the impact on transmission of Delta and so forth.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: For how long?</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: We have provided that information on notice; we can provide it again. Secondly, we do not agree that two children have died. Thirdly, there have been examples of Australian children in intensive care following COVID infection, and, again, we can provide you with that information that comes from departments such as New South Wales Health.</p>	Page 98	16/02/2023
SQ23-000100	Department of Health and Aged Care	Wendy Askew	Figure for the number and percentage of nursing home that were in lockdown or very limited visitations were provided	<p>Senator ASKEW: Could I add something to the question on notice taken from Senator Pratt? Where we have the breakdown in regard to visits to nursing homes over the last three years, can we also give a figure for the number and percentage of nursing homes that were either in lockdown or requesting that only family or very limited visitations were provided? I would add that as part of the question to give some clarity and reality to the request. It's a witch hunt.</p>	Page 130	16/02/2023
SQ23-000101	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	Breakdown of reportable incidents received in each	<p>Senator RICE: Could I put another question on notice with regard to serious incidents and notifications and for a breakdown of reportable incidents received in each category of serious incidents.</p>	Page 130	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000102	Department of Health and Aged Care	Hollie Hughes	Advisory committee on medicines scheduling meeting - minutes	<p>Senator HUGHES: That would be appreciated. If there has been a declaration of conflict of interest, that would be helpful. The TGA's latest proposals for regulation of NVPs include banning all flavours except tobacco, introducing plain packaging and limiting the nicotine level available in NVPs. Think of it this way: people who are doing the right thing through the pharmaceutical model have started on a vape, which tends to happen; it's tobacco flavoured; but then they move away from that, because that's the whole point of getting away from cigarettes-moving away from the tobacco flavour. We could talk all night about the fact that you would potentially be pushing those vapers who are using the prescription model back to the illicit market for flavours if they were to be banned. I certainly wouldn't go back to a tobacco flavoured vape. These things were discussed, and Mrs Viatos was part of this, all while someone she represents is able to continue selling NRTs in colourful branded packaging in a supermarket. Nicorette's available in green packaging, with bright colours. It is available in cool berry, icy mint and fresh mint. So Nicorette would still be able to sell their juicy fruit gum.</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: Senator, you're conflating two things.</p> <p>Senator HUGHES: I'm not.</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: Sorry. The TGA consultation paper, which has proposals-and they are only proposals-was not an agenda item or discussed at the Advisory Committee on Medicines Scheduling. It was a totally separate process.</p> <p>Senator HUGHES: Did Mrs Viatos have anything to do with having vapes scheduled as a prescription-only medicine?</p>	Page 99	16/02/2023

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				<p>Dr Skerritt: As I said, I believe she was present at those meetings, but you also have to remember that this is an advisory committee. They have no decision-making role whatsoever.</p> <p>Senator HUGHES: You don't think there's a conflict of interest there in having someone who represents Johnson & Johnson, which makes a considerable profit from their own product, advising on another matter?</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: If she had advocated for that in a comparative way-</p> <p>Senator HUGHES: Well, I don't know whether she's advocated it.</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: Sorry. I believe there would have been, and I think that members and the chair would have asked for her to be recused from that meeting. But the-</p> <p>Senator HUGHES: Are minutes from those meetings available?</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: Yes. Again, we can make the minutes from those meetings-</p> <p>Senator HUGHES: If you could table those minutes of any meetings-</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: Yes. We may have to provide them in confidence.</p> <p>Senator HUGHES: That's fine. I'm happy to have them in confidence. All good.</p>		
SQ23-000103	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Pfizer nonclinical report and myocarditis	<p>Senator RENNICK: Dr Skerritt, does myocarditis cause cardiac arrests?</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: Not usually.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: That's not what two cardiologists and a surgeon with a PhD in genomics have just told me.</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: I'm sorry; you just need to look at the medical</p>	Page 102	16/02/2023

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				<p>literature-</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: That's all I need to know, thank you.</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: and perhaps my two medically qualified colleagues may also contribute.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: I'll take that. I don't want to dwell on it.</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: But 'not usually' is the answer.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Well, we'll take that. I just want to refer to page 19 of the Pfizer nonclinical report. In the first paragraph below the first table it says, 'V8 and V9 have identical amino acid sequences of the encoded antigens and differ only in their codon optimisation sequences, which were designed to improve antigen expression.' Why did you originally redact that paragraph in the original freedom of information document given that proved that the vaccine was gain-of-function that increased the toxicity of the vaccine by increasing the spike protein?</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: I don't have the relevant document in front of me, so we'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: You can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Okay. I've just read it out to you.</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: But I don't have the document in front of me.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: This vaccine increases the antigen expression, right, of the spike protein. It increases the amount of protein made by the vaccine over the virus. A traditional vaccine is generally attenuated not empowered with a greater expression-making function. So, do you accept the vaccine is a gain-of-function?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Senator Rennick, it's been taken on notice.</p>		
SQ23-000104	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Trials relating to five doses of COVID vaccine	Senator RENNICK: Have any trials been done on people receiving five doses of the vaccine, with particular note to immune imprinting of repeated vaccination? I	Page 104	16/02/2023

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				<p>asked this question 18 months ago, but I'll ask again.</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: I don't believe anyone had had five doses of vaccine 18 months ago.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: That's right, and you mocked me for asking. And here we are at five doses now.</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: There is experience now. On notice, we will provide the references on the immune response and how it is enhanced following multiple doses of a vaccine—three, four and five. We will provide you with results of those studies on notice, including work from the US Center for Disease Control because there were prior references to those studies.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Despite your own public assessment report noting that the risk of vaccine enhancement existed, you're denying the fact that that risk exists.</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: The public assessment report, written two years ago, said that in any vaccine you have to watch out for the principle of immune imprinting. That is something we're still watching out for but we're not seeing evidence of it. If there was evidence of strong immune imprinting you would see a decreased response. In other words, subsequent boosts would not raise the neutralising antibodies. What we are seeing, and ATAGI also considered this data, as well as TGA recently, is that these additional boosts are still raising neutralising antibodies very significantly, particularly BA.1 and BA.4/5 bivalent vaccine boosters.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: IGG4 is increasing as well.</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: They are doing a very good job in raising neutralising antibodies.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: That's a down-regulating antibody. My last question—</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: It's not, Senator.</p>		
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SQ23-000105	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Model of care - online prescriptions by telehealth	<p>Senator RUSTON: There were some newspaper reports earlier this week or last-I lose track of time-in relation to accusations of bots or whatever they call them, not real people, giving prescriptions.</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: Well, it would be an offence if a registered practitioner didn't prescribe. It would be a misuse of a prescriber number. That would be an illegal action if a computer somehow generated a prescription without the active involvement of a practitioner.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: What I'm trying to understand is that there are these accusations of what is clearly inappropriate conduct, if that is what is happening. There are also legitimate models where you are able to get online prescriptions by a telehealth mechanism.</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: It is just how that is factoring into the determination around the broader innovation in models of care.</p> <p>Prof. Murphy: Sure. We would be happy to take on notice any intel or any work we're doing on that. I'm not aware of anything specific we're doing on it. I don't know whether anyone else is.</p>	Page 50	16/02/2023
SQ23-000106	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Data collection comparing outcomes of face-to-face or blended model of care	<p>Senator RUSTON: I'm interested to understand if there has been any data collected in relation to the difference in the outcomes of face-to-face or a blended model. I clearly understand that no-one is suggesting that you do telehealth and only telehealth. What sort of data is there? How is that being collected? What is the outcome ratio? What is the impact relative to location? Clearly, rural, regional and remote and the further you get away from a capital city, the greater dependence you have on alternative models. I'm happy to put the rest of that on notice. It may not necessarily be to you.</p>	Page 50	16/02/2023

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				Prof. Murphy: The department properly, I think. Senator RUSTON: Coming from rural and regional Australia, I am very interested in how you are developing no one-size-fits-all models of care. Thank you.		
SQ23-000115	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Breastfeeding strategy	<p>The Lancet recently published research showing that around US\$341.3B per year is lost globally from unrealised benefits to health and human development because of inadequate investment in protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding.</p> <p>In 2018, the World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative scored Australia 25.5 out of 150 for our implementation of WHO aligned policies and programs. In 2019, the Australian National Breastfeeding Strategy (ANBS) set a target to double the rate of breastfeeding and strengthen regulatory arrangements for marketing of formula.</p> <p>1. What funding has been allocated to ensure the appropriate implementation of the Australian National Breastfeeding Strategy priority action areas?</p> <p>2. Has the Commonwealth has provided any additional funding to State and Territories to support breastfeeding support programs?</p> <p>3. Has any funding been allocated to implement the Baby Friendly Health Initiative and related medical training identified as priority areas under the ANBS?</p> <p>4. Will implementation of the ANBS be an agenda item on any upcoming Meeting of Health Ministers? Does the meeting have a process for coordinating State and Territory initiatives to implement the ANBS?</p> <p>5. What work has the Department done in response to</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>calls to end exploitative marketing of commercial milk formula - https://anmj.org.au/call-for-australia-to-end-exploitative-marketing-of-commercial-milk-formula-at-home-and-abroad/?</p> <p>6. The Australian Government provided \$160,000 to the Infant Nutrition Council to develop market access strategies for Australia's infant formula in SE Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Were any conditions imposed to ensure the strategies developed were not exploitative?</p> <p>7. The Infant Nutrition Council held an event at parliament house in June 2022, "Safeguarding The Future", and associated cocktail event to access government officials. Did the Minister or Assistant Minister attend the conference? Did any Departmental officials attend the conference?</p>		
SQ23-000116	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Breastfeeding data	<p>1. What data is collected on how many babies are breastfed? When was the last time data was collected?</p> <p>2. If they say through the National Health Survey, ask how many people are surveyed as part of that process, and how it compares to the National Infant Feeding Survey in 2010.</p> <p>3. Without robust data, how will the government know whether the goals of the ANBS are being achieved?</p> <p>4. The ANBS commits to publishing annual Breastfeeding Report cards. How many of these report cards have been produced / published?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000117	Department of Health and Aged Care	Tammy Tyrrell	Better Access evaluation report	<p>1. In responding to the Better Access report last December, the Minister said: "The report shows Better Access is failing some Australians. Gap fees and wait times make it inaccessible and unaffordable for too many. The most disadvantaged Australians - those among us with the greatest need - have the least access to mental health services." a. What is the Government doing to address these long wait times and high gap fees under the Better Access scheme? b. What the Government currently doing to help people who can't currently afford to access appropriate healthcare? c. A report recently released by the McKell Institute, with support from the Australian Association of Psychologists, recommends allowing Australia's 8,000 provisional psychologists to offer their clients Medicare rebates, which would provide an immediate and much-needed boost to the workforce of 22.5%. i. Will the Government adopt this sensible and practical change to boost access to mental health services? ii. If so, how soon can this be adopted?</p> <p>2. Cost is the biggest barrier to accessing mental health care services, with a recent Productivity Commission report finding that 22% of people delayed appointments with psychologists because of the cost. a. Given Minister Butler has repeatedly said that gap fees are too high, why does the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce Report not respond to the urgent need to increase Medicare rebates? b. Every delay of an appointment means that many resort to using the Emergency Department at their local hospital. Has any analysis been done to quantify this cost?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
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SQ23-000118	Department of Health and Aged Care	Tammy Tyrrell	GP access after private practice closures in Tasmania	<p>3. In response to a question about GP access after a private practice closes, the Department stated that it works together with Rural Workforce Agencies, Primary Healthcare Networks, state/territory health departments and local governments to ensure the affected community continues to have access to primary care and that longer term solutions are developed for each affected community.</p> <p>a. What has the Department done about practices that have closed in Tasmania since it has been in office, for example the practice that closed in Brighton in August of last year?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000119	Department of Health and Aged Care	Tammy Tyrrell	GP incentive and training programs in Tasmania	<p>4. In response to a question about encouraging medical students to become GPs, the Department said that the Australian Government spends more than \$1.6 billion per year on health workforce incentives and training programs. It said most of these are targeted at increasing the rural workforce and primary care workforce.</p> <p>a. How much will be spent in Tasmania?</p> <p>b. How will you determine how much to spend-for example, is this proportionate to our population?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000120	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jordon Steele-John	NHMRC Advisory Committee - ME/CFS guidelines	<p>1. In 2018, the NHMRC convened an Advisory Committee to report on research and clinical guidance needs for the ME/CFS community in Australia. Can you please confirm what progress has been achieved on the recommendations made by the committee?</p> <p>2. Under Section 9(1) of the National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992, NHMRC can develop and issue clinical practice guidelines and under Section 14A can approve selected clinical practice guidelines developed by other organisations. Can you confirm this?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>3. the RACP guidelines (2002) are the most recent Australian guidelines for the diagnosis and management of ME/CFS. Can you confirm this?</p> <p>4. Can the NHMRC please advise when it intends to begin updating the guidelines for ME/CFS?</p>		
SQ23-000121	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jordon Steele-John	NPS Medicinewise	<p>1. Given the functions of NPS Medicinewise are now to be undertaken by the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Healthcare, please provide details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What work of NPS Medicinewise will be continued? • Which agency or department will be responsible for this work? • Will the work to ensure the needs of people with chronic conditions remain a priority? What process, policy or program will be put in place to ensure the key issues for people with chronic conditions are still undertaken? • Will the work on quality use of medicines – will this still be undertaken, how and by whom? • What will happen to the extensive networks and links established with medical practitioners and related stakeholders and the information collected through networks and links? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000122	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Urgent Care Clinics engagement	<p>1. The roll-out of the Urgent Care Clinics includes \$100m over two years from 2022-23 to co-develop and pilot innovative models with states and territories. Can the Government provide details on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will the model of engagement be developed, and will it include engagement with health and community organisations engaged in innovative models of healthcare? • Who will identify what groups to involve? • Will non-hospital based groups and models be included in the consideration of models? 	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000123	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Misinformation, evidence and a jump in numbers regarding COVID-19 vaccine related deaths	<p>1. Why is the health minister writing this misinformation to constituents?</p> <p>"There is no credible evidence to suggest that COVID-19 vaccines have led to excess deaths. Misinformation relating to COVID-19 vaccination and excess deaths among Australians is false and has been debunked by the Australian fact checking organisation RMIT factlab. The increase is largely attributed to deaths from COVID-19, not the vaccine. We encourage you to read more on this topic at: www.rmit.edu.au/news/factlab-meta/no-credible-evidencevaccines-behind-excess-deaths and www.aap.com.au/factcheck/wild-estimate-of-vaccinedeaths-is-fatally-flawed/"</p> <p>2. Given the ABS and the TGA have not analysed the temporal association between date of death and date of vaccination how can the Health Minister say there is no evidence that vaccinations haven't led to increased deaths?</p> <p>3. What was the cause of the jump in deaths in 2021 from 2020 of approximately 9,000 people? I note the largest percentage increases in deaths were in the smaller states with next to no Covid in the community and next to no lockdowns? The jump in deaths occurred from May onwards, one month after the rollout of the vaccine.</p> <p>16. John Skerit said that no one would die from Moderna – he said it provides 100% protection from deaths. These are his exact words, taken from the transcript of the press conference at the PM's website. "Moderna is even after six months, it's proving to be 93 per cent efficacious against</p>	Written	16/02/2023
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				any infection, 98 per cent against severe disease and 100 per cent against death". Why wasn't John Skerritt sacked for providing such misleading advice?		
SQ23-000124	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Vaccine harm and injury scheme	<p>4. Will the definition of vaccine injury be expanded in light of all the reported injuries and this definition then applied to the vaccine injury scheme?</p> <p>5. Why is it that the burden of proof of vaccine harm is the opposite to covid where everything is from/with covid unless proved otherwise?</p> <p>14. How much money has been paid out on deaths from the vaccine and where is this shown in the budget. What is the average payout?</p> <p>15. Why isn't it compulsory for health professionals to give patients details of how to lodge an adverse event when being vaccinated? I have spoken to many people with vaccine injuries who aren't even aware of the TGA and its reporting system?</p> <p>18. Reputable polls in the USA have indicated up to 12 million people or 7% of people who took a vaccine have suffered a major side effect. Will the Federal government run a similar poll here in Australia given the TGA reporting has been passive?</p> <p>25. Where are the payouts for the deaths shown in the budget because as last count there was less than a million paid out which isn't much for 14 deaths plus all the others you have covered up?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000125	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	PCR tests	<p>6. Does the Dept of Health accept Covid case numbers are overstated given PCR testing can't distinguish between live and dead viruses?</p> <p>42. Can the PCR test distinguish between virus spike protein and the codon optimised vaccine spike protein? If not, how does the health department/TGA know if a Covid positive case wasn't the result of the vaccine?</p> <p>43. Anthony Fauci is on the record as saying that PCR tests with a CT of 35 or more the chances of it being replication confident are miniscule. The TGA also say the PCR test can't distinguish between live and dead or active and inactive virus. Why is the TGA allowing the use of inaccurate Covid tests and what confidence is that really that Covid deaths and admissions to hospital aren't being overstated.</p> <p>44. Does the Dept of Health accept Covid numbers are overstated given PCR testing can't distinguish between live and dead viruses?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000126	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Pooling of samples to obtain multiple Medicare rebates	<p>7. Were pathology companies pooling samples and then claiming multiple Medicare rebates? And I quote from the Saturday paper "The simple trick of pooling multiple samples before conducting polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests had allowed these companies to maximise profits and capacity."</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000127	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Conflict of interest and funding of Centre for Innovation of Regulatory Science	<p>8. I note that John Skerritt is the chair of the Centre for Innovation of Regulatory Science. If a member of an advisory committee works for an organisation that receives funding from a commercial interest such as a pharmaceutical company is that considered a conflict of interest? If so, why has John Skerritt been allowed to chair</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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			Scientific Advisory Council	<p>an organisation funded by companies that he regulates?</p> <p>26. How can John Skerritt as the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Centre for Innovation in Regulatory Science not know the funding sources of the organisation he chairs? Furthermore, shouldn't the emphasis be on John Skerritt to determine whether the organisation receives funding from Big Pharma and then disclose it when asked about in estimates. Both he and the Department of Health have an obligation to answer questions on notice regarding the funding sources of the Advisory Council and if there is a conflict of interest. Failure to do so will result in contempt of the Senate.</p> <p>146. How can John Skerritt as the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Centre for Innovation in Regulatory Science not know the funding sources of the organisation he chairs? Furthermore, shouldn't the emphasis be on John Skerritt to determine whether the organisation receives funding from Big Pharma and then disclose it when asked about in estimates. Both he and the Department of Health have an obligation to answer questions on notice regarding the funding sources of the Advisory Council and if there is a conflict of interest. Failure to do so will result in contempt of the Senate.</p>		
SQ23-000128	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Bullying of doctors by Health bureaucrats	9. What does the Health Department have to say about Kerry Phelps saying that doctors are being gaslighted and pressured not to speak out about vaccine injuries? It's a damning indictment of the bullying by health bureaucrats of which you are responsible for isn't it?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000129	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Federal police mandates for police vaccination	10. The Federal police and numerous other Federal government departments have sacked people for not getting the Covid-19 vaccine. Given the Federal	Written	16/02/2023

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				government claims it doesn't impose mandates why does the Federal police do it?		
SQ23-000130	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Number of deaths in aged care years ending 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022?	11. How many people died in Aged Care in Australia for the years ending 2019,2020,2021 and 2022?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000131	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Compulsory reporting of device malfunctions	12. I note new legislation has been passed to make reporting of device malfunctions compulsory. Shouldn't the same principal apply to drugs especially provisional vaccines mandated by the government?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000132	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Briefings offered to Senator Rennick by the Department of Health and Aged Care	13. The Australian Newspaper has stated that I refused numerous briefings with Health Department officials. No Senior Department officials offered briefings to me in late 2021 or early 2022 that I subsequently declined. This is a lie. Why is the Health Department claiming this to be true and leaking it to the media?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000133	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Ahpra - Appointment of members to Ahpra and affiliated boards	17. Who appoints board members to AHPRA and affiliated boards such as the medical board?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000134	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Effectiveness of face masks	19. 20 years ago, a Sydney Morning Herald article said the face masks were ineffective. On what basis did the Health Department change their advice that face masks were effective?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000135	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Funding to Global Health Alliance	20. How much money does the Australian Government give to the Bill Gates funded Global Health Alliance?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000136	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Death rates for Omicron and Alpha strain	21. The health department via Professor Kelly has stated the death rate of unvaccinated people over 70 who died from Omicron from Dec 15 21 onwards as 32.2%. This happens to be 40% higher than the death rate of unvaccinated people over 70 from the Alpha variant in 2020. Why is the reported death rate higher for Omicron	Written	16/02/2023

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				than Alpha? Is it because vaccinated people died within the 21 days before they were counted as unvaccinated?		
SQ23-000137	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 vaccinations and numbers of deaths	<p>22. Can data that shows date of vaccination and date of death of deaths from 2021 please be provided to determine the time frame between date of death and date of vaccination?</p> <p>23. Did the Health Department include deaths that were counted as part of the back capturing process in NSW?</p> <p>24. In the three weeks after vaccination, did the Department of Health count deaths in that time frame as being unvaccinated or vaccinated?</p> <p>25. How can the Department of Health explain the excess deaths in 2021 that is more than 3 standard deviations from the mean of the last 5 years, and only jumped from May onwards, the month after the vaccine rollout started?</p> <p>27. In a prior answer to a question on notice the TGA/Health Department claim that 3.2% of the population would have died from Covid-19 if vaccines weren't rolled out. This was based on the death rate from 2020 where the bulk of deaths occurred in people with serious comorbidities residing in Victorian aged care facilities left understaffed because of lockdowns and quarantine restrictions imposed by the Victorian premier. Why is the TGA/Health Department ignoring these factors when overstating deaths.</p> <p>28. The death rate of people below 60 was 1 in a 1400 rather than 3.2 in a 100. Given almost 80% of the population are below sixty, why is the TGA/Health</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				Department failing to stratify risk by age and comorbidities?		
SQ23-000138	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Furin cleavage site	29. Prior to 2019, did coronaviruses contain a Furin cleavage site? 39. Why was a furin cleavage site left on the vaccine?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000139	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Causality assessments of the death of a 7 and 9 years old	1. Why are there two causality assessments of a 7 and 9 year old that state causality when other casualty assessments saying awaiting causality or unlikely causality? Why didn't these reports say awaiting causality or unlikely causality like the other assessments? 2. Has the coroner office in the relevant state examined these deaths? 3. Who was the Medical Officer that ruled these deaths weren't related to the vaccine? 4. What was the reason that Medical Officer overrule the decision made by the AEFI assessment team? 5. If there wasn't enough information on these deaths, why didn't the TGA investigate further. 6. What information did the TGA use to determine the vaccines weren't the cause of death of these children, thereby overruling the person who submitted the report. 7. Were the initial reports of these two deaths in the DAEN database lodged by a doctor, other medical professional, state health department or concerned individual? 8. If there wasn't enough information on the reports, then	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>how did the TGA rule out the vaccines as being the cause of death?</p> <p>9. If these reports aren't the final reports, then why weren't the final reports released as part of the FOI?</p> <p>10. What was the time delay in days between the date of vaccination and date of death in regard to these children's deaths?</p> <p>17. Who was at the meeting of the 7 and 9 year old and who made the decision not to disclose these deaths?</p> <p>18. On what basis was initial assessment of death in regard to the 7 and 9 year overturned and why aren't these reasons disclosed to the public? If it was due to lack of information why didn't the TGA do further investigations?</p> <p>19. If it was due to a lack of information on what basis can the TGA overrule the initial decision?</p> <p>20. Who overruled this decision and why?</p> <p>21. Why did the TGA take children deaths off the DAEN in early 2022? Were they related to the 7 and 9 year old in the FOI causality assessments?</p> <p>22. Given the TGA has downplayed these deaths by not giving the benefit of the doubt to the person who lodged the adverse event report, what other deaths or injuries have they covered up?</p> <p>23. Can all information including date of deaths,</p>		
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				<p>correspondence, medical assessments regarding the detail of these two children's deaths be provided. The data can be deidentified?</p> <p>24. Where the parents of the 7 and 9 year old children reported as suspected deaths from the vaccine compensated?</p>		
SQ23-000140	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Causality assessment of the 973 reports of deaths	<p>12. How many of the other 973 reports of deaths had causality on causality assessment?</p> <p>13. Of the reported deaths to the TGA were these referred on to the relevant state coroner departments? If not, why not? Shouldn't the coroner examine these bodies for the vaccine risks, especially a provisional vaccine given these risks will continue if not eliminated?</p> <p>14. How many of the 973 deaths reported to the TGA are being investigated by the coroners and not yet reported?</p> <p>15. Does the TGA accept that failure to undertake proper due diligence and surveillance of vaccine risks leading to death and injury is medical manslaughter and/or assault?</p> <p>16. Who are the authorities on the AEFI assessment team and are there any conflicts of interest?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000141	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Spike proteins and lipid in the COVID-19 vaccine	<p>26. Does the proline insertion into the vaccine mRNA mean that both the S1 and S2 spike proteins can be secreted from the cell and damage the body's organs?</p> <p>27. Given Health Authorities have mislead senate estimates about the type of lipids in the vaccine, the length of time the spike proteins are in the blood, the inability of the vaccine to stop transmission, the lipids stay in the arm,</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				the vaccines are safe and effective why should the Australian public believe you are telling the truth about these children's deaths when they have clearly covered up or provided misleading information in the past?		
SQ23-000142	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Excess death rates in Australia	28. The Australian government should be urgently investigating the "incredibly high" 13 per cent excess death rate in 2022, the Actuaries Institute says. Why aren't Health authorities urgently investigating excess deaths? Excess deaths in Australia 'incredibly high' at 13%: Actuaries Institute analysis of ABS data news.com.au - Australia's leading news site	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000143	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	FOI disclosure document 2389-6 redaction	29. Why was the information about Codon optimisation redacted in the original FOI disclosure document 2389-6 page 19?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000144	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000145	National Blood Authority	Gerard Rennick	Spike proteins, lipid concentrations,	1. Numerous studies have shown that both the lipids, mRNA and the spike protein can last in the body for weeks	Written	16/02/2023

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			<p>COVID-19 antibodies and infected blood samples</p>	<p>before degrading. Doesn't this contradict Brendan Murphy's statement that there is no evidence the spike protein is in the blood, and shouldn't the National Blood Authority wait longer than three days before accepting blood from vaccinated people?</p> <p>2. Animal studies showed lipid concentrations still climbing in various body organs after two days. On what basis can the National Blood Authority prove lipids from the vaccine can't be transferred to a blood recipient?</p> <p>4. Does CSL heat treat the blood to destroy any lipids, mRNA or spike protein in the blood? If not, why not? Does the Government ask them to do this – if not, why not?</p> <p>7. Given the Red Cross/CSL couldn't be trusted in the 1980's to do the right thing in terms of quality assurance why should Australians trust CSL/the National Blood authority today in regard to sterilising Vaccine proteins and lipids in donated blood if it is going to reduce yield?</p>		
SQ23-000146	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	<p>Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023</p>	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>average, from approval to fill a position to the filling of the position)?</p> <p>- How many non-ongoing roles that were offered to prospective employees turned down by the prospective employee?</p>		
SQ23-000147	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	<p>ATAGI board and decision making around COVID-19 vaccines</p>	<p>1. Why did ATAGI not know about the heart risks from the vaccine until five months after it was rolled out?</p> <p>2. Page 9 of the Pfizer Non-clinical report noted that people with infection had 100% S protein specific CD T cells in the circulation and 70% had S protein specific CD8 T cells in circulation why is vaccination necessary once people have had Covid. i.e why is natural immunity being ignored?</p> <p>3. Is there a toxicologist at ATAGI?</p> <p>4. Considering the large number of reported and suspected injuries and deaths for children and teenagers, does ATAGI regret approving vaccines for children given the Doherty Institute said it wasn't necessary to slow transmission?</p> <p>5. Why did ATAGI reduce the time between jabs from 8 weeks to 3 weeks at the end of 2021 before than increasing back to 8 weeks again in early 2022? Did this result in increased injuries and increased deaths? The mortality rate jumped in early 2022, which was a direct correlation with the shorter period between doses.</p> <p>6. Given the health.gov.au website says the longer interval may also reduce the risk of myocarditis and pericarditis why did it even shorten it in the first place?</p> <p>7. How can ATAGI make claims of "rare" if the</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>manufacturers safety data says, "frequency unknown"?</p> <p>8. Why won't ATAGI recognise Covid antibodies if a person can show they are still positive for them, rather than impose an arbitrary time frame for an exemption from Covid after infection?</p> <p>9. Studies have shown an injury rate of 1 in 1760 from childhood Covid vaccines. This is still more than 1 in 3000 multi-inflammatory disease as quoted by Prof Skerritt. Why are the vaccines still being rolled out to children if the rate of injury from the vaccines are higher than that from Covid?</p> <p>10. Why does ATAGI continually state the Federal government doesn't impose mandates? This is not true. By imposing narrowly defined exemptions, ATAGI is essentially condoning mandates by not allowing people to get a mandate exemption.</p> <p>11. Why are members of ATAGI allowed on the board if they have conflicts of interest?</p> <p>12. Nigel Crawford is on the record saying that children as young as 12 should be vaccinated against their parents' wishes. Given the reported deaths of children from the Covid 19 vaccine does he still stand by those statements?</p> <p>13. When will ATAGI tell companies to lift the mandates on 2 jabs given the Alpha variant has been by passed by other variants?</p> <p>14. Why did the TGA/ATAGI proceed to vaccinate children</p>		
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				<p>and teenagers when the Doherty report commissioned by the Federal government reported in August 2021 that it was not necessary to vaccinate children or teenagers because it would have little impact on transmission?</p> <p>15. Why did the TGA/ATAGI proceed to vaccinate children and teenagers when it was well known that have fewer ACE receptors and were less susceptible to Covid-19?</p> <p>16. Given the Covid-19 vaccine used transfection to infect a much larger number of cells than the virus why did the TGA/ATAGI rollout the vaccine to this age cohort knowing that it had much more downside risk to health than upside benefits?</p>		
SQ23-000148	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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? o If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations 	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000149	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000150	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Spike proteins and the COVID-19 vaccine	30. Isn't this gain of function since you are increasing the amount of spike protein produced? 31. Shouldn't a vaccine be attenuated rather than strengthened? 32. How can Health Authorities claim the vaccine is less toxic than the virus when it has been engineered to be more toxic? 33. The vaccine contains a longer Poly A tail in the mRNA, uses transfection to cross the lipid membrane, is distributed throughout many organs in the body and used codon optimisation to increase the expression of the spike protein. Given the distribution and degradation data of the spike protein was never tested how can the TGA claim that the vaccine is safer than the actual virus, especially in regard to the severity of myocarditis?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000151	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000152	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Adverse events for COVID-19 vaccinations	34. I note that the Proportionality Reporting Ratio is much higher for the Covid-19 Pfizer vaccine when compared to similar drugs or background rates. How can the TGA refute the high adverse injury reporting rate when the PPR safety signal is waving a red flag?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000153	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000154	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Efficacy of repeated Covid-19 vaccinations	35. I note that the TGA said there is no evidence of immune system suppression from repeated vaccine doses. This is incorrect. Immune imprinting is a well-known phenomenon. Studies have shown IgG4 increasing with repeated doses. IgG4 is downregulating antibodies that reduces the immune response to the antigens. Furthermore, real world data, especially in NSW showed a direct positive correlation between the number of Covid-19 vaccines and the rate of hospital admission, ICU and death from Covid. Why is the TGA ignoring real world data showing reduced efficacy from the repeated Covid-19 vaccines?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000155	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000156	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Lipids and proteins in the blood	36. If there are 13 trillion lipids and they contain cholesterol, what damage will this do to the heart and body organs. What tests were done to ensure that the	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>cholesterol isn't a health risk?</p> <p>37. How many proteins are made from each mRNA strand that is processed via the ribosomes on the endoplasmic reticulum?</p> <p>38. If as the TGA now claim the spike proteins are anchored in the membrane and that induces an immune response using CD8 T cells as per page 8 of the Pfizer Non-clinical report, won't this destroy an otherwise healthy cell given CD8 T cells are cytotoxic?</p> <p>40. Does the TGA agree that genes can serve two functions – one as a physical and functional unit of heredity and two as instructions to make molecules called proteins?</p>		
SQ23-000157	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	TGA approval from Office of the Gene technology Regulator	<p>41. The National Gene Technology Scheme legislation defines gene technology as any technique used to modify genes or other genetic material. Yet, the fact that the TGA has no expertise in genetically modified vaccines doesn't absolve them of responsibility. Under Section 30C of the Therapeutic Goods Act, the Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of Health, Brendan Murphy, must seek advice from the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator on the safety and efficacy of any product which uses genetically modified organisms (GMO) as defined in the Gene Technology Act. The Covid vaccines use GMO because they use 'an organism that has been modified by gene technology' i.e. a lipid nanoparticle or a viral vector, 'to transfer genetic material' – the modified genetic sequence of the Sars-CoV-2 spike protein – into human cells to induce the cellular machinery of the human body to produce spike proteins which include polypeptides. In light of this statement why does the TGA believe it does</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				not need approval from the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator? 55. THERAPEUTIC GOODS ACT 1989 - SECT 30C Consultation with Gene Technology Regulator (austlii.edu.au) say the TGA has to seek advice – given the vaccine reproduces proteins with genetic material why didn't the TGA seek advice from the OGTR?		
SQ23-000158	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000159	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees considered excess, or made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000160	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	FOI 4032 and PRR box warning	45. Results reported in FOI 4032 published on the TGA website, relating to the pharmacovigilance surveillance of the Covid-19 vaccines administered to Australians, show high PRRs for numerous adverse events. A PRR of ten, for example, means the drug is reported to cause ten times more injuries than a comparison drug or background rate. The Advisory Committee on Vaccines (25 September 2021 meeting) set the PRR at which the TGA would conduct data reviews to detect emerging safety signals at just 1. Despite the majority of adverse events exceeding this figure substantially, the TGA continues to ignore alarming safety signals. Could the TGA clarify how high a PRR must be before the Covid vaccine will be reassessed for safety or	Written	16/02/2023

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				withdrawn from the market? If the vaccine is not withdrawn, what PRR will warrant a boxed warning and recognition of side effects for compensation purposes?		
SQ23-000161	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000162	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000163	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Excess COVID-19 vaccine deaths and time between vaccinations and deaths	46. Why is the TGA refusing to acknowledge the death of a 52 year old who collapsed and died suddenly 6 days after his vaccine when the forensic pathologist wrote in his autopsy stating that the deceased's heart showed a clear transition to severe giant cell myocarditis that could be 'histologically dated to the time period of the Covid-19 mRNA vaccination' and it was 'reasonable to state that the deceased's previously undiagnosed cardiac sarcoidosis may have transitioned to a fulminating myocarditis as a result of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccination' noting that myocarditis had been reported in reactions to the Pfizer vaccine. 47. Excess deaths – why is the TGA ignoring the alarming safety signals from both temporal and biochemical associations? 48. Why hasn't the TGA or Health Department provided a list of the time between vaccination and deaths	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>throughout 2021 and 2022? Is it because it will show a large number of deaths within the 3 weeks after vaccination?</p> <p>49. Given myocarditis and pericarditis are known side effects of the vaccine and given the biodistribution studies on animals showed much higher lipid concentrations entering other organs how can Health authorities prove that other organs aren't being damaged from the vaccine?</p>		
SQ23-000164	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Detection of mRNA vaccine, lipids and spike proteins in the blood	<p>50. Vaccine mRNA Can Be Detected in Blood at 15 Days Post-Vaccination (mdpi.com) - if mRNA can be detected after 15 days how long will the spike proteins last in the body? Will the TGA retract the statement that mRNA breaks down in a few hours? Biomedicines Free Full-Text Vaccine mRNA Can Be Detected in Blood at 15 Days Post-Vaccination (mdpi.com)</p> <p>51. How can the Department of Health say that the spike proteins are not toxic or at dangerous levels when as per the TGA's documents the distribution and degradation of the spike protein in humans were never tested?</p> <p>52. How long do the lipids last, how long does the mRNA last, how long do the spike proteins last in the body and what is the maximum length of time the combined vaccine substances stay in the body?</p> <p>53. If the lipid can last up to ten days, and the mRNA can last up to ten to 15 days and the spike protein can last up to 60 days technically the toxic elements of the vaccine could last well over a month in the body couldn't it and as a result a person could be fighting the vaccine infection much longer than just a few days?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000165	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Workplace culture	<p>12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000166	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Cycle threshold to gauge severity of the disease	54. Why wasn't the cycle threshold reported with Covid results in order to gauge severity of the disease?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000167	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Workers' compensation	<p>13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 nature (I.e. relating to psychological, or mental health injury)?</p> <p>- How many of these claims were rejected?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000168	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Unpaid leave	<p>14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>- What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000169	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Consultants	<p>15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? <p>16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000170	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Financial incentives for vaccinations	56. Is it legal for companies to be offering financial incentives to employees to get vaccinated? Many companies have done just that.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000171	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Supply Nation	<p>17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, 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>18. Would the agency list all Supply Nation entities it has</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				purchased goods and / or services from this financial year, with a total value for each supplier?		
SQ23-000172	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Senior Executive Service	19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000173	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Vaccine safety for children	59. Studies have shown that the Covid vaccines cause myocarditis or pericarditis in 1 in 40 children 13-18 (Thailand study). Why is the Covid vaccine still being rolled out given such alarming rates of injury in children? 60. If the Dept of Health and the TGA don't think the lipids or spike protein in the vaccine are harmful what's causing myocarditis in children if it's not these elements?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000174	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Toxicity of nano lipid and spike proteins inside the cell	57. Was the toxicity of the nano lipid evaluated on the basis they can dissolve directly across the lipid bilayer of the cell to deliver their cargo. i.e., was the macro toxicity on the cell considered once the lipid has delivered its cargo and the four different lipids in the lipid nano particle broken up? 58. Given the vaccine generates spike proteins inside the cell, won't the antibodies tag any cell containing spike protein and mark it for destruction by the bodies t cells. Isn't this the very definition of an auto immune disease?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000175	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Genome of each protein created by the vaccine	61. Is the protein created by the vaccine the same as the protein in the virus? If not, can the entire genome of each protein be outlined and the differences by each amino acid and function be highlighted?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000176	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Black triangle scheme for COVID vaccines	62. Did or does the Black Triangle scheme apply to the Covid vaccines- if so, then why isn't the benefit of the doubt given to vaccine injured when reporting and recording injuries and deaths?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000177	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000178	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 2. How many non-ongoing employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>non-ongoing employee (I.e. how long does it take, on average, from approval to fill a position to the filling of the position)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many non-ongoing roles that were offered to prospective employees turned down by the prospective employee? 		
SQ23-000179	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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? o If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000180	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000181	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000182	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000183	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000184	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000185	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000186	Australian Commission on	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing employees resigned	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement.	Written	16/02/2023

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	Safety and Quality in Health Care		from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?		
SQ23-000187	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000188	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Workplace culture	12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000189	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Workers' compensation	13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				health injury)? - How many of these claims were rejected?		
SQ23-000190	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Unpaid leave	14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000191	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Consultants	15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? 16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022? - If yes: a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000192	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Supply Nation	17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations? - 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?	Written	16/02/2023

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				18. 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?		
SQ23-000193	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jacqui Lambie	Senior Executive Service	19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000194	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Testing of COVID vaccines for mitochondrial disruption, effects on energy production and/or cellular metabolism	63. Were the Covid vaccines tested for mitochondrial disruption or effects on energy production and cellular metabolism? If so, can studies please be provided.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000195	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Genomic sequences in COVID variants	65. Can the TGA/Dept of Health provide the functional and immunogenic differences among the different Covid variants? 66. Can the TGA/Dept of Health provide the percentage difference in the genomic sequence of the variants? If not, why not. 67. Can the TGA/Dept of Health provide the genomic sequence of the different batches? If the TGA doesn't have these sequences then how did they ensure they are pure, safe, and effective?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000196	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Ongoing APS employees employed in the	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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			agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 		
SQ23-000197	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000198	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Statement regarding vaccine effectiveness against variants	64. Professor Murphy stated in a prior round of estimates that the vaccine stopped Delta and that Omicron was the first variant to get around the vaccine. This is incorrect. Israel had their worst surge of Covid in June 2021 despite being a highly vaxed country in Jan 2021. Singapore also saw a surge in Delta cases after the country was fully vaccinated. Omicron did not appear in Israel or the USA for that matter, until Dec 2021. Will Professor Murphy retract that statement given the vaccines didn't the Delta virus?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000199	Department of Health and Aged Care	Nick McKim	Health costs from transport pollution	<p>Topic: Health costs from transport pollution</p> <p>1. Does the Department measure health costs that arise annually from transport pollution?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide a state-by-state breakdown.</p> <p>2. According to estimates in Bureau of Transport and Regional Economics working paper 63, Health impacts of transport emissions in Australia: Economics costs, in 2000 motor vehicle-related ambient air pollution accounted for between 900 and 4500 morbidity cases – cardiovascular and respiratory diseases and bronchitis – and between 900 and 2000 early deaths. Does the Government invest comparable resources on a per capita basis into mitigating health costs caused by transport pollution as it does into mitigating road deaths?</p> <p>3. Does the Department believe increased GP presentations, hospital visits and premature deaths due to asthma, emphysema, heart attacks and strokes caused by transport pollution warrant interventions of a similar magnitude to mitigating motor vehicle accidents?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000200	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 3. How many labour hire contractors were employed at the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?? - 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? o If yes: - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000201	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000202	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000203	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000204	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	DSCATT - CSIRO study	<p>1. I would like a more detailed understanding of the timeline of reporting for the expanded CSIRO study on DSCATT and disease biomarkers. Responses to questions on notice (SQ22-000406-A0052) highlight multiple components to this study and the Department's previous answers imply that it is going to take several years and will likely lock up outcomes and results until everything is known, which may be never.</p> <p>a. How long on average does it take a laboratory to validate microRNA biomarkers? b. How big is the 'larger' patient cohort? c. What are the methods being used to correlate disease severity and duration? d. Are the microRNA biomarkers found in only acutely ill patients or also in chronically ill patients? e. What will the Department do to ensure the knowledge gained from this project is applied as quickly as possible to this cohort of patients? What can be translated to a medical outcome this year in 2023? f. The CSIRO study has already shown in the cohort of</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>patients that there are a set of microRNA biomarkers present in people who've been bitten by a tick. From the Department's correspondence we know that they are looking at an "Australian Borrelia spp." and we know that other strains of Borrelia cause significant and serious health issues in other parts of the world, especially if not treated immediately - is this not enough information to act on a treatment pathway for borreliosis immediately? If not, why?</p> <p>g. Are there plans to expand the scope of eligible study participants and make opportunities available for a greater diversity of researchers to contribute to this topic of public health importance?</p> <p>2. At what point will the Department consider it appropriate to remove the DSCATT label from people bitten by ticks in Australia?</p>		
SQ23-000205	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>- How many of these were engaged full time?</p> <p>- How many of these were engaged part time?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000206	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022,	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000207	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Ongoing employees considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000208	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000209	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000210	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Workplace culture	12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 		
SQ23-000211	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Workers' compensation	<p>13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000212	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Unpaid leave	<p>14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency. 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000213	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Consultations	<p>15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? <p>16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>- If yes: a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?</p>		
SQ23-000214	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Vaccine safety and adverse affects	<p>68. When Prof Murphy says the vaccine is safe because it has been given to billions across the world – how would he know? Was the injury rate for healthy people from Covid higher than the injury rate from vaccines? Has he examined the adverse reports in other countries or even Australia for that matter. I note he said he hasn't even read the Pfizer clinical report. The Proportional Reporting Ratio shows that the Covid vaccines have a much higher rate of injuries than other comparable drugs.</p> <p>69. Is the TGA aware that in an Argentinian Pfizer trial, a report on a healthy 36-year-old participant – Augusto German Roux – who developed pericarditis immediately after his second Pfizer jab, mysteriously disappeared from the published trial results? If not, why not and can the TGA follow up with Pfizer as to why that record went missing?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000215	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Supply Nation	<p>17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, 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>18. 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000216	Sport Integrity Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Sport Integrity Australia - Senior Executive Service	19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000217	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000218	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 2. How many non-ongoing employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>transferred in from another agency?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 		
SQ23-000219	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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? o If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000220	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<p>1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 ongoing positions were advertised by the agency in this period? 	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000221	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000222	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000223	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000224	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Ongoing employees made redundant from the	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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			agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?		
SQ23-000225	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000226	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	2. How many non-ongoing employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000227	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	3. How many labour hire contractors were employed at the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?? - 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>labour hire contractor (I.e. how long does it take, on average, from approval to fill a position to the filling of the position)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have any labour hire contractors at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth in this period? o If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations? 		
SQ23-000228	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Ongoing employees considered excess or made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement.</p> <p>9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000229	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000230	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<p>4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000231	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Labour hire contractors resigned	<p>Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement.</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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			from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?		
SQ23-000232	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000233	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Workplace culture	12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	22/02/2023
SQ23-000234	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Workers' compensation	13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	22/02/2023

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SQ23-000235	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000236	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Unpaid leave	14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000237	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Consultations	15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? 16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022? - If yes: a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000238	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000239	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Supply Nation	<p>17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations?</p> <p>- What is the total value of all Supply Nation procurements to date for the agency this financial year (2022/23)?</p> <p>- What percentage of the agency's procurements for the 2022/23 financial year to date does the above value represent?</p> <p>- Would the agency please categorise the types of procurements undertaken with Supply Nation businesses for financial year 2022/23?</p> <p>18. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000240	Professional Services Review	Jacqui Lambie	Professional Services Review - Senior Executive Service	<p>19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates.</p> <p>20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000241	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000242	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Genotoxicity and toxicologist sign off on vaccine assessment	<p>70. ICH guideline S2 (R1) on genotoxicity testing and data interpretation for pharmaceuticals intended for human use says that genotoxicity should have been carried on the mRNA vaccines before they were used on humans. Why did the TGA ignore these regulations?</p> <p>71. Did a certified toxicologist sign off on the preclinical</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				TGA assessment? If so can the documentation of the toxicologists review please be provided?		
SQ23-000243	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees considered excess, or made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000244	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000245	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000246	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000247	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>in this period? o If yes: - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations?</p>		
SQ23-000248	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<p>Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000249	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Animal trials and the conclusion of spike proteins in distant organs	72. How can the TGA claim that spike proteins expressed in distant organs are relatively short lived when the animal trials only went for two and nine days? In regard to the two-day results, the level of lipid concentrations was still increasing after two days. Furthermore, no distribution and degradation studies were done with the antigen.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000250	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000251	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Workplace culture	<p>12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>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?</p>		
SQ23-000252	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000253	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Statements regarding the benefits of the vaccine for children aged five to 11 years old	73. Dr Bourla claimed youngsters aged five to 11 benefited from vaccination but the pharmaceutical watchdog in the UK said the remarks misled the public - why isn't the TGA saying the same thing and penalising Pfizer for spreading misinformation?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000254	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Workers' compensation	<p>13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000255	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000256	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000257	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Unpaid leave	14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000258	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000259	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Traceability, storage and transport of vaccine	74. Were the vaccines serialised and traced by vial? If not, why not? Serialization allows traceability at a global level, reducing interruptions in the supply chain and making the supply chain transparent. Lot number, control number, or batch number means the complete history of the manufacture, processing, packing, holding, and distribution of a batch or lot of drug product or other material can be determined. Has the TGA ensured traceability of the vaccines is transparent?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000260	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Consultants	15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - What was the nature of work these consultants	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>performed on behalf of the agency? - Were any consultants used to augment work ordinarily conducted by APS employees. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022? - If yes: a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?</p>		
SQ23-000261	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Ongoing employees considered excess or made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000262	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Supply Nation	<p>17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations? - 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> <p>18. Would the agency list all Supply Nation entities it has</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				purchased goods and / or services from this financial year, with a total value for each supplier?		
SQ23-000263	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000264	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Vaccine safety and comments by the TGA/Australian Government	75. Why did Australia sign a contract with Pfizer that acknowledged that long term effects, adverse effects and efficacy of the Vaccine are not currently known, but tell the Australian people that the vaccine was safe and effective? 79. Australian consumer Law S18 says a person must not, in trade or commerce, engage in conduct that is misleading or deceptive or is likely to mislead or deceive. – isn't the TGA/Government engaging in deceptive conduct by saying the vaccines are safe and effective without qualifying the risks?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000265	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jacqui Lambie	Senior Executive Service	19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000266	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000267	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Natural immunity	76. Given studies as quoted in page 8 of the TGA non-clinical report showed that people with infection had 100% S protein specific CD4 T cells in the circulation and 70% had S protein specific CD8 T cells in circulation why is vaccination necessary once people have had Covid? Why is natural immunity being ignored in favour of further boosters?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000268	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Workplace culture	12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000269	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Workers' compensation	13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000270	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Unpaid leave	14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000271	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Consultations	15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? 16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022? - If yes: a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000272	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Supply Nation	17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations? - 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? 18. Would the agency list all Supply Nation entities it has	Written	16/02/2023

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				purchased goods and / or services from this financial year, with a total value for each supplier?		
SQ23-000273	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Organ and Tissue Authority - Senior Executive Service	19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000274	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Assurance that the mRNA does not re-adenylate in-vivo	80. What tests were done to ensure that the mRNA didn't re-adenylate in-vivo? Studies have shown that this can happen in macrophages.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000275	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000276	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Non-ongoing employees employed in the	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 2. How many non-ongoing employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these are engaged full time?	Written	16/02/2023

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			agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 		
SQ23-000277	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Use of nasal spray nasodine in prevention of COVID-19	81. Why did the TGA ban the nasal spray nasodine used to prevent Covid?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000278	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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? 	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>o If yes: - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations?</p>		
SQ23-000279	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000280	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000281	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Links between vaccines and deaths listed on DAEN	<p>82. Can the TGA rule out the covid vaccines as causative or contributing to deaths of all 946 of the 973 deaths listed on the DAEN where a covid vaccine is a suspected medicine but that are not among the 14 that TGA has agreed are linked to the vaccine. If not, how many have they definitively ruled out the covid vaccines as causative or contributing. I note the AEFI causality assessment says, "unlikely causality" rather than "no casualty." Where the TGA has ruled out the vaccines as causative to death, what is the exact process they have followed to come to that conclusion?</p> <p>83. Can we get all one-page AEFI assessments for all of the circa 973 reported and suspected deaths please?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>84. Why hasn't the TGA provided the date of vaccination and date of deaths for these reported deaths as I asked? Without an analysis of temporal association how can the TGA rule out vaccines as being the cause of death?</p> <p>85. Only a fraction of batch numbers was reported for the 973 deaths – this is unsatisfactory. Why didn't the TGA follow up and make sure that all the batch numbers were provided when vaccination status was uploaded into the Australian Immunisation Register?</p> <p>86. Why does the TGA deny they are gaslighting reports of death attributed to the vaccine by medical professionals - the TGA disagrees with 99% of these reports despite not examining the body - why does the TGA refuse to acknowledge it is ignoring alarming safety signals and therefore not doing its job properly?</p> <p>87. What is the difference between the DAEN database and this website? https://www.ebs.tga.gov.au/ebs/ADRS/ADRSRepo.nsf/LogInScreen?OpenForm</p>		
SQ23-000282	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000283	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Ongoing employees made redundant	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February	Written	16/02/2023

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			from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?		
SQ23-000284	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	mRNA in vaccines	88. Does the vaccine contain miRNA from mitochondria and is there a chance the mRNA can enter mitochondria once inside the cell? What tests were performed to ensure this doesn't happen? 89. Why did the TGA accept batches with as little as 60% intact mRNA knowing the other 40% of degraded mRNA were impurities that could be toxic? 103. How does the TGA know degraded mRNA won't create prions? What long term studies were carried out to confirm this?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000285	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Interpretation and use of PCR tests	90. Why is there no internationally agreed formally agreed reference standard for interpreting PCR tests and evaluating Ct values in regard to SARS-COV-2 RNA detection? 94. If the PCR test picks up mRNA from the virus, then what's to say it doesn't pick up mRNA from the vaccine. How can Health Authorities tell if a positive PCR result is a from the vaccine? How many deaths assigned to Covid are really from the vaccine? 95. What is the genetic sequence that the PCR picks up on to determine if someone is covid positive? What were the primers used in the PCR tests - can the TGA please provide and did these primers change depending on variant? 96. Is that sequence specific to Covid-19 only?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>97. I note there are 29,811 nucleotides in the Covid-19 virus genome. Does the PCR test for the entire genetic sequence of the Covid-19 - if not what percentage of Covid-19 does the PCR test, test for and match?</p> <p>98. If the PCR test is only on a partial part of the virus how then can the TGA and Health Authorities be certain that the PCR test is accurate?</p> <p>99. Can the PCR test distinguish between virus capable of replicating and viral fragments? If so, how given it does not test for the whole genome?</p> <p>100. If the PCR test does not test for the whole genome, should a positive result actually be described as presumptive positive until a serological test is done to confirm accuracy?</p> <p>101. Were studies ever conducted to test the accuracy of PCR tests by following up positive results with blood serology tests a few weeks later testing for covid antibodies?</p>		
SQ23-000286	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Cationic lipid	<p>91. As per Pfizer's website, the cationic lipid is a biosynthetic nanoparticle that can host a positive charge. Are these lipids found in sausages? Yes or no.</p> <p>92. Is the molecular formula of the cationic lipid C48H95NO5. Are lipids with this molecular formula found in sausages? Yes or no.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000287	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Representation of TGA	<p>93. Why is it that John Skerritt is the only person who represents the TGA - wouldn't it be better if the TGA got some more qualified staff to answer these questions or is he running cover for big pharma?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000288	Department of Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	Updated answers on enquiries regarding laboratory tests undertaken on nicotine vaping products	3. With reference to Question on Notice 126 (Portfolio question number: SQ22-000489), can the TGA please provide updated answers to all questions.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000290	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	2389-6 Pfizer non-clinical report	104. Why isn't the unredacted 2389-6 Pfizer non-clinical report as released in December 2022 on the FOI log? Will the TGA put it on there? 114. As per page 19 FOI 2389-6 "Several manufacturing process changes for BNT162b2 mRNA, including production scale, were introduced during development. 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." Were safety tests performed on the vaccines made under the changed manufacturing process and if so, can details of the tests please be provided? If not, why not?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000291	Department of Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	Updated answers on enquiries regarding investigations and enforcement action taken in relation to nicotine vaping products	2. With reference to Question on Notice 115 (Portfolio question number: SQ22-000488), can the TGA please provide updated answers to all questions.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000292	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Australia's use of the EUA version or Comirnaty version of the Pfizer vaccine	105. Did Australia use the EUA version or Comirnaty version of the Pfizer vaccine?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000293	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000294	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Ongoing employees considered excess or made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000295	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	FOI 2389-3-1	106. As per page 110 of 180 2389-3-1 how can the length of the genome range from 1200 to 4500 nucleotides? If there are 1273 amino acids in the Covid-19 virus spike protein, then shouldn't there be 3,819 nucleotides? Why the variability and why the extra nucleotides in the vaccine mRNA encoding spike protein? 107. Why does the TGA mislead people into believing they are receiving a vaccine that encodes for the same spike protein as the virus when it has been heavily modified and I quote page 20 of 87 of FOI 2389-3-1 "In addition to the sequence encoding the SARS-CoV-2 antigen (i.e., open reading frame), each modRNA contains common structural elements optimized for high efficacy of the RNA. Compared to the uRNA, modRNA contains 1-methyl-pseudouridine instead of uridine and a different 5'-cap structure?" 112. Are there risks to human safety from increased	Written	16/02/2023

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				fibrinogen levels as per 46 of 87 - 5.3.1.7 FOI 2389-3-1? And I quote "Increases in fibrinogen levels were detected in all vaccinated animals at the end of dosing phase and were consistent with an acute phase response secondary to immune activation and inflammation at the injection sites."		
SQ23-000296	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000297	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000298	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Workplace culture	12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023

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				- How many of these allegations were investigated and found to have no merit?		
SQ23-000299	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Menstruation irregularities warnings on COVID vaccines	108. The EU medicines regulator has put on warning label on the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine re menstruation irregularities. Will the TGA do the same thing in Australia?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000300	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Workers' compensation	13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000301	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Unpaid leave	14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000302	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Consultations	15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? 16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>- If yes: a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?</p>		
SQ23-000303	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Agilent 5200 results	<p>109. The Agilent 5200 reports showed different sized mRNA fragments with the lipids – this is evidence of the mRNA contamination and evidence of prion diseases risk, isn't it? Are the vaccines resulting in misshapen proteins causing the increase in dementia? What long term studies have been carried out to confirm prions are not created by the vaccine? I note that deaths from dementia have increased by over 10% since the rollout of the vaccine.</p> <p>110. How can the TGA say no truncated proteins were found when the Agilent results showed otherwise?</p> <p>111. Were batches quality tested for sequencing as well as length. Why didn't the TGA withdraw batches that had a large number of mRNA that weren't the required length of the virus MRNA?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000304	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Supply Nation	<p>17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations?</p> <p>- What is the total value of all Supply Nation procurements to date for the agency this financial year (2022/23)?</p> <p>- What percentage of the agency's procurements for the 2022/23 financial year to date does the above value represent?</p> <p>- Would the agency please categorise the types of procurements undertaken with Supply Nation businesses for financial year 2022/23?</p> <p>18. 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000305	National Mental Health Commission	Jacqui Lambie	National Mental Health Commission - Senior Executive Service	19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000306	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	TGA Act, Section 30C for advice from Office of Gene Technology	113. As Section 30C of the TGA Act did Prof Skerritt issue a Notice to the Gene Technology Regulator seeking advice in respect of Pfizer and Moderna before he could proceed to provisionally approve them? This is because the vaccines contain material that can be translated from mRNA into proteins which is one of two definitions of gene technology. The first being replication, the second being transcription and translation.	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000307	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	22/02/2023

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SQ23-000308	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000309	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	mRNA tests on cell nucleus and assurance of mRNA microns in each dose	<p>115. Have tests been conducted to test the mRNA doesn't go into the cell nucleus - If so, how was it proved given the spike coding mRNA wasn't tested – some studies suggest it does.</p> <p>116. How can the public be sure that they are receiving the 30 microns of mRNA? What tests were taken to ensure the "unit-level as dispensed" was consistent? What level of variability of this key ingredient and other ingredients is acceptable? The ingredient conformity tests described in Pfizer CMC package are based on the bulk product batch testing – an upstream manufacturing process step not a unit level as dispensed test.</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000310	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 3. How many labour hire contractors were employed at the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?? - 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? o If yes: ? How many and at what level? ? What was the nature of the delegations?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000311	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000312	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023

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			between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023			
SQ23-000313	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000314	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000315	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Chemistry Manufacturing and Controls (CMC) documents	117. Can the TGA please provide the Chemistry Manufacturing and Controls (CMC) documents for the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccines?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000316	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000317	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Ongoing employees	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess,	Written	16/02/2023

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			considered excess or made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?		
SQ23-000318	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000319	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000320	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Workplace culture	12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023

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				- How many of these allegations were investigated and found to have no merit?		
SQ23-000321	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Workers' compensation	13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000322	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Unpaid leave	14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000323	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Consultations	15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? 16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022? - If yes: a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000324	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Supply Nation	<p>17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, 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>18. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000325	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jacqui Lambie	National Health & Medical Research Council - Senior Executive Service	<p>19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates.</p> <p>20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000326	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 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, 	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>from approval to fill a position to the filling of the position)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many ongoing roles that were offered to prospective employees turned down by the prospective employee? 		
SQ23-000327	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000328	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>average, from approval to fill a position to the filling of the position)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have any labour hire contractors at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth in this period? o If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations? 		
SQ23-000329	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000330	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000331	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000332	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Ongoing employees made redundant	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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			from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?		
SQ23-000333	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Adverse events, injury reporting and consent forms	<p>118. Why was the use of Azithromycin pulled from the protocol for bacterial pneumonia for people with Covid-19? Is it not true that people can get bacterial pneumonia after viral pneumonia?</p> <p>119. Why isn't vaccine injury reporting mandatory for provisional drugs?</p> <p>120. I note that on the Australian Public Assessment report for the Pfizer vaccine it is stated that there is limited information on the use of mRNA vaccines which underpins the need for post marketing surveillance - why isn't the TGA doing more to investigate the large number of deaths and injuries including matching injuries with batch numbers?</p> <p>121. Has the consent forms been updated to inform people of this adverse event as per the weekly report on the 22/10/2022 – "Non-sexually acquired genital ulceration has been added to Table 5 of Section 4.8 as an adverse reaction that can potentially occur after vaccination. A causal association between non-sexually acquired genital ulceration and COVID-19 vaccination has not been definitively established. However, cases have been reported after vaccination where other causes have not been established. This condition is characterised by painful ulcers that tend to resolve spontaneously within a few weeks without scarring."</p> <p>122. Given that the TGA did not pick up on this side effect</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				of the vaccine until over a year after its release what other side effects has the TGA not picked up on? 163. Who decides the recognised side effects of the Covid vaccines. The sponsors or the TGA?		
SQ23-000334	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000335	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Ongoing employees considered excess or made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000336	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Reporting on IgG	123. Has the TGA conducted studies to determine the ration of IgG in the blood because of repeated Covid vaccines - if not, why not? What does the TGA have to say about a study that shows that IgG3 diminishes and IgG4 increases with repeated doses of IgG4? 124. Why does the non-clinical report not analyse or report IgG3 and IgG4?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000337	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000338	Department of Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	Consultation period and proposed changes to nicotine vaping products regulation	<p>1. On 30 November 2022 (two weeks after the TGA's appearance before the Community Affairs Legislation Committee on 10 November 2022) the TGA released a list of proposed changes to the way NVPs are regulated, with a consultation period that opened on 30 November 2022 and closed on 16 January 2023.</p> <p>a. On the proposed changes:</p> <p>i. When did work commence on the list of proposed changes?</p> <p>ii. Which agencies were involved in the formulation of the proposed changes?</p> <p>iii. When were the proposed changes finalised for consultation?</p> <p>iv. When will the TGA or the Minister release a decision on the proposed changes?</p> <p>b. On the consultation:</p> <p>i. How many submissions were made?</p> <p>ii. How many submissions were in favour of the TGA's preferred options and how many were opposed?</p> <p>iii. Were any submissions rejected?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000339	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement.</p> <p>11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000340	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Oocytes	125. Can Oocytes be transfected - yes, or no?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000341	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Workplace culture	<p>12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many of these claims were investigated (formally or informally) and found to have merit? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000342	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Workers' compensation	<p>13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many of these claims were successful? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000343	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Unpaid leave	<p>14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency. 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000344	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	mRNA shelf-life extensions	<p>126. What tests did the TGA do to ensure safety of mRNA shelf-life extensions – Did the monitor batches for pollutant and/or degraded MRNA material? Five extended batches had 15 associated deaths.</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000345	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Consultations	<p>15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? <p>16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000346	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Supply Nation	<p>17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, 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>18. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000347	National Health Funding Body	Jacqui Lambie	National Health Funding Body - Senior Executive Service	<p>19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates.</p> <p>20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.		
SQ23-000348	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Review of deaths against the Australian Immunisation Register	127. How can the TGA claim to review all the deaths thoroughly when they haven't even matched the reported death to the batch number on the Australian Immunisation Register?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000349	Department of Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	Updated and additional answers on enquiries regarding the reporting on nicotine vaping products	4. With reference to Question on Notice 130 (Portfolio question number: SQ22-000493), can the TGA please provide updated answers to all questions. a. The TGA submitted in its answer to Question on Notice 130 that, during the reporting period, only 21,666 patients were reported by authorised prescribers to receive nicotine vaping products (NVPs). Given that only authorised prescribers can prescribe NVPs for dispensing by pharmacies, does that mean that only 21,666 NVP users obtained NVPs through pharmacies? b. If that is the case, does that mean the remainder of NVP users obtained NVPs through personal importation or illegal supply?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000350	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Vaccine risk for patients on anti-suppressants	128. No testing was done with patients on anti-suppressants. Why are transplant patients being forced to take the Covid-19 vaccine when the risks are unknown?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000351	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023

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			July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 		
SQ23-000352	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Pfizer contract stipulations on reporting of deaths and vaccine related injuries	129. Did the Pfizer contract stipulate how TGA can or cannot report deaths and vaccine injuries?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000353	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000354	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 3. How many labour hire contractors were employed at the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?? - 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? o If yes: ? How many and at what level? ? What was the nature of the delegations?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000355	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000356	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Adenine nucleotides	134. Can the TGA quantify how much the lifespan of mRNA will increase due to the addition of 70 adenine nucleotides to the poly tail A? If not, why not? 135. Can the TGA quantify how many more proteins will be	Written	16/02/2023

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				made from vaccine mRNA due to the addition of 70 adenine nucleotides to the poly tail A? If not, why not?		
SQ23-000357	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000358	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000359	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000360	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000361	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Ongoing employees considered excess or made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000362	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000363	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000364	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Workplace culture	12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>informally) and found to have merit?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? <p>- How many of these allegations were investigated and found to have no merit?</p>		
SQ23-000365	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Workers' compensation	<p>13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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)? <p>- How many of these claims were rejected?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000366	Department of Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	Updated answers on selected enquiries regarding the sales, prescription model, licenses of nicotine vapes	<p>5. With reference to Question on Notice 131 (Portfolio question number: SQ22-000494), can the TGA please provide an updated answer to Question 10, from 1 October 2021 to the date of reply.</p> <p>a. With reference to the TGA's answer to Question 11, can the TGA please advise when that engagement took place, and have there been any subsequent approaches by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care or the TGA to the Tasmanian Government about removing smoking products licence fees on Tasmanian pharmacists that dispense NVPs to prescribed patients.</p> <p>b. With reference to the TGA's answer to Question 12, can</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				the TGA please advise whether any subsequent approaches have been made by potential applicants.		
SQ23-000367	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Unpaid leave	14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000368	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Consultations	15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? 16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022? - If yes: a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000369	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Supply Nation	17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations? - 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?	Written	16/02/2023

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				18. 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?		
SQ23-000370	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jacqui Lambie	National Rural Health Commissioner - Senior Executive Service	19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000371	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000372	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 2. How many non-ongoing employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>agency in this period?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 		
SQ23-000373	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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? o If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000374	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Non-ongoing contract	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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			extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?		
SQ23-000375	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000376	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000377	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000378	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000379	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Ongoing	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement.	Written	22/02/2023

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			employees considered excess or made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?		
SQ23-000380	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000381	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000382	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Workplace culture	12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023

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				- How many of these allegations were investigated and found to have no merit?		
SQ23-000383	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Workers' compensation	13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000384	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Unpaid leave	14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000385	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Consultations	15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? 16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022? - If yes: a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000386	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Supply Nation	<p>17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, 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>18. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000387	National Blood Authority	Jacqui Lambie	National Blood Authority - Senior Executive Service	<p>19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates.</p> <p>20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000388	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 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, 	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>from approval to fill a position to the filling of the position)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many ongoing roles that were offered to prospective employees turned down by the prospective employee? 		
SQ23-000389	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000390	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>average, from approval to fill a position to the filling of the position)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have any labour hire contractors at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth in this period? o If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations? 		
SQ23-000391	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Proline insertion	<p>136. What tests have been conducted to ensure that that proline insertion will keep the spike protein in its prefusion shape? If the shape of the spike protein changes, then does the TGA acknowledge that any antibodies generated by the vaccine will be ineffective because the spike protein generated by the vaccine will have a different shape to the virus spike protein?</p> <p>137. Does the proline insertion mean that the mRNA creates both a S1 and S2 spike protein or just a S1 spike protein?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000392	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Impact on the thawing and freezing of lipids	130. Have studies been conducted on the impact of freezing and then thawing out lipids? Studies have shown increased phosphatidylethanolamine as a result of freezing lipids.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000393	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Use of Methylpseudouridine on the human body	131. If the TGA has not studied the use of Methylpseudouridine on the human body, then how can it say unequivocally the vaccine is safe and that there are no spike proteins in the blood?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000394	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Genotoxicity testing on vaccines	132. Has the TGA performed any genotoxicity testing on the vaccines? If not, why not?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000395	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Animal studies of the vaccine	133. No spike protein was tested in the animal trials. Instead, luciferase was tested. Can the TGA please give its opinion on the quality assurance around testing conducted	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>by Pfizer when such a vital ingredient was not included in testing?</p> <p>148. Can the TGA quote animals studies conducted by Pfizer that tested mRNA encoded S-antigen and not luciferase?</p>		
SQ23-000396	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Prefusion and postfusion state	138. Is the vaccine created mRNA spike protein created in a prefusion and postfusion state?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000397	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Testing of spike protein	<p>139. Has tests been conducted to determine the degradation and distribution of the lipids and spike protein yet. Given the number of doses given, has anyone examined the distribution and degradation of the spike protein in an official trial? If not, why not?</p> <p>140. The TGA non-clinical report on page 8 says that the spike protein can be created in the endoplasmic reticulum and can either be inserted into the membrane or secreted from the cell. What studies has the TGA undertaken to determine just how much spike protein is secreted from the body's cells, which organs secrete the most proteins and how those proteins are cleared from the body? If no studies have been performed, why not?</p> <p>141. When the spike protein is inserted into the membrane of the cell what studies has the TGA undertaken to determine the autoimmune response of the body in regard to disposing of cells that contain the spike protein?</p> <p>142. Professor Murphy said in estimates that only the spike protein is removed from the cell membrane, and that the cell itself wasn't destroyed. Is this correct? I note the TGA non-clinical reported the vaccine induced a CD8 response</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>which are killer cells that destroy cells infected with viruses.</p> <p>157. The TGA says studies show the spike protein is relatively short lived i.e., hours to a few days. Yet this contradicts other statements made by the TGA that says the spike protein will survive up to 15 days - why is the TGA giving conflicting answers?</p>		
SQ23-000398	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Cap structure	<p>143. What is the different 5 cap structure in modified RNA - as per page 109 FOI 2389-3?</p> <p>144. Is the 3-cap structure in modified RNA the same as the 3-cap in virus spike protein? If not, what is the difference?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000399	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Quotation of NEJM figures	<p>145. In estimates John Skerrit said he quoted the NEJM in regard to the figures he quoted. This is false. He explicitly referred to 140 million doses after six months and used the word "prove". Why did he mislead in estimates, and will he apologise to the victims of Moderna who relied on his advice that the vaccine provides 100% protection from death?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000400	Department of Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	Updated and additional answers on enquiries regarding Medicare Benefits Schedule codes for smoking	<p>6. With reference to Question on Notice 132 (Portfolio question number: SQ22-000496), can the TGA please provide updated answers to all questions.</p> <p>a. The TGA submitted in its answer to Question on Notice 132 that 42,824 smoking and nicotine cessation service rebates were provided to Australian patients through dedicated MBS items.</p> <p>b. If that is the case, does that mean almost all remaining NVP users either:</p> <p>i. Paid privately for up to four consultations a year;</p> <p>ii. Obtained prescriptions in the ordinary course of</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>consultations unrelated to smoking cessation; or iii. Accessed NVPs through illegal supply.</p> <p>c. If only 42,824 rebates were provided in the first 13 months of the current regulatory regime – and bulk billing rates for in-person consultations have declined – how is the TGA assessing the financial impact of the regime against its Regulatory Impact Statement, when the RIS stated a prescription regulatory regime would only cost NVP users \$12 each per year?</p>		
SQ23-000401	Department of Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	Measures relating to tobacco - consultation period and evidence for each measure	<p>1. On 30 November 2022, the Minister for Health and Aged Care announced 11 new measures relating to tobacco, which he stated were "all evidence-based."</p> <p>a. What are the 11 measures? b. Will there be a consultation period on the measures? c. What evidence base exists for each of the measures? d. Has the Department of Health and Aged Care undertaken or received any analysis on the impact these measures will have on the size of the illicit tobacco market in Australia, or the market for secondary smoking product accessories (such as tobacco flavouring drops sold in countries like the UK, where menthol cigarettes were banned.)</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000402	Department of Health and Aged Care	James McGrath	number of prosecutions initiated by the department against individuals or organisations prosecuted by other agencies for	<p>2. In its report to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on 13 February, the Australian Border Force stated that from July 2022 to 31 December 2022, the ABF detected and seized 62,900 consignments of illicit tobacco, including 823 million cigarette sticks and 355 tonnes of loose-leaf tobacco. Given that almost all illicit cigarettes sold in Australia are in packaging not compliant with the Tobacco Plain Packaging Act, how many prosecutions have been initiated by the Department of</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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			importing or selling illicit cigarettes	Health against individuals or organisations prosecuted by other agencies for importing or selling illicit cigarettes?		
SQ23-000403	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000404	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000405	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000406	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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			between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	- How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?		
SQ23-000407	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000408	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Ongoing employees considered excess or made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000409	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000410	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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			between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023			
SQ23-000411	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Workplace culture	12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000412	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Workers' compensation	13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000413	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Unpaid leave	14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000414	Independent Health and Aged	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care	15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1	Written	16/02/2023

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	Care Pricing Authority		Pricing Authority - Consultations	<p>July 2022, and 17 February 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? <p>16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations? 		
SQ23-000415	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Supply Nation	<p>17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, 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>18. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000416	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jacqui Lambie	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority - Senior Executive Service	<p>19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates.</p> <p>20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000417	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Adverse events reporting and effectiveness of the COVID vaccines	<p>147. On page 27 of the Australian public assessment report for BNT162b2 (mRNA) (tga.gov.au), adverse events were much higher in the vaccinated group than the unvaccinated group - this was up to one month after the injections. The NEJM report on adverse events after 6 months from the Pfizer also show a higher rate of adverse events. Repeating my earlier question – how can the TGA claim that the Pfizer has conducted acceptable quality assurance by failing to investigate the higher injury rate from the vaccine group in the trials and unblinding the placebo group?</p> <p>149. Severe Adverse events amongst mainly healthy working age people in the Pfizer trial were 1.2% - this is still an unacceptably high rate of injury is it not? Given the trial was conducted on mostly healthy people of working age population, how can the TGA justify the effectiveness of the Covid vaccine when the percentage of severe adverse events were higher from vaccine for younger people than Covid itself?</p> <p>150. My prior QoN, about Pfizer collecting data for up to 30 days was in regard to the trials which is correct. Even the Auspar statement says that. Can the TGA please answer my original question and state why they think that it was satisfactory for adverse event data to be collected by Pfizer for only 30 days as part of the initial trial before rollout rather than up to two years?</p> <p>151. Real world studies show an injury and death rate from the vaccine that is higher than Covid for healthy people of working age population. Why does the TGA state that the</p>	Written	16/02/2023
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				vaccines are effective especially since Prof Skerritt admitted that efficacy is reduced for new variants?		
SQ23-000418	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 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? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000419	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 	Written	16/02/2023

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				position)? - How many non-ongoing roles that were offered to prospective employees turned down by the prospective employee?		
SQ23-000420	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Immune imprinting	152. Immune imprinting is a well-known phenomenon - it was detected with the RSV virus in 1966, with dengue fever infections as well as in animals such as Maersk disease. Numerous studies shows that the risk of Covid 19 varied by the number of Covid 19 vaccine doses previously received. The higher the number of vaccines previously received, the higher the risk of contracting Covid. Why does the TGA ignore the risk of immune imprinting with repeated booster shots and fail to alert the public.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000421	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 3. How many labour hire contractors were employed at the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?? - 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? o If yes: - How many and at what level? What was the nature of the delegations?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000422	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Increase in diabetes since rollout of the vaccine	153. How can the TGA dismiss a 20% rise in diabetes since the rollout of the vaccine as not relating to the vaccine since we know it induces killer T cell autoimmune responses. Why is the TGA being so negligent in addressing serious safety signals since the rollout of the vaccine?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000423	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Long COVID and vaccinations	155. What trials show no evidence of long Covid caused by vaccination given we know the vaccine produces more spike protein than the virus as per page 19 of the Pfizer non-clinical report. How can the TGA say the vaccine doesn't cause long covid when there were no distribution and degradation studies performed on the vaccine and the vaccine transfects all cells unlike the virus which can only infect cells with an ACE receptor?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000424	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Autoimmune response due to COVID vaccination	156. If as the TGA claims, the vaccine doesn't induce an autoimmune response then why does Pfizer's own non-clinical report say it induced a CD8 response that kill virus infected cells - furthermore when the TGA says there was no evidence – this is disingenuous because there was no distribution and degradation studies done - this is not an answer - diabetes is up 20% - that is a very strong signal/evidence that the autoimmune system is being impacted by the vaccine. Why does the TGA continue to lie and say the vaccine doesn't cause an autoimmune response when Pfizer's own document says its does?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000425	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 		
SQ23-000426	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000427	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 	Written	16/02/2023

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			July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>by the agency in this period?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? o If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations? 		
SQ23-000428	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000429	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000430	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Vaccine related injury for children	<p>158. Studies have shown an injury rate of 1 in 1760 from childhood Covid vaccines. This is still more than 1 in 3000 multi-inflammatory disease as quoted by Prof Skerritt. Why are the vaccines still being rolled out to children if the rate of injury from the vaccines are higher than that from Covid?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000431	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000432	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	FOI 3520 and serious adverse events	159. In a prior QON the TGA claimed my claims about 20,000 adverse events was widely inaccurate. As per FOI 3520 there were 14,597 serious adverse events reported up until 17th December. At that time just over 40 million doses were administered. Extrapolating that figure to 60 million doses equates to approximately just over 21,000 serious adverse reports. Approximately 21 million people received up to 3 doses of the vaccine. This equates to a serious adverse injury rate of 1 in a thousand people who have been injured by Covid vaccines. In future do not answer my questions by saying my claims are "widely inaccurate" to gaslight my serious question about the safety of the vaccine or the TGA and Prof Skerritt will be charged with contempt. So, I will repeat my question again. Given the serious injury rate is higher than the 1 in 3000 Prof Skerritt mentioned regarding multi-inflammatory disease and also the few in a million side effects he quoted with John Laws shouldn't the Covid vaccines be withdrawn from the market? 160. As per FOI 3520 how many serious adverse events have been reported for Covid-19 vaccines up to February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000433	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000434	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000435	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 Vaccine Claims Scheme	162. If as the TGA claims as per a previous answer to a prior Qon "The list of eligible conditions covered by the COVID-19 Vaccine Claims Scheme is not determined by Pfizer. This scheme is administered by Services Australia with the Department of Health and Aged Care holding responsibility for policy decisions about which conditions are eligible based on recommendations from the TGA. To be eligible, conditions must be verified by the TGA as moderate to significant clinical conditions listed in the Product Information (PI) document for that vaccine." then why is the department ignoring the suffering of thousands of Australians who have been injured by the vaccine but whose injury doesn't fit within the prescribed parameters?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000436	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Ongoing employees considered excess or	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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			made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023			
SQ23-000437	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000438	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Fines for low dose Ivermectin	161. Why is the TGA fining Australian companies tens of thousands of dollars for importing low doses of Ivermectin which were ordered before the ban? The prior response that the pills were counterfeit or high dosage does not apply as the Australian importer only imported a low dose.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000439	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000440	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Workplace culture	12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>resulted in time away from work for the victim?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 		
SQ23-000441	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Workers' compensation	<p>13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000442	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Unpaid leave	<p>14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency. 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000443	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Consultations	<p>15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? <p>16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If yes: 	Written	16/02/2023

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				a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?		
SQ23-000444	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Supply Nation	17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations? - 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? 18. 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?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000445	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jacqui Lambie	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand - Senior Executive Service	19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000446	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000447	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022,	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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			and 17 February 2023	- How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?		
SQ23-000448	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000449	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000450	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000451	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees considered excess, or made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000452	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000453	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000454	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Workplace culture	12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000455	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Workers' compensation	13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000456	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Unpaid leave	14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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				- What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.		
SQ23-000457	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Consultants	<p>15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? <p>16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000458	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Supply Nation	<p>17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, 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>18. 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000459	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Senior Executive Service	19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000460	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000461	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 2. How many non-ongoing employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>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?</p>		
SQ23-000462	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 3. How many labour hire contractors were employed at the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?? - 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? o If yes: - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000463	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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			July 2022 - 17 February 2023	- How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?		
SQ23-000464	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000465	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000466	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000467	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000468	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Ongoing employees considered excess or made redundant from the agency	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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			between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023			
SQ23-000469	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000470	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000471	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Workplace culture	12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000472	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Workers' compensation	13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these claims were successful? o How many of the successful claims were due to an injury	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>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>		
SQ23-000473	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Unpaid leave	<p>14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000474	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Consultations	<p>15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? 16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022? - If yes: a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000475	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Supply Nation	<p>17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations? - 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?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>- Would the agency please categorise the types of procurements undertaken with Supply Nation businesses for financial year 2022/23?</p> <p>18. 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>		
SQ23-000476	Cancer Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Cancer Australia - Senior Executive Service	<p>19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates.</p> <p>20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000477	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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 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? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000478	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Non-ongoing employees employed in the	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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			agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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? 		
SQ23-000479	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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? o If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations? 	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000480	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000481	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000482	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000483	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000484	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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			July 2022 - 17 February 2023			
SQ23-000485	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Ongoing employees considered excess or made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000486	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000487	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000488	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Workplace culture	12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>resulted in time away from work for the victim?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 		
SQ23-000489	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Workers' compensation	<p>13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000490	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Unpaid leave	<p>14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency. 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000491	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Consultations	<p>15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? <p>16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If yes: 	Written	16/02/2023

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				a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?		
SQ23-000492	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Supply Nation	17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations? - 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? 18. 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?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000493	Australian Sports Foundation	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Sports Foundation - Senior Executive Service	19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000494	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 		
SQ23-000495	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000496	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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? 	Written	16/02/2023

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? o If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations? 		
SQ23-000497	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000498	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000499	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Existing labour hire contracts extended by the	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.</p> <p>6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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			agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023			
SQ23-000500	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000501	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000502	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Ongoing employees considered excess or made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000503	Australian Radiation Protection and	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement.	Written	16/02/2023

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	Nuclear Safety Agency		Agency - Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?		
SQ23-000504	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022 - 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000505	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Workplace culture	12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000506	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Workers' compensation	13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these claims were successful? o How many of the successful claims were due to an injury	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>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>		
SQ23-000507	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Unpaid leave	<p>14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000508	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Consultations	<p>15. How many consultants (i.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - 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. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? 16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022? - If yes: a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000509	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Supply Nation	<p>17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations? - 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?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				- Would the agency please categorise the types of procurements undertaken with Supply Nation businesses for financial year 2022/23? 18. 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?		
SQ23-000510	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency - Senior Executive Service	19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000511	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Statements by Professor Skerritt regarding lipids in the vaccine	170. Will Prof Skerritt apologise for misleading the Senate that the lipids in the vaccine are the same as lipids in the steak for breakfast. They are not. If not, why not given ALC-0315 is not found in sausages.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000513	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jonathon Duniam	Department of Finance's Property Management and Projects Branch projects	1. Has the Department of Finance's Property Management and Projects Branch ever undertaken any projects for the Department of Health and Aged Care and/or any of its sub-agencies? If yes: a. please list each of these projects; b. please outline the nature of each of the projects; c. please indicate the dates that the work on each of the projects respectively started and finished; d. how was the work initiated in each case – was the Property Management and Projects Branch approached to provide services or, alternatively, was it at the instigation of the Property Management and Projects Branch itself? e. for any projects that were discontinued or terminated early, please indicate the reason in each case that the work was stopped; f. in each case, by whom were the costs of the Property	Written	16/02/2023

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				Management and Projects Branch paid? g. in each case, what was the total financial cost of the projects – and on what basis was this cost calculated?		
SQ23-000514	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Definition of a vaccine and adverse event data	<p>1. Does the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) stand by the definition of a vaccine as showing on their website? https://www.tga.gov.au/vaccines-overview</p> <p>2. Based on that definition, can the TGA confirm if the current Pfizer and Moderna shots (mRNA technology) meet your defined criteria of a vaccine? If they don't meet this criteria, how do you define the mRNA injections?</p> <p>3. What is the TGA's threshold for a 'rare' serious side effect and at what point would the TGA determine a signal to be worthy of investigation or suspension of a vaccine rollout? For example: 1 in 100,000, 1 in 10,000, 1 in 800?</p> <p>4. In the TGA adverse event data, do you have the ability to stratify adverse events by age?</p> <p>5. If you can break down the data by age, can you please provide all reported adverse event data following mRNA vaccine administration, stratified by age, including the number of doses administered.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000516	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Spike protein from the COVID vaccine	164. "The spike protein is not secreted or released into the blood stream from cells in any significant quantities due to the absence of a signal sequence for secretion" – this statement from the TGA as per an answer to a Qon contradicts page 9 of the TGA non-clinical Pfizer Covid-19 report that says "The expressed S protein co-localised with an endoplasmic reticulum (ER) marker, suggesting the S protein is synthesised and processed within the ER for surface expression or secretion." Why is the TGA	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>contradicting its own documents?</p> <p>165. There have been several studies showing that the spike protein from the Covid vaccine had been found in the blood stream and other body organs. Why is the TGA downplaying the dangers of the spike protein circulating in the blood from the Pfizer Covid vaccine?</p> <p>166. In a prior answer to a QON the TGA quoted "The spike protein expressed on the cell surface is recognised by the immune cells as foreign and generates an immune response to defend against SARS-CoV-2 infection." Isn't this an autoimmune response especially if as quoted by the Pfizer non-clinical report CD8 T-cells are engaged?</p> <p>175. The TGA has stated that "The spike protein has a transmembrane anchor region that makes the protein attach to the cell membrane, and hence it is not secreted or released into the blood stream from the cells due to the absence of a signal sequence for secretion". This contradicts the statement in page 9 of the Pfizer Non-clinical report which says the spike protein can be secreted from the cell. It is well known proteins made by bound ribosomes on the endoplasmic reticulum are packaged up as exosomes for secretion from the cell. Why is the TGA contradicting its own earlier claims. What tests prove that spike proteins made by vaccine mRNA are not exported from cells. Given there are 13 trillion mRNA strands isn't it likely that some spike proteins will make it out of the cell via exosomes?</p> <p>179. How many spike proteins can a strand of vaccine mRNA make. If there are 13 trillion mRNA strands in a</p>		
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				<p>standard dose how many spike proteins will that make. Given it is estimated that 30 trillion cells in a human body isn't it reckless to assume that that number of lipids and spike proteins will do no harm?</p> <p>186. If the Spike protein anchors in the membrane, then why do studies show it circulating in the blood?</p> <p>189. In an answer to a prior Question on Notice the TGA states "Higher translation and expression rate is not associated with pathogenicity, rather it indicates better antigen (spike protein) expression." I would have thought the higher number of spike proteins the higher the risk of harm to the body? I have asked doctors their opinion on this statement by the TGA and they have stated that the TGA is lying and that I should charge the TGA and Professor Skerritt with contempt of the Senate. I further note that plenty of studies have shown that myocarditis is caused by the vaccine spike protein. There are over 3,600 results on Pubmed on spike protein/Pathogenicity. Does the TGA believe the spike protein and the lipid has toxic/pathogenic properties?</p> <p>190. If the TGA does not believe the spike protein and the lipid is toxic/pathogenic then what is the reason the vaccine causes myocarditis?</p> <p>191. How can the TGA say the spike protein is pathogenic when the impact of the spike protein was never tested as per the Pfizer non-clinical report?</p>		
SQ23-000517	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Members of the Prosthesis List Reform Taskforce	<p>1. How many staff are employed in the Prosthesis List Reform Taskforce?</p> <p>2. What are the substantive and acting levels of these APS</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>employees? How many have been seconded from inside the Health Department, and how many from other agencies?</p> <p>3. How much has the Prostheses List Reform Taskforce spent on consulting services since 1 July 2021? Please detail the consultant, purpose, cost, duration.</p> <p>4. In relation to the Clinical Implementation Reference Group (CIRG), what is the remuneration for each member of this Group?</p> <p>5. Who was present and who was recorded as an apology for the meetings of the CIRG on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 29 August 2022 b. 4 August 2022 c. 17 June 2022 d. 25 May 2022 e. 12 May 2022 f. 18 March 2022 g. 4 March 2022 h. 1 December 2021 i. 2 November 2021 <p>6. For each of these meetings, when was the Agenda and Meeting Papers provided to members of the CIRG?</p> <p>7. Can the Minutes of each of these meetings be provided?</p> <p>8. For each of these meetings, was a formal vote recorded for any items on the agenda? If so, which items?</p> <p>9. Can you provide details of each of the formal consultation papers released as part of the PL Reform process to date (from 2016 onwards) including the Consultation Title, purpose, date released, date submissions due, number of responses, category of responders (i.e. insurer, sponsor, consumer group, hospital group)?</p> <p>10. For each of the following consultation papers, please</p>		
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				<p>provide detail of:</p> <p>a. How many consultation responses were received</p> <p>b. The category of respondent (sponsor, insurer, hospital, peak body, consumer, clinician)</p> <p>c. Summary of the consultation responses</p> <p>Consultation Paper 3 – A modernised fit-for-purpose listing process</p> <p>Consultation Paper 2(a) – Modernisation of Part B of the Prostheses List</p> <p>Consultation Paper No 1 – PL Purpose, Definitions and Scope</p> <p>Options for reforms and improvements to the Prostheses List</p>		
SQ23-000518	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Vaccine approval process	<p>The TGA's website also summarises how the TGA assesses vaccines before they can be used in Australia. In the summary it states that:</p> <p>The TGA rigorously assesses vaccines for safety, quality and efficacy before they can be used in Australia. Vaccines receive the same high level of scrutiny as other prescription medicines and related therapeutic goods. We use the best available scientific evidence to assess the risks and benefits of each vaccine. Our evidence requirements are based on international guidelines developed by the European Medicines Agency. Clinical trials are a key part of the scientific evidence that we review during the assessment of a new vaccine. A clinical trial is a scientific study where a promising new medicine is given to a group of people to assess its risks and benefits. We carefully assess the results of clinical trials and the way in which the trials were conducted. We require well-</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>designed trials of a sufficient length with a sufficient number of people who represent the people for whom the vaccine is intended. The results must demonstrate that the benefits of the vaccine greatly outweigh the risks. We also require vaccine manufacturers to meet manufacturing quality standards. As a further check, our laboratories assess the quality of every batch of a vaccine before it can be supplied in Australia.</p> <p>Questions regarding the above statement:</p> <p>6. Can you please confirm what is deemed a sufficient length and size for a clinical trial prior to a population wide vaccine rollout?</p> <p>7. Please confirm what metric is used to quantify the benefits of a vaccine greatly outweighing the risks?</p> <p>8. For the mRNA vaccines currently being administered, can you please provide your age stratified data re: risks and benefits that was used to provide provisional approval?</p> <p>9. Please provide detailed risk and benefit data on the mRNA vaccines for children. Please provide the data at time of approval and evidence of current risks and benefits now that the Covid-19 virus has mutated, becoming far less deadly.</p> <p>10. The TGA confirms on their website that you "considers the safety, quality and efficacy of every ingredient in a vaccine before we register the vaccine for use in Australia." Please provide a full list of ingredients in the Pfizer and</p>		
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				Moderna vaccines along with your testing results for every ingredient for safety, quality and efficacy.		
SQ23-000520	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Lipids in the organs and dangers to the human body	<p>167. Can the lipids enter both white and red blood cells or the organs that produce the cells i.e., the bone marrow and spleen? I note that lipids entered both the spleen and bone marrow in the rat studies. I want a yes or no for each cell type. Please don't deflect as you did in a prior answer to the same question.</p> <p>168. Will the immune function of the bone marrow and spleen be damaged by vaccine lipids entering those organs? What studies have been conducted to prove that the immune function isn't damaged by the entry of lipid nanoparticles into those organs?</p> <p>169. Are the various lipids used in the Covid-19 potentially toxic to the human body? Don't bother quoting that no signs of toxicity of were found in rat studies. Humans aren't rats. Furthermore, don't gaslight the risk of using an ionisable lipid in the vaccine. As the lipids breaks down the ions can react with other molecules which present toxicity risks. Furthermore, the assertion that no toxicity was found in rat studies was misleading as the trials stopped after two days and the rats were examined after they were killed not while they were still alive.</p> <p>171. In a prior answer to a QON, the TGA has admitted the lipids are designed to enable faster delivery of the mRNA - doesn't this make the vaccine more infectious than the virus which must bind to the ACE receptor in order to gain entry to the cell?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000521	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	50/50 Hospital funding split	<p>1. The 50/50 funding split ended in December, was there any advice from the Department to the Government to extend it?</p> <p>2. Did the Department provide any advice on the funding at all?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000522	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	National Dust Disease Taskforce's report of increase of silicosis	<p>1. In April 2022, the former Coalition Government committed \$11 million to implement recommendations from the National Dust Disease Taskforce's final report and better protect and improve supports for workers in dust generating industries and their families. Can the Department please provide an update on the status of this funding and what work the Government is undertaking to address the increased incidence of silicosis?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000523	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	AusVax safety report on COVID vaccination	<p>172. Has the TGA followed up on the AusVax safety report which shows 1% of people visited or hospital or GP because of the vaccine after just 3 days. Given 1% of the population who received the vaccine is over 21 million, this equates to 210,000 people which is much higher than the 140,000 people who reported to the TGA and was just after 3 days. Isn't this evidence that the TGA is under reporting vaccine injuries?</p> <p>173. 44% of over 6 million people surveyed by Ausvax reported at least 1 adverse event after just 3 days. This would equate to almost 10 million people for the entire vaccinated population. Isn't this evidence that the vaccines are much more harmful than stated by health authorities and that they should qualify safe and effective with the risks of the vaccine?</p> <p>174. Given the Ausvax figures previously quoted refer to adverse events at the third day, what percentage of</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				injuries does the TGA estimate occur after third day post vaccination?		
SQ23-000524	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Modelling to implement recommendations to the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce	<p>1. Is the Government committed to implement all of the recommendations of the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce report?</p> <p>2. How much funding will be needed to implement all of the recommendations? What is the Department's modelling?</p> <p>3. Can you provide a breakdown of how the \$750 million will be used?</p> <p>4. What recommendations are the Department looking at as a priority?</p> <p>5. Given the recommendations of the report are quite broad, can you provide some specific examples of measures that are being considered or pursued to implement the recommendations?</p> <p>6. One of the recommendations is to improve the supply and distribution of GPs and other health and care professionals - what specific measures are the Department of Health looking at to achieve this?</p> <p>7. Is it correct that there were no mental health professionals on the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce?</p> <p>8. Why was the decision made not to include any mental health professionals, or was this an oversight?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000525	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Ivermectin safety	<p>180. How can the TGA claim 5 doses of 12 mg of Ivermectin is not safe when the drug Sponsor has previously indicated 120mg is safe or 30,60 or 90mg over 1,4 and 7 days is okay?</p> <p>181. In a prior answer to a QON, the TGA stated "The Product Information document for approved indications of Ivermectin emphasises that interactions between Ivermectin and other drugs have not been studied in clinical trials." Interactions between Covid vaccines and other drugs haven't been studied either so why the double standards? Furthermore, given Ivermectin has been used safely for decades wouldn't the interactions between it and other drugs would be much better understood than Covid-19 vaccines which haven't interacted with other drugs at all?</p>	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000526	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Safety of numerous doses of COVID vaccine	<p>176. Why is the TGA ignoring the risk of immune imprinting/original antigenic sin by continuing to roll out repeated doses of the vaccine? What tests have been performed to prove that 5 doses administered with 18-20 months are safe for humans?</p> <p>177. Why is the TGA ignoring real world data from NSW Health that shows a direct relationship between the number of booster doses and the number of times a person catches Covid? This corresponds with the well-known relationship of immune imprinting that has been well documented in medical literature.</p>	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000527	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	mRNA strand lengths in COVID vaccine	<p>178. Considering the Agilent results showing mRNA strands of differing lengths, what confidence does the TGA have that with 13 trillion mRNA strands in a standard dose of a Covid-19 vaccine that none of the strands will code a misfolded protein?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>187. If there are 13 trillion strands of mRNA in a single 30 micron dose, how many strands in each lipid nanoparticle and how many lipid nanoparticles are in a 30 micron dose?</p> <p>188. How many spike proteins can a single strand of vaccine mRNA produce?</p>		
SQ23-000528	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	COVID-19 impact on the hospital system	<p>1. We have known for a while that the ongoing impact of Covid on the hospital system, particularly in regard to deferred care and deferred screening, would be significant – Now that we're emerging on the other side of the pandemic, has the Department put together a plan to address this issue?</p> <p>2. Has the Department been advised by the Minister to come up with an information campaign to encourage Australians to get tested and resume their regular health checks?</p> <p>3. If not, why not? What are you doing then to educate Australians on this important matter?</p> <p>4. Has the Government received any advice on how best to address this serious issue? What has been that advice?</p> <p>5. Why has the Government not put in place any measures in response to this issue, which has been emerging for months and months?</p> <p>6. Why has there been no communication campaign from the Federal Government encouraging individuals to get screened or tested, considering there is a significant cohort of people who haven't done so for years due to covid? Is</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				this something the Government or Department is considering?		
SQ23-000529	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	N1-methyl-pseudouridine(?) and mRNA	182. If N1-methyl-pseudouridine doesn't change mRNA features (as stated in a prior answer to a QON) then why use it? If it didn't it change features, it wouldn't be used. Literature states that pseudouridine help evade the immune system and increase expression. Furthermore page 19 of the Pfizer non-clinical document says codon optimisation was used to increase expression of the antigen. Presumably this refers to the N1-methyl-pseudouridine(?) and the extension of the Poly A tail?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000530	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Elective surgery waiting lists	1. The AMA has warned that the number of people waiting for elective surgery is expected to reach more than 500,000 by 30 June. What is the Government doing to assist the states and territories with this? 2. Does the Department of Health have a role in the National Elective Surgery Categorisation Guidelines and considering whether these needs updating? 3. Has the Department analysed MBS data to see if it provides any indications about which health conditions might continue to be challenged as a result of COVID related referral and treatment delays?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000531	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Inquiry into the accuracy on EMA documents	183. In regard to the so-called manipulated documents from the EMA shouldn't the TGA inquire as to their accuracy and pursue concerns around whether or not the mRNA is translated properly? After all it is the TGA's job to ensure the safety of the vaccines and should pursue any allegations of safety risks is it not?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000532	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 rates of death by age and comorbidities	184. In a prior answer to a question on notice the TGA/Health Department claim that 3.2% of the population would have died from Covid-19 if vaccines weren't rolled	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>out. This was based on the death rate from 2020 where the bulk of deaths occurred in people with serious comorbidities residing in Victorian aged care facilities left understaffed because of lockdowns and quarantine restrictions imposed by the Victorian premier. Why is the TGA/Health Department ignoring these factors when overstating deaths.</p> <p>185. The death rate of people below 60 was 1 in a 1400 rather than 3.2 in a 100. Given almost 80% of the population are below sixty, why is the TGA/Health Department failing to stratify risk by age and comorbidities?</p>		
SQ23-000533	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	50 functioning urgent care clinics	1. Will the 50 urgent care clinics be up and running within the first 12 months as promised in the 2022 election campaign?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000534	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	COVID-19 notifiable disease during 1 December 2019 to 20 February 2023	<p>1. Is Covid-19 a vaccine preventable disease?</p> <p>2. Is Covid-19 or was Covid-19 a notifiable disease at any time during 1st December 2019 to 20th of February 2023 and if the notifiable status changed at all. During the same period was the disease notifiable or reportable? If the notifiable reportable status changed during this time who made decision and on what advice was this made?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000535	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Consultations following decision to revert from 20 Medicare subsidised mental health sessions	<p>1. Has the Department been contacted by psychologists or mental health professionals since the decision to revert from 20 Medicare subsidised mental health sessions on 30 December 2022?</p> <p>2. Has the Department been contacted by individuals since the decision to revert from 20 Medicare subsidised mental health sessions on 30 December 2022?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>3. Has the Minister's office been contacted by psychologists or mental health professionals since the decision to revert from 20 Medicare subsidised mental health sessions on 30 December 2022?</p> <p>4. Has the Minister's office been contacted by individuals since the decision to revert from 20 Medicare subsidised mental health sessions on 30 December 2022?</p> <p>5. Did the Department provide advice to the Government on risks associated with the Better Access Initiative reverting to only 10 sessions? What was that advice?</p> <p>6. Is the Department aware of reports that seventy per cent of general practitioners say mental health is a top three reason why patients attend their practice?</p> <p>7. Can the Department confirm whether they briefed the Health Minister on the increase in suicide rates in NSW and VIC before he made the decision to cut the mental health sessions?</p> <p>8. Can the Minister for Health confirm he consulted with the two main peak bodies, Mental Health Australia and Suicide Prevention Australia, before he announced the restriction of Medicare subsidised mental health sessions through the Better Access program back to 10 per person?</p> <p>9. If not, which peak industry bodies were consulted prior to the decision being made?</p>		
SQ23-000536	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	MMM mapping of GP shortages and vacancies	1. What is the current unmet need for GPs? How many vacant places and what MMM category are they in?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>2. Can Department provide a MMM map highlighting areas where GP shortages are most significant?</p> <p>3. What new measures have this Government put in place to increase the supply and distribution of GPs across the country? 4. How many IMG's (international medical graduates) have moved from MMM5-7 areas, to MMM5 and below areas since 1 July 2023?</p>		
SQ23-000537	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Update on COVID-19 travel advice	<p>1. On 1 January this year, the Department of Home Affairs updated their advice for travellers entering Australia from China, mandating that they must undertake a COVID-19 test within a 48-hour period prior to the day of their scheduled departure and show evidence of a negative test.</p> <p>2. When was the Department of Health consulted on the decision?? a. If so, when, who and how?</p> <p>3. Noting that the Minister for Health states in his press conference that "Australia now joins other countries across the world including France, India, Japan, Malaysia, Spain, the Republic of Korea, England and the United States of America", when did the Department of Health notify DFAT of the changes?</p> <p>4. I note in a press conference on the 8th of January that the Prime Minister stated, "We notified the Chinese administration before the announcement was made." When did this notification occur? a. Was this notification formal correspondence?</p> <p>5. Did the Department of Health, DFAT or PMC or any</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				other agency receive written correspondence back from the Chinese Government?		
SQ23-000538	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Impact of inflation on the health sector	1. Can you provide an update on the impact of inflation on the health sector?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000539	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Update on medicine shortages including Ozempic, Trulicity and antibiotics	<p>1. Can the Department please provide an update on the current supply shortage of Ozempic (Semaglutide)?</p> <p>2. How many patients have been impacted by the shortage?</p> <p>3. I understand regular supply is expected to return by the end of next month. Is this still the case?</p> <p>4. 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?</p> <p>5. I understand there are current shortages of some antibiotics in Australia, with shortages of 18 different active ingredients rendering 39 brands of antibiotics unavailable. Can the Department please provide an update on current shortages of antibiotics in Australia?</p> <p>6. Further to this, can the Department please provide a general update on medicine shortages?</p> <p>7. How many medicines are currently in critically low supply?</p> <p>8. Is the Department forecasting any other medicine shortages?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				9. What modelling is undertaken to anticipate future medicine shortages?		
SQ23-000540	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Mount Gambier Radiation Therapy Facility	<p>1. Have there been discussions between the State and Federal Minister on this matter?</p> <p>2. Have there been discussions between the State and Federal Department's on this matter?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000541	Department of Health and Aged Care	Alexander Antic	Pregnant women and vaccines	<p>Topic: TGA (pregnant women)</p> <p>The European Medicines Agency Assessment Report on Comirnaty dated 19 February 2021 specifically excluded women who are pregnant or breastfeeding and the report specifically listed this missing information as a safety concern.</p> <p>The TGA's Australian Public Assessment Report for BNT162b2 (mRNA) dated July 2021 notes that: "When available, further data relating to vaccine efficacy against asymptomatic disease, vaccine efficacy in immunocompromised subjects, paediatric subjects, pregnant women, lactating mothers, and the information relating to post-market safety and effectiveness studies should be provided to the TGA, as separate submissions, to update the PI."</p> <p>The TGA's Database of Adverse Event Notifications ("DAEN") reveals that the first reported spontaneous abortion associated with the Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer) was reported on 28 April 2021 and to 10 February 2023 now reports 381 spontaneous abortions or other pregnancy related adverse events including foetal deaths and stillbirths.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>1. Why did the TGA allow approval for the Comirnaty (Pfizer) COVID-19 vaccine when there existed no appropriate data with respect to vaccine efficacy in</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>pregnant women and lactating mothers?</p> <p>2. Why did the TGA not warn the public about the ongoing reports of spontaneous abortion, foetal deaths and stillbirths through 2021 and 2022 when it approved the Comirnaty (Pfizer) for the following use cases as at the following dates?</p> <p>a. 25 June 2021 (primary course – for 12 years and over) b. 26 October 2021 (booster – for 18 years and over) c. 27 January 2022 (booster – for 16 years and over) d. April 2022 (booster – for 12 years and over) e. October 2022 (bivalent booster for 18 years and over).</p> <p>3. Why did the TGA allow approval for the Comirnaty (Pfizer) COVID-19 vaccine when there existed no appropriate data with respect to vaccine efficacy in pregnant women and lactating mothers?</p>		
SQ23-000542	Department of Health and Aged Care	Alexander Antic	COVID-19 Batch Safety	<p>Statement: Topic: COVID-19 Batch Safety TGA Freedom of Information Document 3545 released on 25 March 2022 contains a list of batch numbers and 'dose in series' for suspected adverse events in people who received a COVID-19 vaccine.</p> <p>That document reveals that: a. Pfizer batch ER7449 has been associated with 3,697 DAEN notifications including 8 miscarriages and 43 deaths. b. AstraZeneca batch PW40043 has been associated with 2,521 DAEN notifications with 2 miscarriages and 15 deaths.</p> <p>Questions:</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>1. Is the TGA aware of the number of DAEN notifications associated with Pfizer batch ER7449 and AstraZeneca batch PW40043 and if so when did TGA become aware?</p> <p>2. Does the TGA believe that the high number of DAEN notifications associated with these batches highlights a problem or other issue that should be investigated and addressed?</p> <p>3. Did Pfizer batch ER7449 and AstraZeneca batch PW40043 meet the guidelines for Good Manufacturing Practice of Medicines in Australia?</p> <p>4. If not, why not, and why was it that these batches did not meet those guidelines before being distributed to the public, and administered often through coercive means such as COVID-19 vaccination mandates?</p> <p>5. Is the TGA aware of any other batches with similar levels of DAEN notifications associated with them, and if so, did those batches meet the guidelines for Good Manufacturing Practice of Medicines in Australia?</p> <p>6. DAEN Notification Number 639647 relates to a pregnant woman aged 32 whose death on the 7 Oct 2021 was preceded by a rash. What is the COVID-19 vaccine batch number(s) associated with this death?</p> <p>7. Has the TGA analysed Pfizer Batch FP1430, and if so, what is the result of that analysis?</p>		
SQ23-000543	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Expansion of the CGM eligibility on the NDSS	1. How many patients have benefitted from the Government's expansion of the CGM eligibility on the NDSS?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>2. What is the split of product use on the NDSS between the three companies?</p> <p>3. Has the Department received good feedback on the expanded program?</p> <p>4. Is it true the Department intends to tender all products on the NDSS this financial year?</p> <p>5. Did the Department consult with patients, clinicians and suppliers before lodging the intent to tender the NDSS, including CGM, on AUSTENDER?</p> <p>6. Why is the Department doing this less than seven months into the new program?</p> <p>7. What is the risk that patients are forced to switch their technology under this tender?</p> <p>8. Does the department accept that patients and clinicians need access to different technologies to support better healthcare, just like they need access to different medicines for diabetes?</p> <p>9. Can you confirm your intent is to allow for multiple products?</p> <p>10. What are you going to do to ensure clinicians and patients are properly consulted in this process?</p> <p>11. What is the risk of losing access to new technologies coming on the market in the next few years?</p>		
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SQ23-000544	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Proposals for sonographers to be included in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme	<p>1. Has the Department been approached by the peak body for sonography in Australia with a comprehensive proposal for all sonographers to be included in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health practitioners under the existing Medical Radiation Practice Board?</p> <p>2. Given 11.67 million ultrasound scans were provided to Australians funded through Medicare in 2021-2022, which would have been predominately performed by sonographers is there any rationale for the continuing exclusion of 75% of sonographers from regulatory oversight under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme?</p> <p>3. Will the Minister of Health and Aged Care commit to including the issue of sonography regulation for consideration by the Health Ministers' Meeting, and if so, what are the timelines for this?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000545	Department of Health and Aged Care	Alexander Antic	Autopsies	<p>1. Does TGA collate autopsy information with respect to DAEN notifications of deaths associated with COVID-19 vaccines, whether suspected or confirmed?</p> <p>2. How many deaths reported in the DAEN associated with COVID-19 vaccines have been subject to autopsies?</p> <p>3. Why does the DAEN database not list vaccine batch numbers associated with notifications of adverse events associated with COVID-19 vaccines?</p> <p>4. What technical or other limitation prevents TGA from listing vaccine batch numbers associated with notifications</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				of adverse events associated with COVID-19 vaccines?		
SQ23-000546	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Vaccination communications strategy	1. What are the adult booster vaccine uptake rates for third and fourth doses of available COVID-19 vaccines?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000547	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Consultation of proposed regulatory changes for clinical trials of medical devices	1. In relation to the recent consultation: Proposed regulatory changes for clinical trials of medical devices, August 2022, how many submissions were received in response to this consultation? 2. What was the TGA's engagement with the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care prior to the release of this consultation paper and its alignment with the development of the One Stop Shop for Clinical Trials? 3. What are the next steps and timing for these proposed changes?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000548	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Research funding and support for patients diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease	1. How many patients are diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease every year in Australia? 2. Is there a national standard of care for Parkinson's Disease? 3. How much federal research funding is provided for Parkinson's Disease? 4. Is there any other funding support for Parkinson's Disease from the Department of Health and Aged Care– for instance is there a funded helpline?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000549	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	MBS nuclear medicine items	1. Is there are clearly defined process from the Department or led by the Minister to consider indexation proposals of MBS nuclear medicine Items going forward?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>2. I note the Government's October budget measure to increase rebates for 6 nuclear medicine items for patients receiving scans and treatment for illnesses, including cancer, has the Minister or the Government sought advice from the Department in relation to areas of nuclear medicine that that will not be indexed on the MBS from 1 July 2023?</p> <p>3. In relation to access to nuclear medicine services in regional and remote areas of Australia, has the Department investigated or reviewed what a lack of indexation in 2023 for nuclear medicine items will mean for provision of services in those regions? If so, please table a summary of these impacts.</p> <p>4. Please table the increased risks of adverse health outcomes and potential downstream costs on the health system if patients can no longer access nuclear medicine test due to increasing out of pocket expenses and or closure or reduction of treatments and treatment sites available.</p> <p>5. What is the cost of the proposal to re-index all nuclear medicine items (based on current MBS indexation modelling)?</p> <p>6. In relation to nuclear medicine specifically, has the Department of Health assessed the impacts of funding in the Budget on the nuclear medicine workforce which impacts on the service provision throughout Australia? In particular, the attractiveness of the specialty for trainees? If so, a summary of those impacts would be welcomed.</p>		
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				<p>7. Does the Department have any data on the number of nuclear medicine practices which have closed in the past 12 months?</p> <p>8. Is the Department undertaking any monitoring of the impact of these closures on access to nuclear medicine in the affected communities?</p> <p>9. In NSW, there are currently three regional sites with functional nuclear medicine scanners that continue to be unused, as patients are unable to claim a rebate for the use of diagnostic imaging tests and many are unable to afford the A\$800 to \$1,000 out-of-pocket costs, what is the government doing to address rural and regional access to nuclear medicine services?</p> <p>10. Has the Department inquired into what is driving the rising cost of radioactive isotopes, which have seen a dramatic cost increase to the provision of nuclear medicine services?</p>		
SQ23-000550	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Fair Work Commission pay rise in aged care	<p>1. Who did the Minister for Aged Care consult with prior to the decision on 16 December 2022 to defer the pay rise and pay 10% in 2022 and the additional 5% in 2023?</p> <p>2. Does the Federal Government or Department of Health have a standard definition of staff on-costs?</p> <p>3. What is included in this definition? Can the Department of Health clarify if on-costs will include leave provisions such as annual leave, sick leave, maternity leave and long-service leave?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				4. Will the funding for the wage increases be on top of annual indexation of aged care funding?		
SQ23-000551	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Modified Monash Modelling (MMM) care minutes for registered nurses, enrolled nurses and personal care workers	<p>1. What are the average care minutes for registered nurses, enrolled nurses and personal care workers for providers in MMM 1-3?</p> <p>2. What are the average care minutes for registered nurses, enrolled nurses and personal care workers for providers in MMM 3-5?</p> <p>3. What are the average care minutes for registered nurses, enrolled nurses and personal care workers for providers in MMM 5-7?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000552	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	mRNA vaccine given in Australia, adverse reactions and data collection	<p>3. With respect to all mRNA vaccines given in Australia what is the average period of time (days, weeks, months, years) for which the mRNA vaccine given to a person, ceases to induce production of spike protein within cells of said vaccinated individual and does this align with data provided by the vaccine manufacturers?</p> <p>4. Did the Department of Health ever give consideration, during any meeting of Departmental Health staff or officials including senior officials, to the risk versus benefit of giving the mRNA vaccines to younger people and if so what was the final position of the Department of Health staff on the risk versus benefit assessment? For clarity the reference to younger people in this question can be considered for your answer as cohorts of persons aged under 5 years, under 12 years, under 18 years, under 30 years.</p> <p>5. How many Australians have died or are suspect or being investigated to have died from any mRNA vaccine given in</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>Australia?</p> <p>7. How many Australians were seriously injured by an adverse event resulting from mRNA vaccine given in Australia specifically cardiovascular, neurological, haematological, immunological, hepatological, gastrological?</p> <p>8. What information did the Australian Government Department of Health rely upon, in order to assess the safety and efficacy of mRNA vaccines given in Australia?</p> <p>9. What entity or what entities provided information to the Australian Government in order for the relevant Departments including the Department of Health, to assess the short, medium and long term safety and efficacy of mRNA vaccines intended to be purchased and given to people in Australia?</p> <p>13. With respect to mRNA vaccines supplied to Australia on what representations of the mRNA product did the Department of Health base their advocacy including official health advice for injecting all Australians with vaccine?</p> <p>17. At what date and time intervals did the Department of Health become aware that an Australian death had occurred caused by an mRNA vaccine given in Australia? For clarity please provide the date for each and every death caused by any mRNA vaccine given in Australia.</p>		
SQ23-000553	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	COVID-19 vaccines adverse reactions, reporting, safety and efficacy	6. How many reports of serious adverse events have been received in relation to administration of Covid-19 vaccines available in Australia?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>10. On what date did the Department of Health obtain information or data from external sources, relied upon to inform the Departments decision on the safety and efficacy of the mRNA vaccines eventually given to Australians, as a health measure to fight the outbreak of SARS-Cov-2 and Covid-19 disease in Australia?</p> <p>11. What follow up has the TGA specifically done responding to individual reports of Covid-19 vaccine adverse events?</p> <p>12. Who are the organisations or entities engaged to test the safety and efficacy of the mRNA vaccines intended to be administered to Australians as a health response to SARS-Cov-2 and Covid-19?</p> <p>16. With respect to the safety and efficacy of all Covid-19 vaccines used in Australia can the Department please give a detailed assessment of the Adverse Event Data it relied upon to reduce or minimise the use of the Astra Zeneca vaccine in the Covid-19 health response?</p>		
SQ23-000554	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Support at home reform	<p>1. Does the new Support at Home Program include co-contributions and means testing?</p> <p>2. Did the Department consult with providers before releasing the Home Care Packages Program Operational Manual "A guide for home care providers Version 1.3?</p> <p>3. Who was consulted and when were they consulted?</p> <p>4. Did the Department write to consumers or consult with consumers before releasing this Guide?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>5. Were providers explicitly told that the guide would be published on the 13th of January?</p> <p>6. What is the legislative basis of the change to the home care scheme guidelines on the Department of Health and Aged Care's website?</p> <p>7. According to the Department's "2021-22 Report on the Operation of the Aged Care Act 1997" it states on page 52 that the federal Government spent "\$4.4 billion in home care subsidies and supplements". Is this correct?</p>		
SQ23-000555	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Current or former officials declaration of gifts, paid associations	<p>14. Have any current or former officials of the Australian Department of Health had any paid association with Pfizer Australia Holdings Pty Ltd or its parent company Pfizer or its subsidiaries?</p> <p>15. Do Department of Health employees have to disclose paid associations with, or gifts from or monetary grants from any Pharmaceutical companies supplying or applying to supply Covid-19 vaccines including but not limited to, Pfizer-BioNtech or Pfizer and its subsidiaries? If so, please list any such disclosures.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000556	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Anne Ruston	Submissions for the 'Towards an Aged Care Pricing Framework' consultation	<p>1. How many submissions did IHACPA receive for their Towards an Aged Care Pricing Framework Consultation that closed on the 14th of October 2022?</p> <p>2. When will those submissions become public?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000557	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Reporting on aged care infections, deaths, and staff cases - 3 February 2023	<p>1. Why did the Department change its reporting on aged care infections, deaths, and staff cases on Friday the 3rd of February 2023?</p> <p>2. The 3 February report states that "The Department of Health and Aged Care has concluded a review and</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				reconciliation of all data provided directly by aged care providers from early 2022, resulting in adjustments to the data" when did this review begin and conclude? 3. Who did the review?		
SQ23-000558	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	COVID-19 Aged Care Support Program Extension Grants	1. Noting that providers do provide their balance sheets to the Department of Health and Aged Care, can you provide a de-identified list of all the outstanding grants and how much is owed to each provider? 2. The Government has advised that the COVID Aged Care Support Program Extension Grant is changing from 1 January 2023 – but there is no information on what the new process will be – can you provide details please? 3. When does the next grant round start? 4. How many providers have contacted the department chasing up their refund? 5. Has the Department briefed the Minister on this matter?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000559	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Methodology of star ratings and Consumer Experience Index scores	1. What methodology did the Department use to determine the upper and lower bounds for the star ratings? 2. Can the Department provide the Consumer Experience Index scores for each home? 3. Did the Department receive the CEI scores and decide too many consumers gave high scores to support the approach to the regulatory framework underpinning the reform legislation?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>4. How many homes scored 2 or less stars in each of the Star Rating categories?</p> <p>5. What is the Government's plan to review the performance of these homes?</p>		
SQ23-000560	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Exemptions for 24/7 nurses	<p>1. How many enrolled nurses are required for every aged care home to have a registered nurse onsite 24/7 by 1 July this year?</p> <p>2. What will happen if an Aged Care provider is MMM4 and cannot find a registered nurse and are not able to apply for an exemption?</p> <p>3. Will providers be penalised if they are unable to find a registered nurse and do not have an exemption?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000561	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Aged care home and provider closures	<p>1. Is the Department aware of any aged care home closures in the last 6 months?</p> <p>a. Where have they been located?</p> <p>b. Do you have this broken down by MMM?</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide a list of any providers that have closed over the last 6 months?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000562	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Capability review of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>1. Does the Government intend to publish Mr David Tunes AO preliminary report of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Independent Capability Review?</p> <p>a. If so, when?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000563	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Home care operational manual: 'A guide for home care providers Version 1.3'	<p>1. With regard to the Home Care Packages Program Operational Manual "A guide for home care providers Version 1.3" – January 2023, did the Department consult with providers before releasing this Guide?</p> <p>2. Who was consulted and when were they consulted?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>3. Did the Minister write to consumers or consult with consumers before releasing this Guide? If not, why not?</p> <p>4. Were providers explicitly told that the guide would be updated and published on the 13th of January?</p> <p>5. Has the Department received any correspondence specifically from home care providers or individuals stating circumstances that as of these changes, individuals have been negatively impacted?</p> <p>6. Is the Department aware of individuals who are now unable to access non-PBS medications since these changes?</p> <p>7. What is the legislative basis of the change to the home care scheme guidelines on the Department of Health and Aged Care's website?</p> <p>8. Did the Department brief the Minister's office on this matter prior to the guidelines being updated and published?</p>		
SQ23-000564	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Breakdown of funding for the Olympics and Commonwealth Games	<p>1. Can a breakdown be provided of the \$2.5 billion that the Commonwealth Government will spend on the Olympic and Paralympic games?</p> <p>2. What are the 16 new or upgraded venues that will receive close to \$1.87 billion in co-funding on a 50/50?</p> <p>a. Can the expected itemised completion date for the 16 new or upgraded venues be provided?</p> <p>b. Can the expected itemised cost for the 16 new or upgraded venues be provided?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>3. When will the joint-infrastructure oversight authority be established?</p> <p>4. Who will chair this authority?</p> <p>5. Can the Department provide advice as to the potential cost to the Commonwealth Government of investments to support delivery of the 2026 Commonwealth Games?</p> <p>6. What role is the Department playing in those negotiations with the Victorian Government?</p> <p>7. Has the Department received any funding requests from the Victorian Government?</p> <p>8. If the Department is not able to advise the costs now, when is it anticipated that detail will be known?</p> <p>9. What is known of the planned regional games hubs and athletes' villages to be established in Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat and Gippsland?</p>		
SQ23-000565	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Former Prime Minister Scott Morrison decision making under health portfolio	18. Did the former Prime Minister Scott Morrison make any Ministerial decisions under the Health Portfolio during his time served as Prime Minister of Australia, specifically a Ministerial direction that could have also been made by Mr Greg Hunt when he was the Minister for Health in Australia during the 46th Parliament?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000566	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Funding for Netball Australia	1. In 2019, the Coalition Government announced \$30 million to support netball right from grassroot club level to investment in professional athletes. In May 2022 about \$10 million of this had been provided to Netball Australia. Is the department aware of this funding?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>2. It is my understanding that the reasons for the under-spending included the global pandemic, change of management at NA and uncertainty by NA about what they would spend it on. There hasn't been any public mention of this funding since the change of government so I would like an update on these projects. How much funding has been spent now?</p> <p>3. Has any funding been taken away by Finance? a. If not, what are the plans for the remaining funding?</p>		
SQ23-000567	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Royal Commission into the Infected Blood Scandal in Australia	<p>At the time when AIDS and Hepatitis C was growing in the community, infected blood was transfused knowingly into thousands of Australians during the 1980s and 1990s. Many transfused persons left the hospitals infected with HIV and Hep C, many dying or left with life-time illnesses and receiving no help or compensation for their conditions. CSL and the Red Cross, who knew of the contaminations before administering the blood products, are yet to be held to account in Australia.</p> <p>The Canadian government has recognised the disaster and compensated victims since 1994.</p> <p>There is a Royal Commission into infected blood in the UK currently considering the scandal and the UK government has for the past 20 years provided financial support for victims.</p> <p>The Australian government response to date has done nothing to support victims. Not even issuing an apology.</p> <p>1. When will this government hold a Royal Commission into the Infected Blood Scandal in Australia? 2. When will financial assistance be provided to victims still living with their contaminated blood caused illnesses?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>3. When will an apology be made to the victims of this scandal?</p> <p>4. When will CSL and the Red Cross be held accountable for their actions in knowingly transfusing contaminated blood products into people, killing and disabling many Australians?</p> <p>5. What other support will be offered to these victims?</p> <p>6. Is there screening being done to ensure unvaccinated blood is being used in transfusable blood products?</p> <p>7. What is the risk that gene-based vaccines are ending up in transfusable blood products, starting another cycle of contaminated blood being transfused?</p> <p>8. Will this government stand up and be counted in its support for the victims of this blood scandal?</p>		
SQ23-000568	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Malcolm Roberts	Food products containing hemp and PFAS health effects	<p>1. Hemp has been legal in food since 2018, have any adverse events been reported from a food product containing hemp which was licensed by FSANZ?</p> <p>2. Have you had any compliance issues which would be of relevance to legislators?</p> <p>3. Are FSANZ looking at the changing any standards around hemp in food?</p> <p>4. The European Food Agency reduction in the level of PFAS allowed in food has now come into law. The EU now has a limit of 4.4ng/kg of product. I understand Australia does not have a limit, please confirm that.</p> <p>5. Please explain why the divergence between the EU and Australia on this topic. The EU is worried about PFAS health effects enough to set the level at 4.4ng/kg, Australia has no</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				limit. Are you exercising an appropriate duty of care on this issue?		
SQ23-000569	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Stakeholder involvement with decisions made around assessment, safety, efficacy or danger of mRNA vaccines	<p>19. What involvement, if any, did Dr Mike Freeland, current house of representatives member for MacArthur have with the Department of Health in the 46th parliament or present-day parliament around assessment, safety, efficacy or dangers of mRNA vaccines being considered and ultimately used in Australia.</p> <p>20. What involvement, if any, did Dr Katie Allen, former Liberal member of parliament have with the Department of Health in the 46th parliament around assessment, safety, efficacy or dangers of mRNA vaccines being considered and ultimately used in Australia?</p> <p>21. What associations or relationship exist or existed between the National Health and Medical Research Council and the Department of Health specifically related to the SARS-Cov-2 virus health response or COVID-19 mRNA vaccines?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000570	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Policy on Lyme Disease being diagnosed in Australia	<p>Large numbers of Australians have been bitten by ticks in Australia with resultant associated illnesses of varying severity. The Australian medical community have been directed by APRAH to limit their medical diagnoses and treatment to exclude the possibility of having contracted Lyme Disease.</p> <p>For some not yet stated reason there seems a clear policy in place in Australia to deny the possibility of Lyme Disease being contracted in Australia.</p> <p>This is despite the existence of many examples of people being bitten by a tick and then suffering from Lyme-like symptoms that in many cases have responded well to the treatment regime that is the standard protocol for</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>treatment of Lyme Disease.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current Australian policy position on Lyme Disease being diagnosed in Australia? 2. Why is the possibility of Lyme Disease and associated infections existing in Australia so strongly opposed by Australian Health bodies such as AHPRA? 3. Why are Australians suffering from Lyme-like symptoms being denied treatment on the basis that they may have contracted Lyme Disease from a tick bite? 4. Why are some Australian doctors, who in their professional opinions believe their patients may have contracted Lyme disease, being prevented from treating the patient as if they have Lyme Disease and are being prevented from prescribing specific medicine for treatment and cure, leaving their patients under-treated with ongoing distress? 5. When Lyme Disease is recognised to exist on most major continents, why would it not be possible to have been transmitted to Australia and exist in Australian host animals? 6. The current CSIRO study has already shown in the cohort of patients that there are a set of microRNA biomarkers present in people who've been bitten by a tick. From the Dept correspondence it is known that they are looking at an "Australian Borrelia spp." and we know that other strains of Borrelia cause significant and serious health issues in other parts of the world, especially if not treated immediately. Is this not enough information to act on a treatment pathway for borreliosis right now? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, why not? 7. Are there plans to expand the scope of eligible study participants and make opportunities available for a greater 		
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				diversity of researchers to contribute to this topic of public health importance?		
SQ23-000571	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Statement that SARS-Cov-2 is not airborne by Dr Nick Coatsworth	22. Looking back when Dr Nick Coatsworth as deputy chief medical officer made a statement that SARS-Cov-2 is not airborne was this the official position of the Department of Health? If so on what evidence was this based?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000572	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	COVID-19 health data and study of Interferon as a treatment	1. Last week a peer reviewed study published in the New England Journal of Medicine, lead authors included staff from Stanford University, found that early intervention in COVID using PEGylated interferon lambda, specifically IFL-1, reduced the incidence of hospitalisation from COVID by 50%, independent of vaccine status. One dose was proven to make a noticeable reduction in viral loads in only 6 hours. The effectiveness of IFL-1 for COVID was first reported in the Journal of Cellular Immunology in September 2020 and was widely debated when other papers came out in May 2022 for and against. This latest paper proves the 2020 paper was correct and IFL-1 should have been made available as an early intervention medication. With 19,000 Australians having died from COVID, please explain why Interferon, specifically IFL-1 was not studied in Australia, and will you study IFL-1 now.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000573	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Standard legal obligations for TGA to approve Pfizer vaccines	A recent peer-reviewed paper in the establishment scientific journal Vaccine examined Pfizer's COVID "vaccine" randomised phase three clinical trials data. It used the World Health Organisation's framework made for this purpose: 'the Brighton Collaboration on adverse events of special interest'. Paper: Serious adverse events of special interest following mRNA COVID-19 vaccination in randomized trials in adults. Authors include virology and pharmacology experts from UCLA, Stanford, University of Baltimore and Queensland's Bond University. The paper concluded that Pfizer's	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>"vaccine" was associated with a 36% increase in serious adverse events. The most common were coagulation disorders including thrombosis and acute cardiac injury. In every 10,000 people injected 18 will experience a life threatening or altering medical complication. Serious adverse events from Pfizer's Covid "vaccine" are 4 times higher than any benefit from the vaccine in reduced hospitalisation.</p> <p>This is the same data the TGA relied upon for their approval of the Pfizer product. However, we now know the TGA did not review this data themselves, but took the FDA's word for it.</p> <p>5. Did the actions of the TGA meet the standard of due diligence you are required to meet?</p>		
SQ23-000574	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Vaccine safety	<p>192. Some vaccines batches with as little as 62% integrity have been approved by the TGA - how can the TGA be certain that degraded mRNA isn't toxic to the body?</p> <p>193. The TGA didn't answer my previous question - why did it allow vaccines to be rolled out to the entire population based on one human trial that skipped a number of safety tests, but wouldn't allow Ivermectin given its safety profile was well established?</p> <p>194. Why does the TGA continue to rollout the Covid-19 vaccines when they don't stop transmission, infection or reduce illness but are known to cause a myriad of side effects and increase the risk of immune imprinting?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000575	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Tabling of document used by Professor Skerritt	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Thank you for appearing today. Dr Skerritt, there was a discussion involving Senators Antic, Rennick and myself. Could you resolve that, please, by giving us an unredacted copy of the document in front of</p>	Pages 61-62	16/02/2023

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				<p>you that you were reading from? Dr Skerritt: Senator, I believe that we cannot, for reasons of personal privacy. I understand that this issue has been to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and that the Administrative Appeals Tribunal also confirmed that the documentation released was appropriate. We take personal privacy very seriously. There are specific requirements within the legislation, within the Freedom of Information Act. For example, you don't put on a disclosure log information that could prejudice personal privacy. So we follow the requirements of the FOI Act. Senator ROBERTS: We respect privacy too. What about a private briefing with the doctor's name redacted? Dr Skerritt: It's more than the doctor's name. Given the process followed, we would not be able to provide you any more in a private briefing. Senator ROBERTS: But we could see the document. Dr Skerritt: Well, we would not be able to provide any more than we have been able to release because of FOI considerations. If you want a private briefing on other matters, certainly through our minister's office it can be requested. Senator CANAVAN: I want to be clear here, Dr Skerritt. Are you saying that you cannot provide information to the Senate because of FOI restrictions? Dr Skerritt: No. We're talking about privacy restrictions. Senator CANAVAN: I get that. Dr Skerritt: The FOI rules have consideration to privacy issues. Senator CANAVAN: But they don't apply to this committee. We do have rules around privacy, but they are not the FOI rules. I just want to be clear. Dr Skerritt: You asked for a private briefing.</p>		
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				<p>Senator CANAVAN: As a Senate committee, we should maintain that we are not bound by the FOI requirements.</p> <p>Dr Skerritt: You asked for a private briefing outside that. Again, in committee, we would have to take advice from the chair whether, because these are publicly broadcast proceedings, there are privacy considerations.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: I'm happy with that. Perhaps we can discuss the considerations.</p> <p>CHAIR: Dr Skerritt, you are entitled to make a PII claim. To do that, you need to state the grounds and the harm to public interest. If Senator Roberts accepts that-</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Thank you. Let's move on, then.</p>		
SQ23-000576	Department of Health and Aged Care	Claire Chandler	Psychology sessions	<p>1. Last year the Government announced they would cut the number of Medicare subsidised psychology sessions from 20 to 10 per individual. How many Tasmanians had accessed more than 10 subsidised psychology sessions prior to the reduction in the number of subsidised sessions which occurred on 31 December 2022? Please provide a breakdown per year from when the policy commenced.</p> <p>2. Prior to the announcement of the reduction in the number of Medicare subsidised psychology sessions, had the Department modelled or estimated the number of people who were expected to access more than 10 Medicare subsidised psychology sessions in 2023 and each financial year in the forward estimates?</p> <p>a. If so, how many Tasmanians were expected to access more than 10 Medicare subsidised psychology sessions in 2023 and each financial year in the forward estimates, prior to the Government's announcement that the number of subsidised sessions would be reduced to a maximum of ten?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>b. If so, please provide that modelling.</p> <p>3. Did the Government consult with Tasmanian mental health services and practitioners before announcing this cut?</p> <p>a. If so, how many of these services and practitioners were supportive of the Government's cuts?</p>		
SQ23-000577	Department of Health and Aged Care	Claire Chandler	Urgent care clinics within Tasmania	<p>1. In the 2022 election campaign the Labor Party announced that three Urgent Care Clinics in Tasmania will be operational within the first year of a Labor Government. Will any of these three Urgent Care Clinics located in Greater Hobart, the North, and the North-West regions be operational by May 2023?</p> <p>2. Has the site of each of these three Urgent Care Clinics been confirmed and secured? If so, what are the site addresses of each Urgent Care Clinic?</p> <p>3. Has physical building work commenced on each of these three sites?</p> <p>4. When will the first patients be seen in each of these three Urgent Care Clinics in Tasmania?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000578	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Pfizer testing and manufacturing practices	<p>195. Why won't the TGA ask the FDA and Pfizer why they are trying to hide trial data? It is not a Senators role to speak to the sponsor but rather the regulatory body. The TGA has contacts with Pfizer so use them. Why is the TGA refusing to do its job?</p> <p>196. Why won't the TGA hold Pfizer to account for shoddy testing, manufacturing and disclosure practices?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>197. In response to a prior Question on Notice - regardless of whether or not regulations require it, carcinogenic studies should have been done to determine if there is any risk of cancer - especially since numerous studies have shown miRNA can have oncogenic properties. Why won't the TGA insist on Pfizer or itself undertaking studies to determine carcinogenic risks from the vaccine?</p> <p>200. As per the Pfizer trials there was around 1% dosing/administration error rate for the vaccination group - would it therefore not be fair to say there could also be a 1% dosing/administering error rate in the vaccine rollout? And these errors could lead to vaccine injuries?</p> <p>202. I previously asked why Pfizer in their post marketing data only reported on 32 of the 270 pregnant women who took the vaccine. The TGA did not answer my question directly. Why hasn't the TGA hasn't followed on why Pfizer didn't follow up on the other 238 pregnant women. I will report the TGA for contempt for failing to answer this important question directly.</p> <p>225. Regarding the placebo used in the Pfizer trial – was the saline administered as just saline or as saline inside the lipid nanoparticles?</p>		
SQ23-000579	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Optimisation of the vaccine	<p>198. An answer to a prior Question on Notice says, "The reason the theoretical length of the vaccine is larger than the COVID virus is that the sequence of the mRNA was optimized with changes, which does not form a part of the spike protein, to enhance stability and translation efficiency of the vaccine". If the vaccine has been optimised, then is this not gain of function?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				199. If the vaccine is optimised, is that not Gene technology? If not, why not?		
SQ23-000580	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Cytotoxic capabilities of the COVID-19 vaccine	201. Why does the TGA ignore the associated risks that CD8 T cells produced by the Covid-19 vaccine have cytotoxic capabilities?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000581	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Vaccine clinical trials	<p>203. The TGA claims that the sponsor does not set the vaccine clinical trial integrity and product purity requirements - this contradicts a statement made in an earlier FOI that said they did. What is an acceptable level of batch integrity, who sets it and how can the TGA guarantee that degraded or damaged mRNA is not toxic?</p> <p>204. Regarding this previous answer from the TGA "Data for 12- and 24-month follow-ups do not exist on the basis that Study C4591001 was terminated early, noting significant changes in the real-world landscape including COVID-19 infection rates. Specifically, those who were in the control group (unvaccinated at the beginning on the trial) were vaccinated prior to the end of the trial – to not offer vaccination would have been unethical noting the seriousness of the pandemic." Wouldn't having a control group and cutting the trial short, eliminate the possibility of tracking long term side effects which is more unethical than exposing young people to the risk of Covid which had an extremely low mortality rate?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000582	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Adverse events and deaths associated to COVID vaccine	<p>205. Isn't it unethical to not highlight the risks of the Covid vaccine when side effects are well known rather than just repeat the mantra that the vaccines are safe and effective?</p> <p>206. Shouldn't the TGA contact every person who had an adverse event to gain a better understanding of their injury? If not, why not? How can the TGA expect to gain a better understanding of the risks of the vaccine if they</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>don't follow up on reported adverse events?</p> <p>216. Why isn't it compulsory for health professionals to give patients, details of how to lodge an adverse event when being vaccinated? I have spoken to many people with vaccine injuries who aren't even aware of the TGA and its reporting system.</p> <p>220. Why does the TGA continue to say most reports of vaccine injuries are mild? It's an insult to say that most reports are mild. Many doctors have stated to me they don't fill out adverse reports for mild events.</p> <p>238. 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?</p> <p>241. In estimates John Skerritt said: "There are other medicines that have many more deaths and injuries associated with them than COVID vaccines, for example, or higher rates of injury." Can the TGA state which medicines have had more injuries or a higher rate of injury than the Covid vaccine and whether they were pulled by the TGA due to safety concerns?</p>		
SQ23-000583	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Furin cleavage site in coronavirus prior to 2019	207. Prior to 2019, did coronaviruses contain a Furin cleavage site?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000584	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Immunosuppression due to vaccine	208. In regard to this previous answer from the TGA "There is no evidence of immunosuppression from booster doses of vaccines" Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. There is evidence as highlighted by other virus's including RSV and Dengue Fever.	Written	16/02/2023

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				209. In regard to this previous answer from the TGA "There is no clinical evidence that the use of a COVID-19 booster vaccine at any of the recommended doses is causing the immune system to downregulate leading to cancer or diabetes" Studies show that levels of IgG4 is increased and IgG3 decrease with repeated dosing. Isn't this evidence of downregulation in response to increased boosting? Given there is evidence of immunosuppression why won't the TGA acknowledge the risk of immune imprinting from repeated booster shots?		
SQ23-000585	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Pfizer post marketing surveillance	1. Will the TGA ask Pfizer why they won't disclose how many doses were administered in regard to their post marketing surveillance data for the Covid-19 vaccine? It is not the role of a Senator to ask Pfizer this question but rather the regulatory body. Do your job or you will find yourself in contempt of the Senate.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000586	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Codon read through	211. Studies contradict the TGA assertion of no Stop Codon readthrough from using pseudo uridine. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6401265/ . Will the TGA pause the rollout of the vaccine until the stop codon read through is studied and the risk eliminated? I note in a prior FOI the TGA said they had no documents on this risk. Now that they do, and it indicates a potential threat to safety will the TGA now pause the vaccine and issue a warning to all people who took the vaccine that they incurred this risk?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000587	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Spike proteins and long covid	215. Media reports suggest that spike proteins are causing long covid. If spike proteins can cause long covid then why can't they cause vaccine injuries?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000588	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	mRNA effectiveness and risk in COVID vaccine	212. Why does the TGA accept batches with intact mRNA as low as 60 percentage. What proof does the TGA have that the degraded mRNA won't create toxic proteins or	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>induce apoptosis? Please cite studies showing that this risk will not happen.</p> <p>213. What is the optimal amount of intact mRNA in order the vaccine to be effective? I do not want dose size I want relative percentage of intact to degraded mRNA</p>		
SQ23-000589	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Troponin, micro-clotting, inflammation or cholesterol levels in vaccine trail candidates	214. Why didn't Pfizer test for elevated troponin, micro-clotting, inflammation or cholesterol levels amongst Covid 19 trial candidates?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000590	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	mRNA vaccines - distribution and storage audits	<p>77. What manufacturing, distribution and storage audits took place of pharmacies and vaccine distributors of the mRNA vaccines to ensure proper processes took place so that the mRNA didn't become degraded?</p> <p>78. Did the TGA do any quality assurance of the fridges that Pharmacies kept the mRNA in - what about transportation refrigeration?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000591	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Toxicity of lipid nanoparticles in the vaccines	217. What evidence does the TGA have to prove that the Lipid Nanoparticles used in the vaccine aren't toxic? LNP's have demonstrated toxicity in trials for decades. What trials demonstrated that these trials are not toxic on a longevity basis? I note one company Protiva found that LNP's caused a more severe reaction immune reaction in humans than it had in the lab.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000592	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Western blots in Pfizer vaccine	218. Files submitted to the Pfizer to the FDA in regard to Western blots have been called into question because the lines shown the Western blots are too straight rather than blurred. This indicated fraud. Can the TGA ask the FDA why they didn't question Pfizer as to the authenticity of the Western blots? If not, why not?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000593	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Vaccine effectiveness on COVID variants	<p>219. Paul Offit, a member of the FDA advisory committee, has admitted that the vaccines cannot keep up with mutating virus and that immune imprinting is a genuine risk of repeated boosting. Given these risks and imperfections, why is the TGA continuing to advise people to get the vaccine?</p> <p>222. Is the old version of the vaccine still being administered given it was for the Alpha variant which is now no longer prevalent? If so, why?</p> <p>223. Is the vaccine currently being rolled out up to date for the B4/B5 variant or just omicron?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000594	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Bivalent vaccine roll out	221. There have been reports of safety signals showing clotting from the new bivalent vaccine. Will the TGA/Health Department suspend rollout of bivalent vaccine until investigations can establish of the safety of the vaccine. If not, why not?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000595	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Location of vaccine injection site	224. Why does the TGA say the vaccine stays in the arm when it is well known that cells and the lipids move around the body?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000596	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Use of the Australian Immunisation Register	226. Given the TGA has access to the Australian Immunisation Register why doesn't it use that database instead of relying on the passive DAEN to collect the batch number, date of death of immunisation and if necessary, date of death for reported adverse events and deaths?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000597	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Myocarditis recovery after the COVID vaccine	227. Why did the TGA say in a recent Sydney Morning Herald article, "people recover from myocarditis in a few days" when it is well known that heart muscle cannot repair itself on its own and myocarditis can take weeks to months if not become a lifelong injury? Cardiologists have told me that it is incredibility reckless and irresponsible for the TGA to be spreading misinformation such as this.	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000598	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Approval period for Pfizer COVID vaccine	228. I note that the provisional approval for Covid Pfizer vaccine has ended - does the TGA have results for the public to scrutinise?	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000599	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Positive and negatively charged lipids	229. What happens to the positive charged lipids once the entire vaccine lipid nanoparticle breaks down inside the cell? If the lipid nanoparticle breaks down outside the cell what is the risk of the positively charged ions sticking to other molecules, especially negatively charged blood cells resulting in clotting or other circulatory damage? 230. It has long been recognised that vertebrate red blood cells (RBC's) are negatively charged. What tests were performed to ensure that positively charged lipids didn't merge with red blood cells to cause clotting? Please quote studies.	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000600	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	FOI 4073 and Pfizer's influence on TGA	231. Re FOI 4073 - why was the TGA taking advice from Pfizer in regard to press releases and removing the word "risk" because they didn't like it? Is the TGA independent from Pfizer or a subsidiary of Pfizer?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000601	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Phospholipid intolerance and COVID vaccine	232. Have you put a warning label advising people with a phospholipid intolerance not to take the jab? If not, why not?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000602	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Antiphospholipid syndrome to the Covid-19 vaccine	233. In estimates, John Skerritt referred to a study on antiphospholipid syndrome to the Covid-19 vaccine in the Rheumatology journal. Can this study please be provided?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000603	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	External vaccine safety investigation group in determining causality	234. Who is the external vaccine safety investigation group that the TGA uses to determine causality? Prof Skerritt mentioned it in estimates.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000605	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Four lipid classes in the COVID vaccine	239. What is the class of the four lipids used in the vaccine? i.e., Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 or Class 4?	Written	16/02/2023

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				240. Are the four lipids used in the vaccine all bio-degradable?		
SQ23-000606	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Oxford study referenced by Professor John Skerritt regarding Moderna and Sinopharm vaccine	242. Why did John Skerritt refer to this study when I asked a question about the Moderna vaccine? COVID-19 vaccine affects neither prothrombotic antibody profile nor thrombosis in primary anti-phospholipid syndrome: a prospective study Rheumatology Oxford Academic (oup.com) This study used the Sinopharm vaccine and not the Moderna vaccine. Did these vaccines use the same lipids and mRNA? Antiphospholipid antibodies in Turkish children with thrombosis - PubMed (nih.gov) I note the Turkish study was conducted in 2007 before the Moderna vaccine was even created. Italian studies were conducted in 1997 and 2012.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000607	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Deaths due to paracetamol use	243. I note that John Skerritt said "We have modern medicines, and every medicine has risks as well as benefits. By way of indication: since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, more than 10 times as many people have died from Paracetamol, from Panadol, as from adverse events due to COVID vaccines." Has there been over 140 deaths from Panadol since January 2021 and if so how many of these were self-inflicted? Furthermore, were these single use deaths or in combination with other drugs? A search of the DEAN database shows 52 deaths, 24 from overdose and the majority of the remaining deaths do not have paracetamol or Panadol as the only drug taken.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000608	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Spike proteins, COVID-19 antibodies and infected blood data	3. How can the Department of Health say that the spike proteins are not toxic or at dangerous levels when as per the TGA's document – the Pfizer Nonclinical evaluation report – states that the distribution and degradation of the spike protein in humans was never tested?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>9. In response to a prior question about the spike protein being in blood you quoted a study with 13 participants - do you consider 13 a statistically significant number? Furthermore 3 out of 13 had the full-length spike protein last up to 29 days - that's significant is it not almost 25%? 11 out 13 had spike protein lasting up to 9 days. Given this data, shouldn't the Red Cross wait longer than 3 days before allowing vaccinated people to donate blood? Note: A study from Stanford https://www.cell.com/cell/fulltext/S0092-8674(22)00076-9?rss=yes#related Articles showed spike protein from the vaccine lasts up to 60 days. https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/news/health-nightmare-dr-robert-malone-spotlights-study-on-mrna-spike-protein/ and Vaccine mRNA Can Be Detected in Blood at 15 Days Post-Vaccination- Vaccine mRNA Can Be Detected in Blood at 15 Days Post-Vaccination - PMC (nih.gov) and the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) estimates that the spike proteins that were generated by COVID-19 vaccines last up to a few weeks, like other proteins made by the body.- https://www.nebraskamed.com/COVID/where-mrna-vaccines-and-spike-proteins-go</p>		
SQ23-000609	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Communications strategy and campaign funding	<p>2. When will the vaccination communications strategy be released?</p> <p>3. How much funding, per financial year, will be spent on this communication campaign?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000610	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	COAG health council, health technology assessment review and HoR the new frontier report	<p>4. In 2017 the COAG Health Council agreed to work towards a goal of harmonisation of vaccine access rules in pharmacies across all states and territories to reduce disparities in patient equity, and tasked the Department of Health with the implementation. Can the Department</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>provide an update on where this work is at?</p> <p>5. Can the Department provide an update on the Health Technology Assessment Review process commenced by former Health Minister Greg Hunt. Have terms of reference been concluded and when are the Review results scheduled to be released?</p> <p>6. Can the Department provide an update on the Government's response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health & Aged Care's Report entitled: The New Frontier - Delivering better health for all Australians. When are we likely to see this response?</p>		
SQ23-000611	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Peer reviewed report on budget impact and the department's response	7. A peer reviewed report released late last year stated that if the previous Government had not made COVID-19 vaccines available there would have been a negative budget impact of an extra \$181 billion. Has the Department performed its own research to verify this result?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000612	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Cardiac arrests due to vaccine	11. Why did Prof Skerritt say the vaccine doesn't cause cardiac arrests when it is well known that myocarditis, which is a side effect of the vaccine can lead to cardiac arrests?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000613	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	RAT and PCR tests thrown out as a result of going out of date	2. What is the dollar value of Commonwealth funded purchases of COVID products, being "vaccines", RAT and PCR tests that were subsequently thrown away as a result of going out of date? Latest data please.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000614	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	NSW COVID health data	3. During 2022 NSW published weekly COVID health data, then stopped publishing it, a decision that I won't speculate on. Here is the data from the last data published weeks 51 and 52 2022. a. Admitted to hospital 1779 of those the unvaccinated accounted for 0;	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>b. Admitted to ICU 140, of those the unvaccinated accounted for 0; c. Deaths 95, of those the unvaccinated accounted for 6.</p> <p>4. Can you explain to me why across the whole of 2022 in NSW the unvaccinated were substantially under-represented in hospitalisations and ICU admissions. I accept they were represented in death data at about their presence in the general population.</p>		
SQ23-000615	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Pre-requisite training for surgical training roles	Does the Department of Health consider anyone performing surgery should have appropriate pre-requisite training before starting in a surgical training role including working as a resident medical officer in surgical wards, under supervision and continuous reevaluation of skills in the form of continued professional development?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000616	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Contaminated blood and compensation	8. Will the Australian Federal Government overturn the barbaric injustice of the last 4 decades and compensate the victims of the Infected Blood scandal of the 1980's where thousands of Australians either caught AIDS or Hepatitis C from blood given to them by the Australian government? If not, why not?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000618	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Impact of long COVID	154. Why isn't long Covid tracked by vaccinated status? Surely the impact of Covid-19 vaccines on long Covid should also be examined, shouldn't it?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000619	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Younger people in residential aged care - data on RAC providers	4. How many RAC providers are currently providing support to participants in RAC (broken down by state)?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000620	Cancer Australia	Marielle Smith	Australian cancer plan - engagement, lymphoedema and treatment	<p>1) Has there been any consideration throughout the development of the next Australian Cancer Plan for the management of lymphoedema associated with the treatment of patients in Australia?</p> <p>2) What engagement has the Department and Cancer</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>Australia had with lymphoedema advocates and advocacy organisations throughout the development of the next Australian Cancer Plan?</p> <p>3) What modelling and research has the Department and Cancer Australia undertaken into the link between cancer treatment and lymphoedema and the impacts on the Australian community?</p>		
SQ23-000621	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Nicotine vaping - regulation and rationale of policies around products	<p>1. Does the TGA believe the current prescription vaping regulations are working?</p> <p>2. Why will the TGA not consider regulating vaping products as consumer products when the vast majority of vapers are already purchasing vapes without a prescription?</p> <p>3. Can I assume that the TGA still holds the view that e-cigarettes and nicotine vaping products are not consumer products, but should be classified as therapeutic products?</p> <p>4. If the TGA does not consider Nicotine Vaping Products, "products" in the first place, why does it continue to refer to them as products and not medicines in extensive amounts of its own literature and why does it refer to users of NVPs as consumers and not patients?</p> <p>5. The UK, New Zealand and US have implemented consumer protections to enable smokers to access vaping products whilst restricting access to young people. Why is your model superior when all the evidence so far points to an out-of-control black market under your watch?</p> <p>6. The UK Office for Health Improvement and Disparities in the Department of Health and Social Care recently released its review on vaping - one of the most</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>comprehensive reviews of its kind to date. The review determined vaping users have significantly lower exposure to harmful substances from vaping compared with smoking. In Australia, the Department of Health commissioned the ANU to conduct an evidence review which was released in April. This report incorrectly concluded that the use of nicotine e-cigarettes increases the risk of a range of adverse health outcomes – a claim unsupported by any other western country. Why did the ANU review come to such startlingly different conclusions?</p> <p>7. Surely creating a false equivalency in the relative harms of vaping (5% according to Public Health England) and smoking is no different to misrepresenting any other medicine, by saying its potential harms are the same as the illness its treating or preventing?</p>		
SQ23-000622	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	Nicotine vaping offences - TGA support and engagement	<p>8. what is the TGA doing to support State/Territory police to charge possession offences?</p> <p>9. what engagement have they undertaken with the AFP to ensure individual vapers in possession of nicotine are being charged?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000623	Department of Health and Aged Care	Matthew Canavan	TGA consultation period	<p>The TGA consultation period between the 30th of November 2022 to the 16th of January 2023 was open to the public for less than 7 weeks including the Christmas and New Year period when working Australians were busy taking a much-needed break with their families.</p> <p>1. How many submissions were made in total?</p> <p>2. How many submissions were made by private citizens?</p> <p>3. How many submissions were made by organisations?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>4. How many submissions were deemed as out of scope? And what was the prevailing reason?</p> <p>5. In general, does the TGA consider consultations which receive a high number of submissions more successful than consultations which receive a low number of submissions?</p> <p>6. How does the total number of submissions made to the TGA on this consultation compare to other consultations? More or fewer than average?</p> <p>7. Why did the TGA consultation take place over the Christmas and New Year period, when millions of Australians were on holiday with their families?</p> <p>8. How many submissions were made between Friday 23rd December and Monday 9th January?</p> <p>9. Prior to this consultation, had the TGA held any consultations over the Christmas and New Year period? If so, how many?</p> <p>10. Who made the decision to hold the TGA consultation over the Christmas and New Year period?</p> <p>11. Do you accept that restricting the consultation period over a time when millions of Australians are on holiday with their families compromised the ability to attract wide-ranging submissions?</p> <p>12. Was it a mistake for the TGA consultation to take place over Christmas and New Year?</p>		
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				<p>13. Was there any communication – informal or formal – between the Federal Government and the TGA about the timing of the TGA consultation? If not know, will you take that on notice?</p> <p>14. On 9 February 2023 the CEO of the Public Health Association of Australia, Mr Terry Slevin, was interviewed on ABC Radio Canberra. When speaking about the TGA consultation on the potential reforms to the regulation of nicotine vaping products Mr Slevin stated 4,000 submissions went into the consultation and of those about 3,800 were in support of vapers.</p> <p>15. Noting, submissions to the consultation are still yet to be published and the TGA have not provided a public breakdown of the submissions made – can you advise how Mr Slevin came to be in possession of this non-public information?</p> <p>16. If this information was shared with Mr Slevin: Why was non-public information shared with select external parties and not all of those who provided a submission? Can you detail what the information sharing criteria is used by the TGA?</p> <p>17. If this information was not shared with Mr Slevin: Do you believe potentially sensitive and non-public information is being leaked by the agency to select external parties?</p> <p>18. Has the TGA shared similar information with vaping product manufacturers or individual vapers?</p>		
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				19. How many individuals have been charged for possession?		
SQ23-000624	National Health and Medical Research Council	Matthew Canavan	CEO statement on electronic cigarettes	<p>1. Why is the risk of electronic cigarettes not also compared with cigarettes?</p> <p>2. Why does the statement claim there is weak evidence that vaping is an effective quitting aid? Especially when compared against the 2022 Cochrane review which concluded "there is high-certainty evidence that e-cigarettes are more effective than nicotine replacement therapy"</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000625	National Health and Medical Research Council	Matthew Canavan	NHMRC electronic cigarette working committee	<p>1. Is Renee Bittoun still a member of the committee?</p> <p>2. Can the NHMRC list her qualifications?</p> <p>3. Is the NHMRC aware if Ms Bittoun holds a PhD?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If no, why is it that she is listed as holding one in these academic works? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dr. R. Bittoun - https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1080/09595238580000251 o Renee Bittoun, PhD - https://academic.oup.com/ntr/article-abstract/20/10/1198/4638890?redirectedFrom=fulltext o Renee Bittoun, PhD - https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3831409/ o Renee Bittoun, PhD - https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4676795/ o Dr Bittoun - https://www.thelancetsummit.com/bio-bittoun.asp o Renee Bittoun, PhD - 	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.3109/02770903.2014.930481?journalCode=ijas20</p> <p>4. Is the NHMRC aware that Ms. Bittoun is not a professor, but in fact an adjunct professor? Will the NHMRC review this and update the website to reflect that?</p>		
SQ23-000626	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Department advice on minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister	<p>1. 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>6. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000627	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Department's ministerial hospitality policy	2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000628	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Allocation of DLO's and staff to minister's offices	<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.</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.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000629	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Meetings held by Secretary and each minister in the portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000630	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the department	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000631	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the department	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000632	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Departmental memberships to committees and taskforces	9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000633	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Department's response to 22-23 budget measure - Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses	11. 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	16/02/2023

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				<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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SQ23-000634	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Departmental expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided:</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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000635	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Departmental expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date, for</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? If so, 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.		
SQ23-000636	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Departmental travel expenditure in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>15. 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>16. 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>18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000637	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Heat treating of blood to destroy HIB virus	<p>6. Given the risk of contamination of HIV because of the Red Cross advertising in high-risk communities in the 1980s, why didn't the Commonwealth Serum Laboratory heat treat the blood to destroy the HIV virus. Documentation from that period show that executives refused to heat treat donated blood because it would reduce yield, even though the Red Cross/CSL knew or should have known that heat treating the blood would kill the AIDS virus in the blood.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000638	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Departmental expenditure on media monitoring services financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000639	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Departmental expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000640	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Departmental expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000641	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? a. 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? b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. 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? f. 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>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>g. 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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
SQ23-000642	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Referrals to Comcare in current financial year to date	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000643	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Referrals to Fair Work Commission in current financial year to date	<p>24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>a. 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000644	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Listing of interdepartmental committees, advisory boards and agencies	<p>26. 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> <p>27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created.</p> <p>a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000645	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Impact of untimely access to primary care services	<p>1. What is the impact of untimely access to primary care on patients?</p> <p>a. What is the incidence of adverse events or avoidable hospital admissions due to medication non-adherence?</p> <p>b. What is the impact of medication non-adherence on the Australian healthcare system?</p> <p>c. How many avoidable presentations to emergency departments could be prevented with scaled access to virtual first health services?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000646	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Impact of a restriction on asynchronous care	<p>2. What will be the impact of a restriction on asynchronous care be on:</p> <p>a. General public?</p> <p>b. Vulnerable groups?</p> <p>i. Rural and remote communities?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>ii. People with a disability? iii. People with a mental health condition? iv. The elderly?</p>		
SQ23-000647	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Virtual services that can leverage asynchronous care	<p>3. Is there a more sensible framework that could be adopted by virtual services that can leverage asynchronous care (and protect patients from unintended adverse events) for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New patients? 2. Regular patients? 3. Urgent care? 4. Rural and remote care? 5. Patients with a disability? 6. Mental Health? 7. Cancer and Palliative care? 8. Aged care? 9. Paediatrics? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000648	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Full list of reviews the department are currently undertaking	<p>25. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of the review; b. the name or names of the reviewers; c. the date the review is due to be completed; and d. the purpose of the review. 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000649	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	<p>1. 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>6. 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000650	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000651	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000652	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000653	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000654	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses	11. 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>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> <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or</p>		
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				<p>alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-000655	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided:</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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000656	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. 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? If so, 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000657	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	<p>15. 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>16. 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>18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000658	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000659	Aged Care Quality and	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year	Written	16/02/2023

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	Safety Commission		campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns with costs.		
SQ23-000660	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000661	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? a. 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? b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. 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? f. 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? g. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
SQ23-000662	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000663	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission in current financial year	<p>24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>a. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000664	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	<p>25. 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 name or names of the reviewers;</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				c. the date the review is due to be completed; and d. the purpose of the review.		
SQ23-000665	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	26. 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. 27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created. a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000666	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	1. Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister? 6. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000667	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	1. Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister? 6. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided	Written	16/02/2023

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				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.		
SQ23-000668	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000669	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000670	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000671	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000672	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	22/02/2023
SQ23-000673	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth	Written	22/02/2023

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				taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.		
SQ23-000674	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses	<p>11. 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</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000675	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000676	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. 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? If so, 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000677	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000678	Australian Commission on Safety and	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to	9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	16/02/2023

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	Quality in Health Care		committees and taskforces	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.		
SQ23-000679	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses	<p>11. 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>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000680	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	<p>15. 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>16. 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>18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000682	Australian Commission on Safety and	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in	12. 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	Written	16/02/2023

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	Quality in Health Care		financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided. <p>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided:</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. 		
SQ23-000683	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. 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</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? If so, 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 .		
SQ23-000684	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000685	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	15. 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. 16. 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. 18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000686	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000687	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000688	Australian Institute of	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage	22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?	Written	16/02/2023

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	Health and Welfare		and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>a. 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>b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. 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>e. 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>f. 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>g. 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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
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SQ23-000689	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000690	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000691	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare? a. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim. b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims? c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000692	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission? a. 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000693	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	25. 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 name or names of the reviewers; c. the date the review is due to be completed; and d. the purpose of the review.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000694	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	26. 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. 27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created. a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000695	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? a. 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? b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. 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>e. 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>f. 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>g. 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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
SQ23-000696	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				Comcare claims? c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?		
SQ23-000697	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission in current financial year	24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission? a. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000698	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	25. 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 name or names of the reviewers; c. the date the review is due to be completed; and d. the purpose of the review.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000699	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	26. 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. 27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created. a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or	Written	16/02/2023

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				disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ23-000702	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	NDIA - Participants in hospitals	6. What is the average cost of hospitalisation per day for people with complex support needs?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000703	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000704	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	1. Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister? 6. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000705	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000706	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000707	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000708	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	<p>9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000709	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses	<p>11. 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</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <p>i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel 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>		
SQ23-000710	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	<p>1. 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>6. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000711	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in	12. 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	Written	16/02/2023

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			financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>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>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided:</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>		
SQ23-000712	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	<p>1. 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>6. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000713	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	14. 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,	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>upgraded in financial year 2022/23 to date? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. 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? If so, 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>		
SQ23-000714	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	<p>15. 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>16. 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>18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000715	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000716	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000717	Australian Radiation	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list	Written	16/02/2023

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	Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency		ministers in their portfolio	with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.		
SQ23-000718	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000719	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000720	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000721	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000722	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000723	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000724	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>a. 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>b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. 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>e. 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>f. 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>g. 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>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
SQ23-000725	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses	<p>11. 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</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>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>		
SQ23-000726	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim. b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims? c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000727	Australian Radiation	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in	12. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in	Written	16/02/2023

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	Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency		financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>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>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided:</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. 		
SQ23-000728	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	<p>24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000729	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. 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? If so, 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000730	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000731	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	<p>25. 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 name or names of the reviewers;</p> <p>c. the date the review is due to be completed; and</p> <p>d. the purpose of the review.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000732	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	<p>15. 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>16. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000733	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000734	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000735	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	26. 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. 27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created. a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000736	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000737	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? a. 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? b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. 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? f. 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? g. 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?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
SQ23-000738	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	<p>9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000739	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses	<p>11. 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>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<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> <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>		
SQ23-000740	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>surrounding the claim.</p> <p>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>		
SQ23-000741	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	<p>24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>a. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000742	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	<p>25. 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 name or names of the reviewers;</p> <p>c. the date the review is due to be completed; and</p> <p>d. the purpose of the review.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000743	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	<p>26. 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> <p>27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created.</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ23-000744	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided:</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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000745	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. 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? If so, 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000746	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	<p>15. 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>16. 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>18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000747	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	<p>1. 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>6. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with</p>	Written	22/02/2023

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				the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.		
SQ23-000748	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000749	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000750	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000751	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000752	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? a. 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? b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>e. 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>f. 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>g. 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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
SQ23-000753	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000754	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000755	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission? a. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000756	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000757	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000758	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses	11. 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	16/02/2023

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				<p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p>		
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				<p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-000759	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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> <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>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.		
SQ23-000760	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	25. 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 name or names of the reviewers; c. the date the review is due to be completed; and d. the purpose of the review.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000761	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)? 17. 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? If so, 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000762	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	15. 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. 16. 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. 18. What was the total cost of staff travel for	Written	16/02/2023

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				departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?		
SQ23-000763	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	<p>26. 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> <p>27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created.</p> <p>a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000764	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000765	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000766	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000767	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>a. 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>b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. 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>e. 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>f. 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>g. 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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
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SQ23-000768	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000769	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	<p>24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>a. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000770	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	<p>25. 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 name or names of the reviewers;</p> <p>c. the date the review is due to be completed; and</p> <p>d. the purpose of the review.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000771	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	<p>26. 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>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>d. its purpose.</p> <p>27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created.</p> <p>a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>		
SQ23-000772	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	<p>1. 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>6. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000773	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000774	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000775	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	<p>1. 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>6. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				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.		
SQ23-000776	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000777	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000778	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000779	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000780	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses	11. 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving</p>		
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				target? h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target? i. If so, why and was it approved?		
SQ23-000781	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided:</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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000782	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000783	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)? 17. 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? If so, 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000784	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000785	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from	11. 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-	Written	16/02/2023

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			<p>advertising, travel and legal expenses</p>	<p>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> <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</p>		
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				<p>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>		
SQ23-000786	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	<p>15. 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>16. 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>18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000787	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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> <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>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided:</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>		
SQ23-000788	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000789	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000790	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000791	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	Written	16/02/2023

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				17. 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? If so, 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.		
SQ23-000792	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>a. 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>b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. 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>e. 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>f. 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>g. What was the largest purchase that was deemed</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
SQ23-000793	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000794	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	<p>15. 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>16. 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>18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000795	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission? a. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000796	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000797	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000798	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	25. 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 name or names of the reviewers; c. the date the review is due to be completed; and d. the purpose of the review.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000799	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000800	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage	22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?	Written	16/02/2023

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			<p>and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date</p>	<p>a. 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>b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. 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>e. 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>f. 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>g. 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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
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SQ23-000801	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000802	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	<p>24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>a. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000803	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	<p>26. 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> <p>27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created.</p> <p>a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ23-000804	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	25. 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 name or names of the reviewers; c. the date the review is due to be completed; and d. the purpose of the review.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000805	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	26. 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. 27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created. a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000806	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	1. Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister? 6. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with	Written	16/02/2023

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				the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.		
SQ23-000807	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000808	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000809	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000810	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	1. Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister? 6. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000811	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000812	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth	Written	16/02/2023

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				taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.		
SQ23-000813	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses	<p>11. 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</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel 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>		
SQ23-000814	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided:</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. 		
SQ23-000815	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. 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? If so, 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000816	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000817	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the amount in dollar	Written	16/02/2023

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				value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.		
SQ23-000818	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	15. 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. 16. 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. 18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000819	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000820	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000821	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000822	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in	21. 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	Written	16/02/2023

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			financial year 2022/23 to date	purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased.		
SQ23-000823	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses	<p>11. 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</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000824	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000825	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 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? b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. 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? f. 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? g. What was the largest purchase that was deemed 	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
SQ23-000826	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000827	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. 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? If so, please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities		
SQ23-000828	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	<p>24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>a. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000829	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	<p>25. 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 name or names of the reviewers;</p> <p>c. the date the review is due to be completed; and</p> <p>d. the purpose of the review.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000830	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	<p>26. 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> <p>27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created.</p> <p>a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ23-000831	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	15. 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. 16. 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. 18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000832	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000833	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	1. Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister? 6. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000834	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000835	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000836	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000837	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000838	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses	11. 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?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<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> <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>		
SQ23-000839	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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;</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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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> <p>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided: 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>		
SQ23-000840	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. 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? If so, please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.		
SQ23-000841	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	15. 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. 16. 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. 18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000842	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000843	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000844	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000845	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in	21. 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	Written	16/02/2023

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			financial year 2022/23 to date	purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased .		
SQ23-000846	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>a. 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>b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. 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>e. 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>f. 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>g. 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>h. 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>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p> <p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>		
SQ23-000847	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000848	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000849	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage	<p>22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>a. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000850	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?	Written	16/02/2023

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				a. 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.		
SQ23-000851	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	25. 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 name or names of the reviewers; c. the date the review is due to be completed; and d. the purpose of the review.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000852	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare? a. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim. b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims? c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000853	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission? a. 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000854	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	<p>26. 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> <p>27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created.</p> <p>a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000855	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	<p>25. 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 name or names of the reviewers;</p> <p>c. the date the review is due to be completed; and</p> <p>d. the purpose of the review.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000856	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	<p>26. 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> <p>27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000857	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	1. Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister? 6. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000858	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000859	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000860	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000861	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth	Written	16/02/2023

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				taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.		
SQ23-000862	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses	<p>11. 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</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000863	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000864	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	<p>1. 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>6. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000865	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. 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? If so, 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000866	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	15. 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. 16. 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. 18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000867	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000868	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000869	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000870	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000871	Independent Health and Aged	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in	21. 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	Written	16/02/2023

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	Care Pricing Authority		financial year 2022/23 to date	purchased with costs. Please provide examples of the merchandise purchased .		
SQ23-000872	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000873	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	1. Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister? 6. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000874	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? a. 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? b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. 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? f. 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>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>g. 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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
SQ23-000875	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000876	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	<p>9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000877	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000878	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget	11. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from	Written	16/02/2023

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			<p>measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses</p>	<p>Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <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>		
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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>		
SQ23-000879	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000880	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	<p>8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000881	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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	16/02/2023

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				<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>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided: 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>		
SQ23-000882	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	<p>9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000883	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	<p>24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>a. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				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		
SQ23-000884	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	25. 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 name or names of the reviewers; c. the date the review is due to be completed; and d. the purpose of the review.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000885	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	26. 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. 27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created. a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000886	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour,	11. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.	Written	16/02/2023

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			<p>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</p>		
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				<p>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>		
SQ23-000887	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. 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? If so, 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000888	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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	16/02/2023

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				<p>e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided: 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>		
SQ23-000889	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	<p>15. 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>16. 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>18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000890	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. 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? If so, 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000891	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000892	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	<p>15. 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>16. 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>18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000893	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year	Written	16/02/2023

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			campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	2022/23 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns with costs.		
SQ23-000894	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000895	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000896	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000897	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? a. 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? b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. 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?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>f. 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>g. 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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
SQ23-000898	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000899	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	<p>24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>a. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				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.		
SQ23-000900	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	25. 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 name or names of the reviewers; c. the date the review is due to be completed; and d. the purpose of the review.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000901	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	26. 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. 27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created. a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000902	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000903	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>a. 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>b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>d. 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>e. 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>f. 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>g. 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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
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SQ23-000904	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000905	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	<p>24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>a. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000906	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	<p>25. 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 name or names of the reviewers;</p> <p>c. the date the review is due to be completed; and</p> <p>d. the purpose of the review.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000907	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	<p>26. 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>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>d. its purpose.</p> <p>27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created.</p> <p>a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>		
SQ23-000908	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	<p>1. 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>6. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000909	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000910	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000911	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000912	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to	9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the	Written	16/02/2023

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			committees and taskforces	<p>Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p>		
SQ23-000913	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses	<p>11. 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</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>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>		
SQ23-000914	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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. 	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided:</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>		
SQ23-000915	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. 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? If so, 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000916	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	<p>15. 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>16. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?		
SQ23-000917	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000918	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000919	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000920	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? a. 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? b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>financial year 2022/23 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>f. 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>g. 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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
SQ23-000921	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000922	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	<p>24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>a. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000923	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	<p>25. 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 name or names of the reviewers; c. the date the review is due to be completed; and d. the purpose of the review.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000924	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	<p>26. 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> <p>27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created.</p> <p>a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000925	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	1. Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister? 6. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000926	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000927	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000928	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000929	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000930	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour,	11. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.	Written	16/02/2023

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			<p>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</p>		
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				<p>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>		
SQ23-000931	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; 	Written	16/02/2023

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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>		
SQ23-000932	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>17. 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? If so, 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000933	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on travel and accommodation	<p>15. 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>16. 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>18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000934	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000935	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000936	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000937	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? a. 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? b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. 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? f. 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>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>g. 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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
SQ23-000938	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000939	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission	<p>24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>a. 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</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ23-000940	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	25. 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 name or names of the reviewers; c. the date the review is due to be completed; and d. the purpose of the review.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000941	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	26. 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. 27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created. a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000942	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2 What is the Department's/agency's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000943	Australian Commission on Safety and	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's/agency's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023

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	Quality in Health Care					
SQ23-000944	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	<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/agency, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</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/agency, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000945	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	<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/agency, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</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/agency, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000946	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	<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/agency, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</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</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				department/agency, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.		
SQ23-000947	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000948	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	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. 4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer? Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000949	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000950	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	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. 4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer? Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000951	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's/agency's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000952	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000953	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	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. 4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer? Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000954	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000955	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	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. 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	16/02/2023

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				department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister		
SQ23-000956	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000957	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	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. 4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer? Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000958	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000959	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	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. 4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer? Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000960	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000961	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	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. 4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer? Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000962	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's/agency's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000963	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	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/agency, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister. 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/agency, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.	Written	22/02/2023
SQ23-000964	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality	2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	22/02/2023

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SQ23-000965	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	<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.</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.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000966	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000967	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	<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.</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.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000968	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000969	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's/agency's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000970	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	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. 4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer? Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000971	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	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/agency, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister. 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/agency, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000972	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's/agency's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000973	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>department/agency, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</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/agency, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p>		
SQ23-000974	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000975	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	<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.</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.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000976	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Agency policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices	2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000977	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Staff support to Minister's offices	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	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000978	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jacqui Lambie	Senior Executive Service	19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000979	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Anne Ruston	Rural and regional health sector workforce shortages	Senator RUSTON: I'm happy for my questions to be taken on notice. I was really interested in understanding the broader impact that you think the current health, general practice, rural and regional health sector workforce shortages are having on rural and regional Australia. I haven't got time to prosecute this with you now, but, if you could find some time at some stage, I'm keen to understand the differences between regional, rural and remote, including Indigenous communities. We seem to have this habit of just chucking them all into one basket, but they are completely different in terms of how they manifest themselves in their challenges. I would have loved to have gone through with you what those challenges are. I was also keen to understand what your experience has been in relation to how DPAs have been working over time and what the changes have done in relation to that. Just more generally: have you, in your consideration as the commissioner, come up with any ideas or initiatives, measures et cetera that you think could uniquely respond in rural, regional or remote Australia— understanding that a one-size-fits-all model clearly doesn't work, which is the reason you exist. I couldn't possibly ask	Pages 96-97	16/02/2023

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				<p>you to try and answer all those now. But you've had a lovely trip to Canberra! Prof. F McMillan: Great to be here! Senator RUSTON: I am so sorry. Prof. F McMillan: I'm a Wiradjuri woman, and this is my first time appearing. I am appearing on behalf of the commissioner, who is on leave. To go to some of the questions you asked around the DPA: I will refer those to the department. Out of the Medicare task force was the multidisciplinary teams, which respond to that uniqueness you spoke about that differs from regional, rural, remote and very remote communities— putting it back into what the communities of those regions require and what the health professionals in those communities are going to be able to offer as far as primary health care and the opportunity to support continuity of care for all Australians. That's the first one. As I said, I will pass DPA over.</p>		
SQ23-000980	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Serology tests for COVID antibodies	5. Why won't the Health Department/National Blood Authority do serology tests from the second half of 2019 to test for the presence of Covid antibodies. Are you deliberately trying to cover up that Covid was in the community before 2020?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000981	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Briefing advice given to the agency by the minister and number of briefs provided	<p>1. 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>6. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000982	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Agency ministerial hospitality policy	2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000983	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Allocation of DLO's and staff to minister's offices	<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.</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.</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000984	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Meetings held by agency head with ministers in their portfolio	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000985	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	New policy proposals by the agency	7. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000986	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Paper usage and costs across the agency	8. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000987	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Agency memberships to committees and taskforces	<p>9. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000988	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Agency response to 22-23 budget measure - savings from external labour, and savings from advertising, travel and legal expenses	<p>11. 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	16/02/2023
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				<p>iv. Travel 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>		
SQ23-000989	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on functions in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>12. 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>13. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, can the following please be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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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>		
SQ23-000990	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on workplace fitouts and upgrades	<p>14. 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? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)? 17. 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? If so, 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000992	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Departmental travel expenditure in financial year 2022/23 to date	<p>15. 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. 16. 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. 18. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-000994	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000995	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2022/23 to date	20. 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 with costs.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-000997	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Agency expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2022/23 to date	21. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-000999	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Agency credit card allocations, usage and costs in financial year 2022/23 to date	22. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? a. 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? b. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? c. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2022/23 to date? d. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2022/23 to date? e. 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? f. 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	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>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>g. 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>h. 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>i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>		
SQ23-001001	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Comcare in current financial year	<p>23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>a. 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>b. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>c. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-001003	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Agency referrals to Fair Work Commission in current financial year	<p>24. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>a. 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</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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				and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ23-001006	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Reviews currently being conducted by the agency	25. 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 name or names of the reviewers; c. the date the review is due to be completed; and d. the purpose of the review.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-001007	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	List of interdepartmental committees the agency participates in	26. 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. 27. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each one and the date it was created. a. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded? Please list each one and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-001019	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing APS employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification. 1. How many ongoing APS employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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?	Written	16/02/2023

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 		
SQ23-001020	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing employees employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-001021	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors employed at the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<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 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023??</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many of these are engaged full time? 	Written	16/02/2023

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? o If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations? 		
SQ23-001022	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing contract extensions granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification</p> <p>4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-001023	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification</p> <p>5. How many labour hire contractors were engaged by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-001024	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Existing labour hire contracts extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	<p>6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-001025	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification 7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023? - How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-001026	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-001027	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Ongoing employees considered excess, or made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-001028	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-001029	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023	Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement. 11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-001030	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Workplace culture	<p>12. In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many of these claims were investigated (formally or informally) and found to have merit? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-001031	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Workers' compensation	<p>13. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature, between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many of these claims were successful? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-001032	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Unpaid leave	<p>14. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency. 	Written	16/02/2023
SQ23-001033	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Consultants	<p>15. How many consultants (I.e. not APS, or labour hire contract workers) were working in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What was the nature of work these consultants 	Written	16/02/2023

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				<p>performed on behalf of the agency? - Were any consultants used to augment work ordinarily conducted by APS employees. - How much money did the agency spend on consultants between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>16. Have any consultants at the agency been given authority to act as a delegate for the Commonwealth since 1 July 2022? - If yes: a. How many and at what level? b. What was the nature of the delegations?</p>		
SQ23-001034	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Supply Nation	<p>17. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations? - 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> <p>18. 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	16/02/2023
SQ23-001035	Australian Sports Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Senior executive service	<p>19. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 20. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.</p>	Written	16/02/2023

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SQ23-001036	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Breakdown of calls regarding star ratings	<p>Senator RUSTON: I'm happy that you've done that. Were you contacted by any providers after the star ratings went live?</p> <p>Mr Lye: They were provided to the providers before release.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: They were, for a very short period of time, I might say. But nonetheless, they were provided. Yes, they were provided to providers before they went live. I had advice that many providers tried to contact the department to say that the information that was contained was outdated but were unable to get through, so they went live before they had the opportunity to actually get access to the department. Notwithstanding that, did you receive many calls from providers to suggest that the information that was contained in their star ratings was outdated?</p> <p>Mr Maldon: We received a number of calls, but for a wide range of reasons.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Can you just answer the question? Did you receive calls on that particular issue?</p> <p>Mr Lye: We invited them. We asked for that feedback.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So how many of the ones that you received actually said that the data that had been provided was out of date, inaccurate and subsequently required to be changed?</p> <p>Mr Maldon: I don't have a specific number before me in relation to whether or not the data was inaccurate. The majority of concerns that we received were resolved by explaining to them the criteria on which the star ratings were based.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: And they were resolved to their satisfaction?</p> <p>Mr Maldon: Yes.</p>	Pages 113-114	16/02/2023
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				<p>Senator RUSTON: Clearly there are an awful lot of people- Senator Gallagher: What's your concern here? You're sort of dancing around it. Senator RUSTON: Not at all. Senator Gallagher: Is your concern that people weren't given the star rating they should have been given? Senator RUSTON: No. I was concerned that the data that had been used in determining the star ratings in some cases wasn't current. Senator Gallagher: Yes, so the result of that was they got a lower star rating than they otherwise would have. Senator RUSTON: I don't imagine they would have been complaining if they got a higher one, Minister. Senator Gallagher: That's what I'm trying to elicit from your questions. Is your concern that providers were not rated as high as they thought they should be rated? Senator RUSTON: Yes, and they were concerned that the data being used- Mr Lye: Some of the issues were that the actual data provided by the facility was not up-to-date. There will no doubt be cases where the error was on our side. That was the purpose of the validation process. We can give you a breakdown of calls received, reasons and how we dealt with those.</p>		
SQ23-001037	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Professor Fels comments regarding Mental Health Commission	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Thank you. I had a series of questions for the National Mental Health Commission, but I am aware that we are trying to reach the dinner break and move on. So I will just put the nub of what my questions were to you, which is ultimately a political question. We see today in the Sydney Morning Herald, the former chair of the National Mental Health Commission, Professor Allan Fels, has stated on the record publicly and in no uncertain terms that he feels and believes the</p>	Page 84	16/02/2023

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				<p>commission has, in his words 'lost the confidence of the mental health sector' and that urgent changes are needed, particularly in relation to the independence of the commission. Professor Fels has advocated for the commission to be made structurally independent in the same way as the ACCC and other commissions are. Is the government considering changes to the function of the commission or the structure of the commission to grant it greater independence and ability to win the confidence of the sector?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I acknowledge Professor Fels's long-standing involvement in this area and respect him enormously. I am not aware of any plans the government has, but I am happy to take some advice from the Minister for Health and Aged Care's office and come back. I am certainly not aware of any plans</p>		
SQ23-001038	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Inclusion of maternity care into the National Health Strategy	<p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. I actually have some questions for the council . I want to know whether access to maternity care is specifically on their agenda. Would the answer be yes because that is part of the implementation of the national health strategy?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: The answer would be it is encapsulated in the broad themes. Whether they deal with that issue first and foremost, particularly given the role of states and territories in those areas, I'll need to come back after the first meeting.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. I have some questions for the council. Will you be answering them?</p> <p>Ms Rishniw: I will.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Their first meeting is next Monday</p>	Page 67	16/02/2023