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QoN No.	Department/Agency	Senator	Subject	Question	Hansard page/Written	Hearing date/Date received
DSS SQ23-000003	Department of Social Services	Slade Brockman	Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers milestone survey for 2022	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: Thank you. The milestone survey for 2022—is that here or later on as well?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: Which particular milestone?</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: That's probably here.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: And the milestone survey for 2022?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: Can I check the question? I may need to take it on notice.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: Apologies. Have you had a report from that survey?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: Could you take that and what the department has taken out of the survey on notice?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: Yes.</p>	Page 38	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000004	Department of Social Services	Slade Brockman	Australia's Disability Strategy	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: What measures have been put in place by the government since the announcement to 'improve the lives of Australians living with a disability'? That's from the milestone strategy.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: I think it's best if we give you all that detail on notice.</p>	Page 38	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000005	Department of Social Services	Slade Brockman	Australia's Disability Strategy - Implementation	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: Okay. What has been done, in terms of the new government, with the Australian disability strategy 2021-2031 since the May 2022 election?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: I can provide comprehensive information on notice, but I'm happy to talk to some</p>	Pages 38-39	15/02/2023

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				<p>of that now.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: Could you give us a brief overview?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: The first annual report on the targeted action plans that sit underneath the strategy was published on 25 November 2022. It discussed the completion rates of those targeted actions under the plan, and 84 per cent of targeted actions have been completed. That's 350 actions that have been completed or are on track. Also, the national disability research partnership was provided with an additional \$2.5 million in the October 2022 budget. Once established it will be tasked with implementing an inclusive disability research agenda, working with people with disability to design and undertake research to support the strategy.</p> <p>For 2022-23 to 2031-32, \$400,000 a year has been directed to research officers to support the strategy's independent advisory council in their role to provide advice to government on implementation and monitoring. As you mentioned, the inaugural national forum was held on 2 to 3 November 2022, with close to a thousand attendees. A report from the forum has been developed to advise governments on where to focus implementation efforts under the strategy. That report recently went to disability ministers and will be published shortly—if it hasn't already been published. On 14 December 2022, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare published initial data on measures under the strategy's outcome framework, and that's now published and available on an accessible web page. At their meeting on 13 December, disability reform ministers agreed to a comprehensive data</p>		
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				<p>improvement plan that is designed to lift the data that is available to governments to track progress against the strategy. They're some of the main things that have happened over the last 12 months.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: Just on notice, could I get the 16 not-complete targeted actions and an explanation of why they are not complete?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: Yes, we can do that.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000006	Department of Social Services	Slade Brockman	Australia's Disability Strategy - Advisory Council meetings	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: [...] how many times has the minister met with representatives of Australia's disability strategy 2021-31 since the change of government in May 2022?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: How many times has the minister met with the advisory council?</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: We'll get you the details on notice.</p>	Page 39	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000007	Department of Social Services	Jordon Steele-John	Autism CRC - Grant funding	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Fantastic. In terms of the awarding of the grant to the CRC, I am wondering what was behind the government's thinking in selecting them for the work?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: The thinking behind awarding Autism CRC around that was related to their expertise in drawing together lots of different research institutions that have an interest in autism-related issues and to be able to work also with the sector around drawing out the best consultation approach or advising government around the best consultation approach to conduct the consultations later this year, as well as to look at the research and evidence base. One of the things that we think is really important is that we draw out all of the information that's happened to date. There's obviously been a Senate inquiry. There's lots and lots of information out there about what's</p>	Page 40	15/02/2023

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				<p>effective and what's not effective. We wanted to be able to draw all of that information together for a number of reasons. One, so that we can use that information to inform the design of the consultation so that they're comprehensive; but also so that we don't have to ask people to provide information multiple times if they don't want to. We're drawing together all of that information, who's provided input to different consultations, so that we can have a comprehensive understanding of all of that.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Absolutely. In that consideration process for who should be allocated that money, were there other organisations that were considered for that funding opportunity, particularly given its size and the importance of this space? Were there other organisations?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: I will take that on notice.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000008	Department of Social Services	Jordon Steele-John	Select Committee on Autism Report - Recommendation 11 progress	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: In the Senate select committee report, recommendation 11 said: The committee recommends that the National Autism Strategy identify actions to promote awareness of, and access to, quality, evidence-based information about autism for autistic people, their families, and professionals in autism-related sectors. What progress is being made on that particular recommendation?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: That's an area that will be a very significant focus of the autism strategy development. One of the working groups under the governance arrangements is going to focus on diagnosis as well as around the evidence base, so that we can draw together that information. That's one of the key elements of that. I'm happy to take on notice and</p>	Page 40	15/02/2023

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				<p>provide more comprehensive detail around the different things that the Commonwealth is doing in response to that.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Thank you. You might also need to do that for some other areas. I just want to clarify that we're a year on from the report. Is there anything beyond the development of the strategy, which you've outlined to us? Is there anything beyond that that the government has actually done to progress recommendation 11?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: There is, but we would probably prefer to provide on notice a more comprehensive view of the all the actions associated with that inquiry.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000009	Department of Social Services	Jordon Steele-John	Select Committee on Autism Report - Recommendation 20 Consultation with First Nations People	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I was a member of that committee. We also found significant challenges in access to supports and information for autistic people who were also First Nations. That was a key finding. It was reflected in recommendation 20 of that report. One of the key pieces here is to build the capacity of Aboriginal controlled health organisations to deliver autism services in First Nations communities, as well as trialling alternative care models. Have you begun consulting with First Nations people to develop these actions?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: I might have to either take it on notice or ask one of my colleagues to talk to that work. I know that the Department of Health is leading some work around ACCHOs and drawing them into the sector, but I'm not personally across the details for that.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: We do have a very strong relationship with First Peoples Disability Network. We will get you the details of the specifics.</p>	Page 40	15/02/2023

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				<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: That would be good. It's good to hear that this work is ongoing. I guess the concern of the community, when the report was tabled, was that all work would stop until the strategy had been rolled out, which is often what happens. I am looking to particularly recommendations 11 and 20 to know, a year on after that massive piece of work, what is being done in those areas beyond the development of the strategy?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: We can ensure that information on those particular recommendations is provided.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000010	Department of Social Services	Linda Reynolds	National Autism Strategy - Consultation and Establishment	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: I have four lots of questions in this area. Two of them I think I will just run through and I'm happy if you take them on notice, given the time. The first one relates to the discussion about the National Autism Strategy and the CRC. I think some of them might crossover slightly with what Senator Steele-John has asked, so I'm happy to give some latitude in how they are answered. Can the department outline the various stages and who is engaged for the strategy's consultative process going forward? What further support for families has been put in place since the establishment of the strategy? When will the oversight council be established for the strategy? Who will be engaged in that? If you're happy to take those on notice, given we have—</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: I can take that on notice, but one thing I will just outline from my previous answer is the DROs that were consulted as part of the earliest phase of designing the oversight council. They included Autism Aspergers Advocacy Australia, A4; the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations, AFDO; Women With Disabilities Australia; and the First Peoples</p>	Page 43	15/02/2023

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				Disability Network. The National Ethnic Disability Alliance were also invited but were an apology for that first meeting. Outside the DROs, the Australian Autism Alliance and Autism CRC participated in that discussion.		
DSS SQ23-000012	Department of Social Services	Linda Reynolds	Fair Work Commission's review of the Supported Employment Services Award 2020 - service delivery model	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: Have you done any analysis of the impact on the ADE sector of the Fair Work Commission's review of the Supported Employment Services Award 2020? Mr Bulman: We've been working with the Fair Work Commission over the last couple of years, and we did an evaluation on their early proposal about the impact of some of the changes that they were considering. They've since taken a decision on changes to the award. We've done some internal analysis on elements that we deliver: for example, increased role for our assessors—</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Is this the 2020 award or are you saying they're now looking at updating that? [...]</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Maybe I'll ask it this way: can you please, on notice, provide to the committee the analysis you've done on the impacts of that? Mr Bulman: Yes. And, just to be clear, we play a role in the delivery of assessors under the supported employment award, so our analysis was looking at the impact on our service delivery. The impact of shifting awards is more in the jurisdiction of the Fair Work Commission.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: How would you characterise your assessment then, as you've just described, on ADEs and their supported employees? Are you able to characterise what your assessment was?</p> <p>Mr Bulman: I'm just going to keep reiterating this</p>	Pages 44-45	15/02/2023

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				<p>point. We have a service delivery model for a number of assessors who are separate to the ADE organisation but who go in and assess the productivity levels of the workers under the award. We've done that modelling—and, on notice, I can give you that—because the Fair Work Commission has outlined that there's a three-year transition where every ADE has to update their assessments.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: That's why we're moving from, I think, 22 different tools that are used to the single tool, which is the one that we use.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Thank you. That's very helpful. If you could provide that information as you've just clarified it, Mr Bulman, and also, as the secretary has just described in terms of the integration of the tools: what are the tools that have been integrated and what does the single tool look like?</p> <p>Mr Bulman: Yes, I can do that.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000013	Department of Social Services	Janet Rice	National Carer Strategy	<p>Senator RICE: I have two questions to put on notice. One is an update on the National Carer Strategy, and whether there's still work underway.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Mr Griggs: We can take those.</p>	Pages 71-72	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000014	Department of Social Services	Janet Rice	Disability Employment Service Providers - Complaints	<p>Senator Rice: [...] The second concerns complaints about disability employment service providers, where the providers are refusing to make a complaint. Is that something that the department is aware of and, if so, what are you doing about it?</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Mr Griggs: We can take those.</p>	Pages 71-72	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000015	Department of Social Services	Linda Reynolds	NDIS - Statement of Risks	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: Thank you. I appreciate that you probably wouldn't be able to answer them straightaway. Sorry, Chair, I'm just trying to go</p>	Pages 77-78	15/02/2023

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				<p>through things expediently so I'll just work through. I have a quick question perhaps for the CEO and the actuary. I asked a question, 000271, which was about the NDIS being included for the first time in the Statement of Risks in Budget Paper No. 1. I'm wondering if you could perhaps take on notice, given the time, whether that risk, since Budget Paper No. 1 and that Statement of Risks, has actually increased or whether it's—have you got that information now, Mr Gifford?</p> <p>Mr Gifford: Well, I think the risks are determined by the Department of Finance, so I don't think we can specifically characterise whether they would say the risk has increased.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Okay. Could you take that on notice—because you did very kindly answer that question last time—just in terms of detail in the Statement of Risks? If you could take that on notice and check on that, that would be very good.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: I think we may have answered that, Senator. I don't think it was the agency.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: No, no, no. You did answer it; that's why it was included. But I just want to know, since that time, whether the risk has increased or whether it's stayed about the same.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: Okay.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000016	Department of Social Services	Linda Reynolds	NDIS Contributions	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: [...] Can I ask, on notice, for a complete breakdown of expenses by participant plan and also revenue, in terms of the financial arrangements between the Commonwealth and each of the states—that is, what their contributions are and what their percentages are versus what the Commonwealth pays? It's supposed to be 50-50.</p>	Page 78	15/02/2023

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				<p>Maybe now it is 60-30 or whatever. I'm happy to take that on notice, if you can provide a state-by-state breakdown of where we're up to. Mr Broadhead: Can do.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000017	Department of Social Services	Linda Reynolds	NDIS Intergovernmental Agreements	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: Thank you. In terms of the DRMM and the arrangements—I'll put a series of questions on notice, but now we'll just go through them—where are the discussions up to with the states? I've had some questions back; most of them are not due, in terms of the IGA with the states and territories. So the first question is: I understand that the agreement for Western Australia is about to go into the full contract; is that right? Mr Broadhead: They're operating currently under what you'd call a transition agreement between the Commonwealth and the state, and they are due to go to a full scheme agreement, as we call it, from 1 July this year. The discussions around that are commencing. Senator REYNOLDS: So that is on track? Mr Broadhead: Yes. Senator REYNOLDS: I know they're all a bit different, so what other state agreement is that based on? Or is this is a unique intergovernmental agreement with WA? Mr Broadhead: There is already a heads of agreement executed between Western Australia and the Commonwealth, which sets out, in broad terms, the nature of the arrangements that will be struck in the full scheme agreement. For example, a provision in that heads of agreement, which is signed by both the Commonwealth and the state first ministers, is that the WA agreement will be similar to all the other state</p>	Pages 78-79	15/02/2023

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				<p>agreements. Senator REYNOLDS: How long will it be in effect for? Mr Broadhead: All the full scheme agreements don't have a termination date, so they're in effect in perpetuity, so to speak, or until the parties agree to not have them anymore. Senator REYNOLDS: Can you give me a list of the latest dates? From memory, some are due for review in 2025 and then some in 2023. Mr Broadhead: There are three agreements— Senator REYNOLDS: I'm happy for you to take that on notice— Mr Broadhead: Alright, I'll take it on notice.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000018	Department of Social Services	Linda Reynolds	NDIS review	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: [...] As the review goes ahead and you get the review report, almost certainly there will have to be renegotiations with states and territories to bring the scheme under some sort of financial sustainability trajectory for the Commonwealth. Does that mean then that the Commonwealth is intending to wait until 2025-28 to renegotiate those? Or have they started discussing with states renegotiating those earlier? Mr Broadhead: The agreements, as they stand, provide for a review of costs, for example, in 2023 and in 2028. Senator REYNOLDS: Will that be after the report in October? Mr Broadhead: The review that is now being conducted, which started in October last year, has brought forward that 2023 review. So that is part of the review that's currently being conducted. Senator REYNOLDS: If you could provide further detail on that on notice, that'd be great.</p>	Page 79	15/02/2023

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DSS SQ23-000019	Department of Social Services	Linda Reynolds	NDIS Review Secretariat	<p>Senator Reynolds: [...] One last question is in relation to the independent review. My understanding is that Deputy Secretary James Kelly from Treasury was seconded into—was it to run the task force?</p> <p>Mr Broadhead: To head the secretariat.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: I understand he's no longer there. Is that correct?</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Can you take it on notice to find out if he is still there?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: He is moving, but he is still there at the moment.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Okay, he's still there but his intention is to move. So has he been asked to go or is he going of his own volition?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: I'm not aware of the details. I'll take it on notice.</p>	Page 79	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000020	Department of Social Services	Linda Reynolds	NDIS Review Secretariat	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: [...] The last question is: in relation to the review and the task force, have there been any declarations of conflict of interest by Mr Shorten or any of his staff?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: I'll take that on notice. Thank you.</p>	Page 79	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000021	Department of Social Services	Janet Rice	Gambling	<p>Senator RICE: Okay. I want to know now, then, about gambling harm reduction.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: That's outcome 2.</p> <p>Senator RICE: No, it's actually about the minister. I want to know whether, or how many times, Minister Rishworth or her office has met with gambling companies.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: I would have to take that on notice. I am not aware. I'm happy to take that on notice here. If the questions that go to this are more detailed, we should call in the appropriate section.</p>	Page 80	15/02/2023

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DSS SQ23-000022	Department of Social Services	Janet Rice	Supplementation - Funding support for DSS organisations	<p>Senator RICE: So that's 1. Alright. On funding support for social services organisations, we have a quote from the government with regard to funding indexation:</p> <p>Rather than ordering increases across the board, the government will establish a pool of \$560m over four years which organisations will apply for, with ministers for social services, housing, Indigenous affairs and health able to award increases on merit. I have questions regarding this fund or this pool of \$560 million. Was any support provided for services to apply for the fund?</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Senator, we didn't have an application process. We did an analysis of who would be eligible, and organisations have been advised via a notice of change process that they will receive supplementation. So we didn't have an application process.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Right. So what was your analysis based on then?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: It is based on the parameters of the measure and some additional advice from the</p>	Page 80	15/02/2023

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				<p>Department of Finance about who the measure is supposed to assist and our analysis of that against the funded organisations we support. I think there are around 700 organisations that we support that will be eligible. We are in the process of sending out those notices. I think about 60 per cent have now gone out.</p> <p>Senator RICE: So there are 700 organisations that you support. How many of those are going to be eligible for this indexation top-up?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: No; 700 plus that are in scope.</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Seven hundred are eligible.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Out of how many?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: I don't know that we have this figure. The parameter is that it has to be a not-for-profit organisation. There are some for-profit organisations that receive funding from us for various activities—so they would be out of scope. But we can take on notice the number of organisations out of scope verses in scope.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Okay.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000023	Department of Social Services	Janet Rice	Supplementation - Organisations receiving funding from DSS	<p>Mr le Dieu: The question was in terms of the first year's funding, but there has been a significant announcement today about this. An additional \$257.7 million has been provided through to 2025-26. That will directly assist non-profit community service organisations who may be facing additional cost pressures due to the Fair Work Commission minimum wage decision. So it is not an application-based process; it is extended to the organisations that are within scope.</p> <p>The note I have here says: 'More than 700 organisations who work to provide support with family violence, redress, disability, homelessness and</p>	Page 81	15/02/2023

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				<p>financial literacy are among those who will be eligible for those for the funding boost.' It is a significant announcement. I am very happy for the announcement itself to be provided to you.</p> <p>Senator RICE: If you could. Does that announcement announce the full list of organisations which have received—</p> <p>Mr le Dieu: It is a very long list. I will let the officials describe it more adequately than I can. It is designed to assist those organisations that are within the scope of the Fair Work Commission decision but are non-profit organisations. If there are additional criteria, the officials will be in position to answer it or provide more information on notice. I am advised that payments will start this week.</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Senator, you wanted to have the list of organisations. We will take that on notice to ensure we have an accurate list, because when we contact some organisations it might turn out that something has happened—they may have terminated the agreement or something like that. So, in order to get you a completely accurate list, we will take it on notice. But it is who you would expect. These are not-for-profit community service providers.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000024	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	Minister - Travel	<p>Senator NAMPIJINPA PRICE: I have some questions around Minister Rishworth's ordering of an RAAF ghost flight to leave the community of Ceduna on 25 November.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: We can assist as much as we can, but it's not something the department necessarily involves itself in. As a former senior officer in the ADF, I will say that I think 'ghost flight' is a gross mischaracterisation of the use of special-purpose aircraft.</p>	Pages 81-82	15/02/2023

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DSS SQ23-000025	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	Minister visit to Ceduna	<p>Senator NAMPIJINPA PRICE: Were any DSS officials with the minister when the minister witnessed firsthand the violence that is now gripping the once peaceful town of Ceduna since the abolition of the cashless debit card?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: I would have to check. There was certainly one official who planned to be on that visit but, unfortunately, didn't make the flight to Ceduna. I'd to check. I can get back to you tonight on the exact answer there.</p>	Page 82	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000026	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	Minister - Travel	<p>Senator NAMPIJINPA PRICE: What avenues did the minister exhaust to flee Ceduna during her visit before resorting to chartering the RAAF flight—which was almost 1,500 kilometres from Canberra—rather than, in fact, staying the night in Ceduna itself?</p> <p>Senator Ayres: The minister has been twice, I think, to Ceduna. You'd have to ask your question again.</p> <p>Senator NAMPIJINPA PRICE: I want to understand what avenues the minister exhausted to flee Ceduna before resorting to chartering the flight, as opposed to staying the night in Ceduna itself? 25th of November.</p> <p>Senator Ayres: I understand that there is a media</p>	Page 82	15/02/2023

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				<p>article that says that the minister had a number of positive meetings with Ceduna leaders about budget funding commitments. That's the only information that I've been provided with.</p> <p>Senator NAMPIJINPA PRICE: Are you able to take on notice, then, what measures the minister took?</p> <p>Senator Ayres: Yes. I can take anything you like on notice.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: Senator, I can assist a little bit. Again, it's what I've been advised, and it is that the minister did explore hire car options and also air charter options before the special-purpose aircraft was considered.</p> <p>Senator NAMPIJINPA PRICE: Can we have provided that correspondence—a list of that correspondence as to what was available? Also, why wasn't the option to stay in Ceduna that night a consideration?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: I'm not sure what the minister's commitments were in Adelaide on Saturday morning, but we'll take it on notice and we'll get you the answer.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000027	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	Minister visit to Ceduna	<p>Senator NAMPIJINPA PRICE: The question—and I'll put it again—was this. The minister had suggested that the violence she witnessed in Ceduna was as a result of a funeral that had been held in Ceduna. It has since come to light that the violence that took place had no connection whatsoever to that funeral. So my question is whether the government has apologised to the family of the bereaved.</p> <p>Senator Ayres: It's a matter for the minister. I understand you're making a claim that—</p> <p>Senator NAMPIJINPA PRICE: Well, she made the claim.</p> <p>Senator Ayres: You're making the claim. I'm not in a position to offer you very much more.</p>	Page 83	15/02/2023

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				<p>[...] Senator ASKEW: I just want to make sure that was taken on notice by the minister—whether or not the government has apologised to the family. Senator Ayres: We'll see what we can glean from that series of questions. We'll take them on notice and answer to the extent that we can.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000028	Department of Social Services	Tammy Tyrrell	Child Support Agency support mechanisms	<p>Senator TYRRELL: How can the department be assured that private collect arrangements are fair and in the best interests of the children and of their primary caregiver? Ms Evans: As I said earlier, private collect is, in some ways, a bit of a dark spot for the government because it's an arrangement between private individuals, so we have less visibility of it. To the extent that people could be in a coercive situation, or they're not getting their appropriate child support, that's a concern. It is always open to people to seek to move to agency collect, but I understand also that that might exacerbate an already difficult relationship. So there are issues there, certainly. Senator TYRRELL: Within the Child Support Agency, are there any support mechanisms or social-worker-type arrangements to help people navigate the problem? Ms Evans: I'm sure there are. I could take that on notice and we could come back to you on those arrangements. [...] Senator TYRRELL: On the department's website it notes that one late payment doesn't mean the paying parent has broken the agreement. I get that. It says that there could be a number of reasons for the late</p>	Page 84-85	15/02/2023

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				<p>payment. It also suggests talking to the other parent, if you can, and trying to get payments back on track. Can a parent make a complaint about private collect arrangements to the department?</p> <p>Ms Evans: The complaint would be made to Services Australia as part of their responsibility in administering child support arrangements. Specifically on their oversight of private collect, I would need to take their engagement on notice</p>		
DSS SQ23-000029	Department of Social Services	Tammy Tyrrell	Child Support Agency - private collect	<p>Senator TYRRELL: Look at me, asking all the questions that you can't answer! At what point is an overdue private collect payment no longer able to be enforced? Is there a time limit of when payments are no longer recoverable by the CSA, and the receiving parent would need to seek other avenues of enforcement of payment? And are there other avenues?</p> <p>Ms Evans: Again, I'd need go to Services Australia.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: We'll take it on notice and get Services Australia to give you a response.</p>	Page 85	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000030	Department of Social Services	Tammy Tyrrell	Child support - late payments	<p>Senator TYRELL: Are there avenues of advice on how to chase up a late payment, rather than talking to the other person?</p> <p>Ms Evans: Again, I suspect our colleagues at Services Australia can provide that information, so I can come back to you with more information about that.</p> <p>Senator TYRRELL: I appreciate that. At what point does it turn into a breach arrangement—how many times lack of payment?</p>	Page 85	15/02/2023

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				Ms Evans: Again, that's quite operational, so I'd need to come back to you.		
DSS SQ23-000033	Department of Social Services	Janet Rice	Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee	<p>Senator RICE: Has any member of the inclusion committee been a JobSeeker or Newstart recipient at any point?</p> <p>Ms Evans: I haven't ascertained that information from them.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Would you be able to ask them that, given the lack of lived experience that is in the committee?</p> <p>Ms Evans: Very happy to.</p>	Page 86	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000034	Department of Social Services	Janet Rice	Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee	<p>Senator RICE: Is the work on the structure of the independent advisory committee underway currently?</p> <p>Senator Ayres: Legislation will have to be drafted. I will have to take on notice if there is anything I can usefully say on that because it is not something that I am presently engaged with.</p>	Page 87	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000036	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	SmartCard - Departmental staff on consultation	<p>Senator NAMPIJINPA PRICE: With regard to that, has any consultation taken place with regard to this new SmartCard?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: The introduction of the SmartCard is aimed to ensure that people who wish to transfer onto enhanced income management, some of them in the trial sites, and those in the NT have a seamless transition. I don't think there was any specific consultation about the card, but there was extensive consultation about the legislation that underpins the card. You will recall the legislation went through parliament last year. There was a committee process. Minister Rishworth undertook visits to all communities where the SmartCard will come into play and met with a number of stakeholders. The department has also met with a number of</p>	Pages 91-92	15/02/2023

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				<p>stakeholders. We did not consult on the card as a piece of technology; we consulted on the program of enhanced income management.</p> <p>Senator NAMPIJINPA PRICE: More broadly—</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Yes.</p> <p>Senator NAMPIJINPA PRICE: as opposed to the new product? So, really, there's been no consultation specific to this particular new product. How many agency staff are engaged on this wide-ranging consultation process?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Do you mean departmental staff?</p> <p>Senator NAMPIJINPA PRICE: Yes?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: I'll just ask Mr Burford if he has that exact figure.</p> <p>Mr Burford: Thanks for your question, Senator. I'll just confirm. We've got teams in pairs going out and that probably totals to around 10 to 12 people that we've got on a rotation in our planning for the next stage of consultations. But I could take it on notice and be a bit more precise, if that's okay.</p> <p>Senator NAMPIJINPA PRICE: That would be great, thank you. And what regions are they all expected to cover?</p>		
DSS SQ23-000039	Department of Social Services	Janet Rice	SmartCard - consultation methodology	<p>Senator RICE: Could we get some details of that methodology, as well as the schedule, please?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Sure.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Can you tell me more about the methodology? Is it just going in and having meetings, like you were saying, or are there other consultation processes?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: We have a draft consultation strategy document which outlines the range of processes. As you would well know, Senator, often</p>	Page 95	15/02/2023

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				<p>you need multiple approaches. Senator RICE: I've done a bit of it myself, as a professional working in consultation in a previous life. Ms Hefren-Webb: Indeed. Senator RICE: Would you be able to table that draft consultation process? Ms Hefren-Webb: I'll take that on notice.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000040	Department of Social Services	Janet Rice	Income Management consultation	<p>Senator RICE: What do you expect the reporting from this process is going to be? Ms Hefren-Webb: We'll be providing the government with advice about the outcomes—the range of views, the perspectives—and then it will be a question for them as to how they wish to take that forward. Senator RICE: Is there a plan for that reporting to be made public? Ms Hefren-Webb: At this stage, I don't think any decisions have been made about that. Senator RICE: It's certainly good practice consultation to at least feed back to the people that you've consulted with what the results of the consultation were. Ms Hefren-Webb: Yes, absolutely. Senator RICE: But you haven't committed to doing that as yet? Ms Hefren-Webb: We haven't discussed it as yet. Senator RICE: It's not in your draft consultation process? Ms Hefren-Webb: It may be in the draft plan. Sorry; I can't remember completely, off the top of my head. Senator RICE: Could you clarify for me what the reporting is going to be and whether that's going to be public? Ms Hefren-Webb: Sure.</p>	Pages 95-96	15/02/2023

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DSS SQ23-000041	Department of Social Services	Anne Ruston	Evaluation undertaken by the University of Adelaide - scope of work	<p>Senator RUSTON: [...] In the evaluation that the University of Adelaide are doing [...] Are the terms or the scope provided to the University of Adelaide publicly available, or can that be made available to us as to what you've actually asked the University of Adelaide to do?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: We can take on notice provision of the contract or the details of the scope of work.</p>	Page 97	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000042	Department of Social Services	Anne Ruston	Enhanced Income Management Communications Strategy	<p>Senator RUSTON: Senator Rice asked you to table the consultation brief and the methodology around the draft strategic documents. I am wondering: is it possible for the communications plan to also be tabled?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Page 98	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000043	Department of Social Services	Anne Ruston	SmartCard Funding	<p>Senator RUSTON: [...] I'm just keen to understand what the rationale is behind the investment by the government of this kind of money in something that is clearly significantly diminished and which, potentially, will further diminish?</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: If you'd like to take on notice the question I asked you, that'd be great.</p>	Pages 99-100	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000044	Department of Social Services	Larissa Waters	Funding for Sexual Violence v Family Domestic Violence	<p>Senator WATERS: [...] I now move to sexual violence. Over the last few years, there's been an increase in reports of sexual violence and demand for sexual violence services. Can I get an understanding of how much the federal government is spending on sexual violence as distinct from family and domestic violence? How much is specifically directed to sexual violence prevention, response and recovery services?</p> <p>Ms Doherty: I will talk through a few examples while I find a total number. Through the Department of Social Services, we fund Monash University to deliver</p>	Page 101	15/02/2023

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				<p>accredited training for sexual violence responses. This is to increase capability and capacity through both vocational education training and continuing professional development for health workers. There was \$6.4 million allocated to that initiative through the 2022-23 October budget.</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Of course you would be aware that quite a lot of our programs do cover both domestic violence and sexual assault, so I don't know if we could quickly pull out a figure that's just funding for sexual assaults. For example, 1800RESPECT covers both. We would need to do a bit of analytical work.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Would you mind taking it on notice to give me a breakdown, noting where sexual violence is rolled in with FDV and where it's separately funded? That would be very helpful.</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Sure.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000045	Department of Social Services	Larissa Waters	National Partnership Agreement Funding for Sexual Violence v Family Domestic Violence	<p>Senator WATERS: Is any guidance provided to the states and territories to ensure that federal funding is directed to both aspects of gendered violence and to make sure that sexual violence services are adequately funded?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Yes. The National Partnership Agreement includes sexual violence along with domestic and family violence in scope, and all states and territories, I believe, have directed funding to both types of services. I will check for you.</p>	Page 101	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000046	Department of Social Services	Larissa Waters	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Action Plan consultations	<p>Senator WATERS: And do you have a goal of how many in-person and online consultations you are aiming to hold?</p> <p>Ms Doherty: I think we're at around 20. It's sort of depending a little bit on availability of people to meet, but that would be the main—</p>	Page 103	15/02/2023

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				<p>Senator WATERS: Are you getting out to any of those communities in remote areas?</p> <p>Ms Doherty: I don't have the schedule with me at the moment; I'd have to take that on notice.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000047	Department of Social Services	Anne Ruston	Implementation of the Sylvan Review	<p>Senator RUSTON: [...] Did the department do the consultation themselves?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: The department did the consultation with assistance from a consulting firm, Nous.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Nous, okay. Are you able to provide advice in relation to the contract from Nous?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: We'll provide it on notice.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I'd be interested to know how much they've been paid and over what period of time the contract was. And was the contract the subject of any ministerial oversight in any way, or was it just purely a decision of yourselves in the department?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: It was a departmental decision. They assisted with the consultation but the department drafted the discussion paper et cetera. We also had some modelling refined by an independent actuary, Taylor Fry. But I can provide the detail of that process on notice.</p>	Pages 108-109	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000048	Department of Social Services	Anne Ruston	Policy development	<p>Senator RUSTON: Yes. How did that research actually occur? Was that research actually done by financial counsellors themselves?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: No. I think it was ARTD Consultants who sat with financial counsellors. Essentially, they had financial counsellors analyse a set of their clients. It was things like this person has come in with issues with their mortgage, so that's a bank issue. Or do they have phone issues, or issues paying their utility bills? It was a very manual data-collection exercise.</p>	Pages 109-110	15/02/2023

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				<p>Senator RUSTON: So they worked out the percentage of the access to financial counsellors that were as a result of a particular sector—</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Correct.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: and then you did a percentage breakdown from that?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Can you table or provide those percentage breakdowns?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: I thought they were in the discussion paper—</p> <p>Mr Burford: They were in the discussion paper.</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: But we'll get them for you.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Okay.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000049	Department of Social Services	Anne Ruston	Sylvan Review	<p>Senator RUSTON: Do we have any indication of the desire of the government for this to be stood up in a particular time frame? Minister Ayres, do you have any idea about that or would you take it on notice? I'd be keen to know how soon the government would like to see this additional support for financial counselling services up and running.</p> <p>Senator Ayres: We can definitely take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: And, while you're at it, any details around how the funds from the scheme will be spent—how they're going to be spent and what they're going to be spent on would be great.</p>	Pages 110-111	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000050	Department of Social Services	Larissa Waters	Universities Australia's expert advisory group	<p>Senator WATERS: Does that advisory group have experience doing sexual violence prevention work?</p> <p>Ms Doherty: I don't have the names of the expert advisory group members with me, but I will be able to provide that on notice.</p>	Page 111	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000051	Department of Social Services	Larissa Waters	Sexual Violence Prevention	<p>Ms Hefren-Webb: I think I can confidently say Universities Australia are very aware of the issues and</p>	Page 111	15/02/2023

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				<p>risks, and that's partly why they've taken a bit more time to make sure that the materials meet the need.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Do you know if they've involved the group End Rape on Campus, given its prominent role in combating sexual violence?</p> <p>Ms Doherty: I'd have to confirm. I don't have that on hand.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: If you wouldn't mind checking that for me, and I guess I'll come back next time and ask how it's going and whether it's working.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000052	Department of Social Services	Anne Ruston	Breakdown of funding for Safe and Supported pillars	<p>Senator RUSTON: Finally, in the Safe and Supported strategy there were five initiatives or pillars. Is there a detailed breakdown in relation to the initiatives and the funding amounts that sit within those five pillars?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Yes. The \$30 million overall breaks down as follows: improving support for non-parent carers is \$7 million over five years; supporting parents and non-parent carers with parenting practices is \$3 million over five years; establishing a national advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people is \$2 million over four years; supporting a National Child and Family Investment Strategy and innovation fund is \$10 million over five years; and the leadership centre of excellence is \$8 million over five years.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: You went through that reasonably quickly. Are they all over five years?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Sorry. No, one is over four years—the national advocate.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Is it possible to get a similar profile breakdown year by year for those four or five years on those?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Yes, we could take that on notice.</p>	Page 112	15/02/2023

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DSS SQ23-000053	Department of Social Services	Larissa Waters	Victim Survivors on the National Plan Advisory Group	<p>Senator WATERS: I may direct it to you. You mentioned that you had been progressing consultation the first plan over summer. How have victim-survivors been involved?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: At this stage, through the national plan advisory group, as the commissioner mentioned—</p> <p>Senator WATERS: [...] how many victim-survivors are in the national plan advisory group?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: A number of the members of the advisory group have personal experience as victim survivors but there's one specific representative who is there purely as a victim-survivor.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: In that capacity?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Of how many?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: I think it is 13 but I may give you the figure on notice.</p>	Page 117	15/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000054	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	Domestic Violence Package Measures	<p>Senator NAMPIJINPA PRICE: That was obviously highlighted in the Central Australian Regional Controller's report, which was provided to the Prime Minister two weeks ago. It concerns me that there's nothing in the report that speaks to sexual violence incidents. Perhaps this is a question for the minister: is this something that the Prime Minister is looking to understand better and/or tackle in terms of sexual violence and rates of sexual violence? I'm not sure whether that report captures sexual violence under domestic and family violence. Does the Prime Minister aim to understand better incidences of sexual assault and sexual assault of Indigenous children as well in those circumstances? Given there is such an increase in domestic violence and alcohol related violence, no</p>	Page 118	15/02/2023

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				<p>doubt there would have to be an increase in sexual assaults of that nature, particularly on children. Senator Ayres: I heard the figures that you used. I'm not in a position to comment on the specific figures, but there is clearly intergenerational decades worth of policy failure, and the government has announced a very substantial package. I will come back to you because, I think towards the end of your question, you asked: does the domestic violence part of that package encompass all of these issues that you raised? I'm not sure. We will come back to you about the extent to which it does or doesn't, but it's a \$250 million package and it is not the end of the process, as far as the government is concerned, in terms of Alice Springs and Central Australia more broadly.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000055	Department of Social Services	Slade Brockman	Response to the Productivity Commission Review - Homelessness service use	<p>Senator BROCKMAN: The Productivity Commission's report also found that people born in mainly non-English speaking countries and people with a disability had a lower representation amongst all people accessing specialist homelessness services. Is there any reason why you feel that's the case? Does the department have any insight as to why that would be the case? It's counterintuitive, I would have thought. Mr Sloan: As I said, these are provided by the states, and we certainly don't have any insight on that. Senator BROCKMAN: Is there anything in particular the government is looking at in that space, Minister? Senator Ayres: I don't have anything additional to say about that, but the department may have something on notice. Mr Sloan: I was going to say that the government has announced what's been called Safe Places— Senator BROCKMAN: I wasn't asking for more</p>	Pages 124-125	15/02/2023

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				<p>initiatives. I was just asking whether the department had any insights as to—</p> <p>Senator Ayres: If there's a reflection on that point, then we can—</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: why that might be the case, whether there's an information gap or—can you see what I'm getting at?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: We'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BROCKMAN: Could you also take on notice whether particular non-English speaking backgrounds are over-represented? Again, I don't know if you've got that level of detail, but that would be of interest.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000056	Department of Social Services	Jacqui Lambie	Workforce	<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> <p>a) How many of these are engaged full time?</p> <p>b) How many of these are engaged part time?</p> <p>c) How many ongoing positions were advertised by the agency in this period?</p> <p>d) How many of these advertised positions were filled?</p> <p>e) How many of the new ongoing employees transferred in from another agency?</p> <p>f) 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)?</p> <p>g) How many ongoing roles that were offered to prospective employees turned down by the prospective employee?</p>	Written	23/02/2023

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				<p>2. How many non-ongoing employees were employed in the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>a) How many of these are engaged full time?</p> <p>b) How many of these are engaged part time?</p> <p>c) How many non-ongoing positions were advertised by the agency in this period?</p> <p>d) How many of these advertised positions were filled?</p> <p>e) How many of the new non-ongoing employees transferred in from another agency?</p> <p>f) 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)?</p> <p>g) How many non-ongoing roles that were offered to prospective employees turned down by the prospective employee?</p> <p>3. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>a) How many of these were engaged full time?</p> <p>b) How many of these were engaged part time?</p> <p>4. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>a) How many of these were engaged full time?</p> <p>b) How many of these were engaged part time?</p> <p>Note: for the following question please exclude</p>		
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				<p>employees departing due to retirement.</p> <p>5. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>6. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>7. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>8. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>		
DSS SQ23-000057	Department of Social Services	Jacqui Lambie	Workforce	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification</p> <p>1. 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 	Written	23/02/2023

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				<p>Commonwealth in this period? o If yes: - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations?</p> <p>2. 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> <p>3. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>		
DSS SQ23-000058	Department of Social Services	Jacqui Lambie	Workplace Culture	<p>1. 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? a) How many of these claims were investigated (formally or informally) and found to have merit? b) How many of the claims were raised with comcare? c) Of those that were deemed to have merit, how many resulted in time away from work for the victim? d) What is the total amount of leave taken, in days, from the agency that are attributable to claims of this nature?</p> <p>2. How many of these allegations were investigated and found to have no merit?</p>	Written	23/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000059	Department of Social Services	Jacqui Lambie	Workers' Compensation	<p>1. How many workers compensation claims were made to the agency, by employees of any nature,</p>	Written	23/02/2023

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				<p>between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>a) How many of these claims were successful?</p> <p>i. How many of the successful claims were due to an injury of a physical nature?</p> <p>ii. 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>b) How many of these claims were rejected?</p>		
DSS SQ23-000060	Department of Social Services	Jacqui Lambie	Unpaid Leave	<p>1. How many ongoing, or non-ongoing employees at the agency took unpaid leave between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>a) What is the total number of days of unpaid leave for this same period at the agency.</p>	Written	23/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000061	Department of Social Services	Jacqui Lambie	Consultants	<p>1. 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>2. 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	23/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000062	Department of Social Services	Jacqui Lambie	Supply Nation	<p>1. How many procurement activities, since 1 July 2022, have resulted in purchases of goods and / or services from Supply Nation Certified organisations?</p>	Written	23/02/2023

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				<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>2. 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>		
DSS SQ23-000063	Department of Social Services	Jacqui Lambie	Senior Executive Service	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 2. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer. 	Written	23/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000064	Department of Social Services	Jordon Steele-John	Long Covid - JobSeeker and Disability Support Pension	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many people are on JobSeeker that have been diagnosed with Long Covid? 2. Has the department modelled how many people will be required to access JobSeeker and DSP because of Long Covid? If so, what is expected? 3. Given the impairment that people with Long Covid experience, will the government remove mutual obligations for people on Job Seeker who have Long Covid? 	Written	23/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000067	Department of Social Services	Slade Brockman	Ending violence within a generation commitment under the National Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the Department provide a definition of 'generation' in the form of years, or a goal completion date, in relation to the government's commitment to ending violence within a generation? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, why not? 	Written	27/02/2023

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				<p>2. Has the Department provided advice to the Minister’s office in relation to there not currently being a definition for this in years, such as talking points or a brief?</p> <p>3. To date, has the Minister’s office tasked the Department with providing a definition of 'generation' in the form of years?</p>		
DSS SQ23-000068	Department of Social Services	Jacqui Lambie	Personal and private data	<p>1. What personally identifiable information does the agency keep on behalf of recipients of its services?</p> <p>a) Which other agencies is this data shared with?</p> <p>b) Is the data de-identified prior to sharing?</p> <p>c) How is the data shared with other agencies?</p> <p>d) How frequently is the data shared?</p> <p>e) Is the data sharing live, or is it a point in time share?</p> <p>f) How is the data from each agency combined with other data</p> <p>i. For what purposes is the data combined?</p> <p>g) Do the individuals the data is about know their data is being shared?</p> <p>i. Have they ever consented to their data being shared?</p> <p>h) What security provisions are in place to protect personally identifiable information?</p> <p>2. Is the data used for enforcement, or debt collecting activities?</p> <p>a) What is the purpose of sharing the personal data?</p> <p>b) Is the data used to validate client eligibility for government services?</p> <p>c) Under what authority are you enabled to share personal and private data?</p> <p>d) List the agencies that you share personal and private data with and that share personal and private</p>	Written	23/02/2023

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				<p>data with you?</p> <p>e) Are there scenarios in which staff might have access to personal and private data from multiple agencies, and multiple systems where this data is not usually shared.</p> <p>i. For example, an integrity officer working in Services Australia might access a customer’s Centrelink record in one system, then their Medicare record in another to cross reference data?</p>		
DSS SQ23-000069	Department of Social Services	Tammy Tyrrell	Child Support Payments - Commissioner of Taxation v Douglas decision	<p>1. Did Treasury consult with DSS about the impacts of the Douglas decision on child support payments?</p> <p>a. If so, did the advice include an estimate of how many people would be worse off going forward, and by how much?</p> <p>2. How many parents receiving a reduced child support payment are worse off as a result of this decision, and to what extent?</p> <p>Please provide exact figures and percentages on how worse off these parents are per week/ fortnight.</p> <p>3. Why was it decided that the onus be on the parent who has a reduction in their child support payment to appeal the reduction?</p> <p>a. Did the Department consider the difficulties/ barriers that would be faced by parents in lodging an appeal?</p> <p>4. What supports, if any, is the Government offering parents who have reduced child support payments and as a result are having difficulty with rent/ mortgage/ food security/ access to healthcare/ access to childcare?</p> <p>5. How many reduced payments have been appealed and decided?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown on whether they have</p>	Written	27/02/2023

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				been accepted or rejected, and the time taken to finalise each appeal.		
DSS SQ23-000070	Department of Social Services	Slade Brockman	National Centre for Place-Based Collaboration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$2.5 million of Commonwealth funding was provided to a consortium of partners to conduct foundational work to inform the establishment of a National Centre for Place-Based Collaboration. Who are the members of the consortium? 2. Can the Department outline the tender process? 3. When will the foundational work commence? 4. When will the foundational work conclude? 5. When will the National Centre for Place-Based Collaboration be fully operational? 	Written	27/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000071	Department of Social Services	Peter Whish-Wilson	Food Relief Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What trends are the Department seeing in terms of demand for food relief. 2. What type of data do you use to track food insecurity in Australia? 3. Is the Department aware of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) 18-item Household Food Security Survey Module (HFSSM) and if so is there any discussion in the Department about the implementation of something similar in Australia? 4. In standard (non – pandemic years) how are funding arrangements with food relief organisations usually structured, is it an annual funding arrangement or longer periods? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is currently in place and when is the funding due to end. 	Written	28/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000096	Department of Social Services	Jonathon Duniam	Department of Finance's Property Management and Projects Branch	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department of Finance’s Property Management and Projects Branch ever undertaken any projects for the Department of Social Services and/or any of its sub-agencies? If yes: a. please list each of these projects; 	Written	27/02/2023

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				<p>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 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?</p>		
DSS SQ23-000097	Department of Social Services	Jordon Steele-John	NDIS Rules	1. What is the process and current status of the NDIS Rules to be developed following the passing of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Participant Service Guarantee and Other Measures) Bill 2022?	Written	27/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000098	Department of Social Services	Linda Reynolds	Minister Shorten public statements	<p>3. A response to question on notice (DSS SQ22-000277) says that “Minister Shorten stands by his public statements”.</p> <p>a. Which statements specifically does Minister Shorten stand by?</p> <p>i. Does Minister Shorten stand by his public statement when he called NDIS workers “Oompa-Loompas” and “chimpanzees typing”?</p> <p>ii. Has the Minister publicly apologized to NDIS workers for these comments?</p> <p>iii. If Minister Shorten stands by his public statements,</p>	Written	27/02/2023

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				<p>please explain the difference between “strategic cuts” and “blunt force cuts”.</p> <p>iv. Please explain what the Minister means when he says he will review “arbitrary cuts”.</p> <p>v. If Minister Shorten stands by his public statements, please explain the difference between “strategic cuts” and “blunt force cuts”.</p> <p>vi. If Minister Shorten stands by his public statements, please explain the difference between “moderation of cost growth” and “curbing growth” in NDIS costs.</p>		
DSS SQ23-000099	Department of Social Services	Linda Reynolds	Independent Assessments	<p>1. Why are independent assessments not being reviewed as part of the NDIS Review?</p> <p>2. The response from question on notice DSS SQ22-000285 does not answer the important questions on independent assessments and is, disappointingly, a very political response. Please answer each of the following questions on independent assessments:</p> <p>a. Did the Minister agree with the requirement for independent assessments that was originally contained in the legislation introduced by the Labor Party?</p> <p>b. Does the Minister agree with the PC's 2011 assessment that independent assessments are an essential element of a needs-based insurance scheme?</p> <p>c. Page 313 of the PC's 2011 report states "The assessment process will need to identify a budget associated with meeting the assessed needs of individuals. Crucially, there would be an obligation for the system to deliver the funding determined by the independent assessment. An individual's budget could</p>	Written	27/02/2023

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				<p>be derived, through a 'bottoms up' approach, by costing all of the support needs identified by the assessment process (after taking account of natural supports). Does the Minister agree with this assessment?</p> <p>d. Does the Minister agree that independent assessments are important for the NDIS to monitor patterns in assessments to test whether these reveal cost pressures?</p> <p>e. Does the Minister agree that due to the absence of independent assessments, NDIS policy settings are far too broad and very subjective and results in little ability to control the number of participants and costs?</p> <p>f. Minister Shorten, then Shadow Minister, said in Hansard on 19th October 2021: "The reality for NDIS participants was that independent assessments were a terrifying prospect and proof that the government didn't trust them." Does the Minister still believe that all NDIS participants are not in favour of independent assessments?</p> <p>g. Has the Minister changed his mind since becoming the Minister on the need for legislated independent assessments?</p>		
DSS SQ23-000100	Department of Social Services	Linda Reynolds	Outcomes Based Funding program trial	Following the announcement of the Minister after the Disability Reform Ministerial Council meeting and the announcement on 13th February, what initiatives have been put in the Budget to provide that evidence base, ensure outcomes for participants are achieved (rather than the transactional results to date), specifically, what outcomes-based funding models will be trialled in the Budget to ensure participant outcomes are met and providers are using evidence-	Written	27/02/2023

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				based practice? • What areas are prioritised where there is already a strong evidence base (for example, hearing loss in young children)?		
DSS SQ23-000102	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Ministers Offices Briefs turnaround timeframes	Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?	Written	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000103	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Ministers Offices - Hospitality policy	What is the Department's/agency's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000104	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Department Liaison Officers	1. 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. 2. 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	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000105	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Minister meetings with Department/Agency Heads	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	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000106	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Department Briefs provided to Ministers Office	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	3/03/2023

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DSS SQ23-000107	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	New Policy Proposals to Ministers Office	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	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000108	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Paper usage	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	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000109	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Commonwealth Committees and Taskforces	1. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 2. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000110	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Budget Savings	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	Written	3/03/2023

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				<p>of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <p>i. External labour hire</p> <p>ii. Consultancy</p> <p>iii. Advertising campaigns</p> <p>iv. Travel</p> <p>v. Legal expenses</p> <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
DSS SQ23-000111	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Official Function expenditure	<p>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	3/03/2023

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				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.		
DSS SQ23-000112	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Executive Staff office refurbishment	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	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000113	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Travel Costs	1. 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. 2. 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. 3. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000114	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Department Premises upgrades	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	3/03/2023

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DSS SQ23-000115	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Media Monitoring and Advertising campaign costs	<p>1. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>2. 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</p>	Written	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000116	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Promotional merchandise costs	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	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000117	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Credit Cards	<p>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</p>	Written	3/03/2023

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				<p>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>		
DSS SQ23-000118	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Comcare Referrals	<p>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	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000119	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Fair Work Commission referrals	<p>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</p>	Written	3/03/2023

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				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.		
DSS SQ23-000120	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Departmental Reviews	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	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000121	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Interdepartmental Committee Representation	Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. Please provide: a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000122	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	New Entities within portfolio	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	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000186	Department of Social Services	Jordon Steele-John	NDIA Independent Expert Review (IER) Program	In the October 2022 Senate Estimates hearing, the NDIA advised that the Independent Oversight Committee (IOC) will provide an interim report to the NDIA in December 2022. Has this interim report been received by the NDIA? Will it be released to the	Written	27/02/2023

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				public? What recommendations were made by the IOC?		
DSS SQ23-000188	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	Enhanced income management – consultation process in NT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the visit schedule for the consultation process underway for the transition to Enhanced Income Management in the Northern Territory? 2. What stakeholders have been engaged to date as part of this process, listed by date and location? How have these consultations processes been advertised publicly? Per location, list how many times and by what means a consultation process has been advertised? 	Written	27/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000189	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	Enhanced income management - Stakeholder	For the consultation process underway for the transition to Enhanced Income Management in the Northern Territory, provide per Stakeholder consulted the formal justification for their being consulted.	Written	27/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000190	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	Enhanced income management - Department funding	Is there any specific departmental funding allocated to the Agency for the consultation process underway for the transition to Enhanced Income Management in the Northern Territory? If yes, what is that figure and over how many years will funds be expended?	Written	27/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000191	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	Enhanced income management - feedback	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the consultation process underway for the transition to Enhanced Income Management in the Northern Territory, what has the feedback been to date from this consultation process? 2. Is feedback formally minuted? How is this being captured? 3. What feedback has been provided through this process as to how people would like Services Australia to operationalise the transition? 4. On the basis of that feedback, what specific features of the transition have been changed? 	Written	27/02/2023

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DSS SQ23-000192	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	Enhanced income management - feedback to the Minister	For feedback arising from the consultation process underway for the transition to Enhanced Income Management in the Northern Territory, what if any changes has the Agency recommended to the Minister for Government Services via a Ministerial Submission?	Written	27/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000194	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	Government evaluation of separated families	The Government agreed to undertake an evaluation of separated families. When will this evaluation start? If it hasn't started, why not? When is it expected that the evaluation will conclude?	Written	27/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000195	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	Child Support Scheme - Compliance review	The Government agreed to review compliance within the Child Support Scheme. How is this work progressing?	Written	27/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000196	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	CDC transition	Can the Agency provide the CDC Transition Weekly Dashboard every week since 30 September 2022 to date?	Written	27/02/2023
DSS SQ23-000197	Department of Social Services	Jane Hume	Official Functions - Portfolio Ministers	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.	Written	3/03/2023
DSS SQ23-000198	Department of Social Services	Jacinta Nampijinpa Price	Enhanced income management – budget spend	Of the \$217 million being spent on the transition, can an itemised list of expenditure be provided as to the Services Australia component of this spend?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000002	National Disability Insurance Agency	Malcolm Roberts	Sexual Therapy	Senator ROBERTS: Moving on to a slightly different matter, what's the total amount of NDIS payments made in relation to sex, intimacy or escort services for	Page 49	15/02/2023

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				<p>participants? Ms Falkingham: I don't have that figure with me right now, but I will take it on notice.</p>		
NDIA SQ23-000003	National Disability Insurance Agency	Linda Reynolds	NDIA Budget	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: In terms of previous fraud that has been identified, are you able to categorise how much sits in the category of it being fraud directly on participants' plans, so there's no net impact to the budget? For others that are fraudulent providers claiming for fraudulent participants, once that's stopped, the budget impact goes down. Have you done any analysis of how much there is in each bucket?</p> <p>Mr Gifford: We've done some high-level analysis. In terms of the numbers, I'd probably need to take those on notice, if I could.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: If you could because that's an important part to understand. I think everybody here wholeheartedly agrees—and I certainly did as minister, and I know the new minister and the new government does—fraud is abhorrent. The question now is: through continuing to enhance antifraud measures, how much will actually be neutral for the budget, so it won't participate in the heavy lifting that the CEO and the government is hoping to get—whereas there is another category of fraud that may well contribute to that heavy lifting? We can't say all fraud amounts will change the bottom line, because they clearly won't.</p> <p>Mr Gifford: No. Just to summarise my earlier answer: I think there should be, if the task force delivers what it's expected to, benefits both to the scheme and to participants.</p>	Page 57	15/02/2023

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NDIA SQ23-000004	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Independent Expert Review Program	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Yes it does. Thank you. What is the average time frame so far for cases being resolved through this process—acknowledging that you said you haven't necessarily got to the settlement phase with the AAT, but in terms of time that it takes the participant to go through this process.</p> <p>Mr Swainson: I don't have the average time in terms of all the matters for the trial. I can give you some information on what we're aiming to do. I'll make sure I get that accurate information for you, but my recollection is that it's two weeks, two weeks, two weeks. So once we get invitation in, we've got two weeks to finalise arrangements with the participant, get the documents ready for the expert reviewer and make sure the participant is ready to go through that process. In most of the cases so far, the independent expert reviewer has taken the opportunity to meet with the participant either in person or online. We've got to make sure that everybody is ready. The expert reviewer has then got two weeks to do their bit. That includes reviewing the file, meeting with the participant and coming out with the recommendation. Then we, as the agency, have two weeks to consider it and decide whether or not we agree to it.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Okay.</p> <p>Mr Swainson: So that's what we're aiming for. I don't have the data on average times, though.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Can you take that on notice for us?</p> <p>Mr Swainson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: In terms of reviewers themselves, could you table for us the standard operating procedure that expert reviewers follow?</p>	Page 70	15/02/2023
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				<p>Mr Swainson: Yes. There are a range of documents that we've produced to support independent expert reviewers in their decision-making process. Some of this is available online. We've got a dedicated webpage for the independent expert review program, so some material is available online. We've recently updated that material. But we're happy to make whatever information available.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: If you could table the material that isn't available online, that would be useful.</p> <p>Mr Swainson: More than welcome.</p>		
NDIA SQ23-000005	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Independent Expert Review Program	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: In relation to the satisfaction survey that was mentioned in the relevant section of the ministerial communique, I believe, has the design work on the survey commenced through the advisory committee?</p> <p>Mr Swainson: The oversight committee?</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Swainson: They have seen a copy of the survey. They've given feedback on that survey. We've not sent it out yet. I think we're anticipating those surveys going out by the end of this month.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Critically, at what point in the participant experience with the IER process are they provided with the service?</p> <p>Mr Swainson: It'll go out as a job lot, so by the end of February. So those who have gone through the process and have completed it, will get a satisfactory, well—</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Only people that have completed the process?</p> <p>Mr Swainson: I'm not quite sure about that. I'd have to take on notice whether or not we would send the</p>	Page 71	15/02/2023

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				survey to participants that are still going through the process or those that have completed at the end of this month, when the survey is intended to go out. I don't have information on that.		
NDIA SQ23-000006	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Independent Expert Review Program	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: In the information that's available online, Mr Swainson, could you just take this on notice for me—again, it's only if they're comfortable with it. There are a number of criteria that you've laid out: whether they be a service provider, a disabled person et cetera. I just want a breakdown of which aspect of the criteria each individual met in the appointment process.</p> <p>Mr Swainson: I understand the question.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: It would actually be a better way to do this. If you could also take on notice for me the gender breakdown of the reviewers, that would be excellent.</p> <p>Mr Swainson: Yes.</p>	Page 71	15/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000007	National Disability Insurance Agency	Linda Reynolds	NDIS plan budgets	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: Then it's got some more detail in figure 111. Could you just explain 111? You've got four financial years in there. Could you just explain what that trend is showing us about the five per cent plus decrease? What is that saying to us?</p> <p>Mr Gifford: By way of example, in the category of reduction between five and 20 per cent, there was 13 per cent in the 2019-20 year, 14.7 per cent in the 2021-22 year, 13 per cent in the 2021-22 year, and 9.7 per cent in 2022-23.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: So it's 9.7 per cent for this financial year, for the first six months?</p> <p>Mr Gifford: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: So that could go up to nearly 20 per cent. Is that right?</p>	Pages 73-74	15/02/2023

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				<p>Mr Gifford: No, that's the percentage of the decisions in that period.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: But that's the first six months, so presumably, if the trend continues, for the next six months there'll be another nine to 10 per cent, taking it up to nearly 20 per cent of people having between five and 20 per cent of their plans cut.</p> <p>Mr Gifford: No. Just to be clear, that's of the decisions made in that period, so all the figures for 2022-23 add up to 100 per cent. There's no reason to think that that would double. As I said, of the decisions made in the six months to December, 9.7 per cent fell into that category.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Okay. On that basis, then, it's quite probable that that number will increase on the current trend.</p> <p>Mr Gifford: There's no particular reason to think it would increase or decrease. They're the figures for the six months to date. I wouldn't want to get into speculation about what's likely to happen in the next six months.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Can I ask you to take that on notice and also to go back to your actuarial planning data and what assumptions you've made about that for the rest of this financial year and see if there's any information there that you can share on that?</p> <p>Mr Gifford: We'll take a look and see what we've got and take that on notice.</p>		
NDIA SQ23-000008	National Disability Insurance Agency	Anne Urquhart	NDIA Procurement and Contracting Review	<p>Senator URQUHART: How many contracts, within the time frame set by the terms of reference of the investigation, has Dr Watt reviewed?</p> <p>Ms Falkingham: I might take that on notice, because I don't want to confuse. There has been a huge call for</p>	Page 55-56	15/02/2023

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				<p>a range of contracts, but a number of those contracts have been ruled out of order in terms of the terms of reference or whether there's anything further that Dr Watt wants to look at. I'll get you the specific number of procurement cases that they're looking at.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Among the contracts he has reviewed, has Dr Watt or other members of the review team met or communicated with representatives from any companies whose tender was successful?</p> <p>Ms Falkingham: I will take that on notice as well. My understanding from Dr Watt was that he would ask questions or reach out to any contractors if there were information gaps or there were parts that were missing from the files that either we or—I won't speak for Rebecca—Services Australia hold. That information—all of the people Dr Watt has spoken to—will be in the final report.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: What about representatives from companies whose tenders were unsuccessful? Are they being spoken to, or is their information being gathered?</p> <p>Ms Falkingham: I'm not privy to that, but I will take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Has Dr Watt or members of the review team met or been in communication with representatives from Infosys?</p> <p>Ms Falkingham: I'll take that on notice for you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Has Dr Watt or other members of the review team met or been in communication with representatives from Synergy 360?</p>		
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				Ms Falkingham: Again, I'll take that on notice for you, Senator.		
NDIA SQ23-000009	National Disability Insurance Agency	Linda Reynolds	NDIA Leadership Structure	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: Have you got this information available? I'm looking for SES staff movements in and out of positions and in and out of the agency. Have you got those available, or shall I put them on notice?</p> <p>Ms Falkingham: I'm happy for you to put them on notice.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Okay. To be clear: all the movements you've had in different positions and then positions out of the agency—people who have left the positions.</p> <p>Ms Falkingham: I'm happy to do that for you.</p>	Page 76	15/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000010	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	NDIA Disability Inclusion Plan 2022-25	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: You referenced that you're consulting in relation to workforce strategy for the agency. What's the time line for that process to be complete?</p> <p>Ms Falkingham: Ideally, we would like it done by the middle of the year, but, as you know, in good co-design, we will let that process take as long as it needs to take.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Can you table for us the organisations or entities that you're engaging with to co-design that process?</p> <p>Ms Falkingham: Yes, absolutely; I'm happy to do that.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Would you also be able to table the policy used within the agency to determine reasonable and necessary adjustments for NDIA staff?</p> <p>Ms Falkingham: Absolutely.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I'm assuming there is such a document.</p> <p>Ms Falkingham: There is, but, as I've just outlined, that would be under consideration as part of the review of</p>	Page 60	15/02/2023

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				<p>all our workplace practices. Senator STEELE-JOHN: So it's being reviewed, but the current document would be good. Ms Falkingham: Yes, and I'm very happy to provide you with the current document.</p>		
NDIA SQ23-000011	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Senior NDIA staff who identify with disability	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Could you also provide us on notice with the overall number of people currently employed in managerial positions within the agency and the percentage of those people that identify as disabled people? Ms Falkingham: I will absolutely take that on notice.</p>	Page 61	15/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000012	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Future Operating Environment compatibility with Assistive Technology	<p>Ms Glazebrook: FOE: future operating environment. We call them the FOE device. Those are being progressively rolled out across the country. ... Senator STEELE-JOHN: How many cases or instances do you know of where the technology that the person needs has not been able to interface correctly with the new system? Ms Glazebrook: I'd have to take that on notice. I don't know. Senator STEELE-JOHN: Could you take that on notice? Ms Glazebrook: Yes.</p>	Pages 61-62	15/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000013	National Disability Insurance Agency	Linda Reynolds	Former NDIA CEO Resignation	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: I'm happy for you to take on notice whether—in the first week, second week, month, but before he retired—in one of those conversations which presumably weren't just about Victorian weather and footy, that was specifically said to the CEO. I also want to ask the same question in relation to the current chair of the board in terms of the specifics and the dates that the minister had any conversations with the chair. I'd also ask the same question: did he</p>	Page 77	15/02/2023

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				<p>at any point suggest to the chair that he should consider resigning very early? Was there a discussion about how long until he actually resigned? Again, I'm not expecting you to be able to answer the questions now, but if you could take those on notice, that would be much appreciated.</p> <p>Senator Ayres: Certainly. We'll take it on notice.</p>		
NDIA SQ23-000015	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Key Performance Indicators	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Thank you. That'd be great. If a staff person has not met their KPIs because they are not able to have or utilise the piece of AT that they need, what mechanisms are in place to prevent the employee from being terminated?</p> <p>Ms Falkingham: There would be a very thorough review process. Obviously, if there were concerns being raised about the KPIs not being met because of a barrier that the agency has put in place, we would have that conversation manager to manager as part of their performance appraisal process. But if that unfortunate circumstance actually eventuated, there are internal mechanisms for a person to seek a review of that decision.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: In the interests of time, would you be able to table those processes for us?</p> <p>Ms Falkingham: Yes, of course.</p>	Page 62	15/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000016	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Key Performance Indicators	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: In the interests of time, could you table for us or provide on notice the KPI frameworks for the various teams within the NDIS? You referenced the complex support team, the access team—I lose track of how many teams there are within the agency. Could you provide that for all of the teams within the agency?</p> <p>Mr McNaughton: Yes, I can take that on notice for you.</p>	Page 62	15/02/2023

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NDIA SQ23-000017	National Disability Insurance Agency	Linda Reynolds	NDIS Expenditure	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: Thank you, very much and I do appreciate the courtesy. Can we go back, please, to the monthly summary? We did the first two figures and I'm wondering if we can go to the numbers of participants in the scheme.</p> <p>Mr Gifford: I'll just clarify the earlier answer: the reason why we don't have the monthly summary published yet is that there are a few challenges with reconciling the participant numbers. It's to do with our new IT system. So those are the figures that we aren't in a position to speak about today but, as the CEO said, they should be available in the next couple of days.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Okay, so please take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Gifford: Yes.</p>	Page 72	15/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000018	National Disability Insurance Agency	Linda Reynolds	NDIS plan budgets	<p>CHAIR: ... I'll go back to the quarterly report, because I think that's probably easier to sort out with your IT issues. Just below figure 107 on pages 127, and then on pages 128 and 129, you have the range of cuts and extras—so ups and downs, or variations—in plans...</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: If we look at how many people that involves, on the next page, page 128, if I'm reading this right, you've got all participants and then SIL participants. Between July and December, for the first six months of this financial year, 19 per cent of all reassessments, or 29,021 participants, had a five per cent or over decrease. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Gifford: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: And 10 per cent of that 19 per cent had at least a 10 per cent cut in their packages. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Gifford: I think it's that 10 per cent had a reduction</p>	Page 73	15/02/2023

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				<p>between five and 20 per cent. Senator REYNOLDS: Then for SIL participants in those six months, 1,071 people had their reassessments and had a five per cent decrease. Is that correct? Mr Gifford: That's correct—a five per cent or more decrease, 1,071. Senator REYNOLDS: Could I ask you to take on notice—CEO? Ms Falkingham: If I may, they are not necessarily cuts, to be really clear. Participants are building capacity. We have one-off AT payments in there, which do reduce, as you know. We're happy to provide you a breakdown of that proportion, but I don't think it's fair to characterise them as cuts.</p>		
NDIA SQ23-000019	National Disability Insurance Agency	Linda Reynolds	NDIA Leadership Structure	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: Given it's been four months, where are you up to in terms of any restructuring? Have you started restructuring or are you not quite at that point yet to be able to do that with your executive and more widely? Ms Falkingham: One of the things that surprised me when I came into the agency was the number of contractors in SES positions. I have a strong view that SES executive leaders should be subject to the code of conduct and abide by all the public sector rules. When I arrived, a number of individuals had announced their resignation and departures, including Sarah Johnson and Jeremy Dean. Senator REYNOLDS: Were they contractors or APS? Ms Falkingham: Contractors. I will take on notice whether Ms Johnson was, but Mr Dean definitely was. Senator REYNOLDS: How many new employees have you recruited into your SES at the moment?</p>	Pages 76-77	15/02/2023

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				Ms Falkingham: I will have to take that on notice. I don't have the band 2 and band 1 positions with me.		
NDIA SQ23-000020	National Disability Insurance Agency	Linda Reynolds	Former NDIA CEO Resignation	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: Okay. This next one goes to the previous CEO, and obviously it's not a question for you, Ms Falkingham. Secretary, I have got the answer here. It was 53 in relation to Mr Hoffman.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: Is that a QON, Senator?</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Yes. We have got 52, 433—some of these might be one for you, or perhaps one for the minister. The first one is: on the resignation from the position, Mr Hoffman got a termination payment. Is it normal for somebody who has resigned before their contract has expired to get a termination payment? Was that in his contract?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: My understanding is that that was a decision of the board, and his terms and conditions at the time he left permitted that.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Okay, so he voluntarily resigned, the board accepted his resignation, and they gave him a termination payment?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: As you'd be aware, I'm not privy to the board decision-making, but my understanding is that there was a provision that permitted that.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Okay. Can you take that on notice, please, and if we can refer that to the board and see whether the board are happy to answer the question?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: Will do.</p>	Page 77	15/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000021	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jacqui Lambie	NDIA Staffing	<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 	Written	23/02/2023

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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 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? 		
NDIA SQ23-000022	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jacqui Lambie	NDIA Staffing	<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	23/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000023	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Labour Hire	<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? 	Written	23/02/2023

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 		
NDIA SQ23-000024	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jacqui Lambie	NDIA Staffing	<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	23/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000025	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Labour Hire	<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? <p>6. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	23/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000026	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jacqui Lambie	NDIA Staffing	<p>7. How many ongoing employees were made redundant from 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? <p>8. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	23/02/2023

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NDIA SQ23-000027	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jacqui Lambie	NDIA Staffing	9. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023? 10. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	23/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000028	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Labour Hire	11. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?	Written	23/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000029	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Bullying or Harassment of NDIA staff	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	23/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000030	National Disability Insurance 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	Written	23/02/2023

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				psychological, or mental health injury)? - How many of these claims were rejected?		
NDIA SQ23-000031	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jacqui Lambie	NDIA Staffing	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	23/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000032	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jacqui Lambie	External 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?	Written	23/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000033	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jacqui Lambie	External Consultants	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	23/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000034	National Disability Insurance Agency	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	Written	23/02/2023

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				procurements undertaken with Supply Nation businesses for financial year 2022/23?		
NDIA SQ23-000035	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jacqui Lambie	Supply Nation	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	23/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000036	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jacqui Lambie	NDIA SES Staff	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	23/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000037	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Scheme Sustainability	1. The significant public debate on the financial sustainability of the NDIS has been dominated by the costs of the NDIS instead of its economic and social benefits. The recent report released by Get Skilled Access <i>NDIS 2.0 A Disability-Led Plan for the NDIS</i> recommends an independent study should be commissioned to quantify the benefits of the NDIS. What is the Government's response to this recommendation?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000038	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Administrative Appeals Tribunal and Federal Court of Australia	1. How much money has been paid in legal expenditure by the NDIA in relation to matters before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) and Federal Court of Australia (FCA), including expenditure on any adverse legal costs ordered against it by the AAT or FCA, broken down into the following periods: i. financial year 2013-2014; ii. financial year 2014-2015; iii. financial year 2015-2016; iv. financial year 2016-2017; v. financial year 2017-2018; vi. financial year 2018-2019; vii. financial year 2019-2020;	Written	27/02/2023

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				viii. financial year 2020-2021; and ix. financial year 2021-2022.		
NDIA SQ23-000039	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Administrative Appeals Tribunal and Federal Court of Australia	2. For each period referred to at question 2 above, what is the breakdown of the NDIA’s legal expenditure in matters that: i. settled prior to final hearing in the AAT; ii. proceeded to final hearing in the AAT; iii. settled prior to final hearing in the FCA; iv. proceeded to final hearing in the FCA.	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000040	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Administrative Appeals Tribunal and Federal Court of Australia	3. For each period referred to at question 3 above, what is the breakdown of the NDIA’s legal expenditure in matters where the Applicant was: i. represented by a legal representative and/or advocate; ii. self-represented.	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000041	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Administrative Appeals Tribunal and Federal Court of Australia	1. How much money has the NDIA spent on expert reports for AAT and FCA proceedings in the following periods: i. financial year 2020-2021; and ii. financial year 2021-2022.	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000042	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Administrative Appeals Tribunal and Federal Court of Australia	2. Where the NDIA intends to settle a matter in the AAT or FCA, who provides the technical guidance and/or determinations within the NDIA for that settlement? Is this self-contained within the NDIA’s Appeals team, or does a fresh determination need to be sought from elsewhere in the NDIA such as from Planning (and/or from a technical body like the Technical Advisory Branch or the Home and Living Panel) as to the supports the NDIA will consider “reasonable and necessary”?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000043	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Assistance Animals	a. On 6 December 2022, the ABC reported an NDIS participant successfully settled their appeal of the NDIA’s decision which refused funding for a	Written	27/02/2023

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				psychiatric assistance dog (PAD). In response to the ABC reporting that many NDIS participants had been refused funding for PADs, an NDIA spokesperson said the NDIA ‘did not keep data on how many applications it rejected each year’. Why does the NDIA not record data on how many decisions have been made refusing funding for a PAD (whether that funding was for training and/or maintenance of the PAD or any other purpose)?		
NDIA SQ23-000044	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Assistance Animals	b. How many PADs has the NDIA funded (whether that funding is for training and/or maintenance of the PAD or any other purpose), up to 31 January 2023? c. How many of those PADs were funded by the NDIA after the NDIS participant appealed the NDIA’s internal review decision refusing to fund the PAD, up to 31 January 2023?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000045	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Specialist Disability Accommodation	1. For Home & Living Panel decisions in the last 12 months broken down by quarter, location, design category and building type requested and funded: a. How many requests for SDA funding were received? b. How many participants were found eligible/ineligible for SDA? Why? What support were they offered to find appropriate housing? c. How many participants requested a single occupancy SDA dwelling? How many of these were granted and rejected? d. What is the mean, median, and range of funding packages approved for participants requesting SDA (broken down by Core, Capacity Building, and Capital costs)? e. How many participants requested a change to the location they are funded to live in? f. How many participants have had	Written	27/02/2023

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				<p>increases/reductions in SDA funding (broken down by quarter, state, build type, design category and percentage range)? How many of these were through participant requested reviews, and Agency initiated reviews?</p> <p>g. How many participants have had SDA removed from their plans, (broken down by quarter, state and reasons for removal)? How many of these were through participant requested reviews, and Agency initiated reviews?</p> <p>h. How many requests were received for ILO funding? How many participants were found to be eligible for ILO (broken down by Stage 1, Stage 2 and support types)?</p>		
NDIA SQ23-000046	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Home and Living Decisions	<p>1. How does the NDIS Accommodation Team consider participant needs and preferences when recommending housing options to participants?</p> <p>a. Some participants may feel they are required to accept the housing option recommended by the Accommodation Team because they are NDIA staff. How is the NDIA ensuring participants retain their choice and control when they are supported by the NDIS Accommodation Team?</p>	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000047	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Specialist Disability Accommodation	<p>1. How many participants are currently living in Existing and Legacy SDA? (breakdowns by disability type, age, location, build type of dwelling, enrolled number of residents for the dwelling)?</p> <p>2. In the last year, how many participants have moved from Existing/Legacy SDA into New Build SDA?</p>	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000048	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Specialist Disability Accommodation	<p>3. What planning is underway to transition people out of Legacy SDA before the housing stock expires?</p> <p>4. What supports/communication strategy does the NDIA have in place to ensure participants living in</p>	Written	27/02/2023

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				Legacy SDA are able to be assessed for SDA and support funding which meet their needs? 5. How many participants previously living in Legacy or Existing SDA had their SIL and SDA funding removed as a result of a new Home and Living decision?		
NDIA SQ23-000049	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Specialist Disability Accommodation Finder	1. How many SDA vacancies are currently shown on the SDA Finder as at 31 January 2023 (broken down by location, design category, building type and whether it is in Existing, Legacy or New Build SDA)? 2. How many SDA dwellings are currently listed on the SDA Finder as at 31 January 2023 (broken down by location, design category, building type and whether it is in Existing, Legacy or New Build SDA)?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000050	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Specialist Disability Accommodation Finder	3. Regarding site traffic, since the SDA Finder was created in August 2021: a. How many users have visited the site (broken down by quarter and location)? b. How many new users versus return users went on the site (broken down by quarter and location)? c. How many participants found housing through the SDA Finder (broken down by quarter and location)?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000051	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Supported Independent Living	1. In the past 12 months (broken down by month, age, disability type and state): a. How many participants living in SIL homes have been relinquished by the SIL provider? What were the reasons for relinquishment? Where were they relinquished to (e.g., hospital, aged care etc) b. How many participants living in SIL homes are seeking alternative housing as a goal in their NDIS plans? c. How many participants with SDA funding have left SDA to move into a SIL home? What were the reasons for the move?	Written	27/02/2023

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NDIA SQ23-000052	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Supported Independent Living	2. How many participants currently living in SIL homes have SDA funding that is not being used?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000053	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Supported Independent Living	3. What processes are in place to check in with participants in SIL homes and ensure they are getting adequate support and NDIS funding to live an ordinary life with choice and control?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000054	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Supported Independent Living	4. How many participants with SIL funding, but not SDA funding, does the NDIA anticipate will also be eligible for SDA funding?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000055	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Younger People in Residential Aged Care	1. How many people under 65 are currently living in RAC? How many are NDIS participants and how many are non NDIS participants? (breakdowns by location, age, disability type)	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000056	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Younger People in Residential Aged Care	2. In the last 12 months, please provide breakdowns by quarter, state and age: a. How many NDIS participants were admitted to RAC b. How many people under 65 who are not NDIS participants were admitted to RAC (broken down by age group and disability type) c. How many NDIS participants were admitted to RAC from hospital? d. How many participants have relinquished their NDIS status/funding and why? Were these reported to the NDIS Commission? Was their exit from the Scheme automatic, or were they contacted to determine the reasons for relinquishing their NDIS status and to discuss their options? e. How many NDIS participants have gone through the NDIS/Aged Care pathway? Of these, how many times has the NDIA recommended that RAC is the only option? f. How many participants in RAC have funding for 40 hours or more of Level 3 Specialist Support	Written	27/02/2023

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				<p>Coordination to navigate home and living options in the NDIS plan?</p> <p>g. How many participants in RAC have been supported by a Local Area Coordinator rather than an allocated YPIRAC Planner?</p> <p>h. How many participants in RAC applied for SDA funding? Of these, how many have had their request declined?</p>		
NDIA SQ23-000057	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Younger People in Residential Aged Care	3. For participants in RAC who have no goal to leave aged care, what support or capacity building has been provided around home and living and exploring different housing and support options outside of aged care?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000058	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Younger People in Residential Aged Care	<p>5. How many participants in RAC currently have SDA funding in plans?</p> <p>6. How many YPIRAC currently have MTA funding in their plans?</p> <p>7. How many participants in RAC are currently waiting on an NDIS plan to be approved?</p>	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000059	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Hospital Discharge	<p>1. In the last 12 months (broken down by month, age, disability type and state):</p> <p>a. How many participants have been discharged from hospital to RAC?</p> <p>b. How many participants have been discharged from hospital to transitional housing without a long term housing and support plan? Of these, how many have had securing a long term housing option prioritised in discharge planning?</p>	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000060	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Hospital Discharge	<p>2. In the last 6 months (broken down by month, age, disability type and state):</p> <p>a. What was the mean, median and range of days in hospital for participants?</p> <p>b. What were the discharge destinations of</p>	Written	27/02/2023

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				<p>participants in hospital?</p> <p>c. How many participants submitted an NDIS plan request while in hospital?</p> <p>d. How many plans were approved within 30 days for participants in hospital? What is the mean, median and range of days for plan approval for participants in hospital?</p> <p>e. How many times has a plan reassessment or variation been completed and then a subsequent review of a reviewable decision application submitted, with both occurring while a person was in hospital?</p> <p>f. How many participants in hospital discharged to MTA and how many have discharged to long term housing.</p>		
NDIA SQ23-000061	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Hospital Discharge	<p>3. For hospital patients with a newly acquired disability who need a functional capacity assessment in the community to determine their housing and support needs, in the last 12 months (broken down by month and state):</p> <p>a. What was the mean, median and range of days in hospital?</p> <p>b. What was the mean, median and range of days for completing Home and Living assessments after submission of evidence?</p> <p>c. Where were they discharged to?</p> <p>d. How many had funding in their NDIS plan for a community Occupational Therapist when they left hospital?</p>	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000062	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Hospital Discharge	<p>4. How many participants are currently in hospital awaiting a plan approval, and what is the mean, median, and range of days waiting for the cohort?</p> <p>5. How many participants are currently in hospital</p>	Written	27/02/2023

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				awaiting SDA funding approval, and what is the mean, median, and range of days waiting for the cohort?		
NDIA SQ23-000063	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Hospital Discharge	7. How is the impact of the HLO role being measured and what data is being collected? 8. What systems are being offered to hospitals using paper files to collect the data requested above?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000064	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Hospital Discharge	9. There have been reported instances of SIL providers leaving participants in hospitals because they can no longer support them e.g., because the participant's NDIS funding is insufficient or due to behavioural concerns. a. In the past 12 months, how many times has a SIL provider relinquished a participant they have been supporting to hospital, broken down by State and reasons for leaving the participant in hospital? b. How many SIL providers have been investigated by the NDIS Q&S Commission as a result of relinquishment to hospital?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000065	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Internal Review of Decision and Administrative Appeals Tribunal	1. In the last year: a. Following a review of a reviewable decision (s100), how many original decisions of NDIS plans were upheld versus changed to reflect the participant's request for funding (number and percentage)? b. How many original decisions of NDIS plans were changed to reflect the participant's request for funding via private agreement/settlement prior to AAT decision (number and percentage) c. Following an AAT appeal, how many original decisions of NDIS plans were upheld versus changed to reflect the participant's request for funding (number and percentage)?	Written	27/02/2023

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NDIA SQ23-000066	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Independent Expert Review Program	1. Under Phase 2 commencing early 2023, how many cases is the IER expected to hear per month? How many cases is the IER expected to resolve per month?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000067	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Independent Expert Review Program	2. Since the IER Program's inception: a. How many cases have been finalised in the sense that the Independent Expert has provided a recommendation? b. Of these, how many recommendations has the NDIA accepted, how many has the NDIA rejected, and how many are still pending NDIA decision? c. How many cases were withdrawn because the participant and NDIA reached a private settlement? Of these, how many NDIS plans were changed to reflect the participant's original request for funding? d. How many cases have been finalised in the sense that the AAT appeal has been formally settled and the participant has a new NDIS plan?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000069	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	NDIS Participants with Infantile Paralysis and Paraplegia	2. How many people with impairments from infantile paralysis or paraplegia have access to individualised funding under the NDIS, up to 31 January 2023?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000070	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Specialist Disability Accommodation	3. Has the NDIA considered the cost-effectiveness of providing single residence SDA in various shared support models (like 10+1) as opposed to shared SDA? Has the Agency had its actuaries or others do any modelling?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000071	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	NDIS Participants in the Justice System	4. We understand that the NDIA sometimes issues plans to NDIS participants in prisons where there is no funding for any supports at all – and so the plan only provides for \$0 or \$1 in support funding. How many of these plans are currently in place in Australia, up to 31 January 2023? a. We understand that the NDIA intends to phase out	Written	27/02/2023

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				these plans. Has it done this yet and if not, when will these plans no longer be issued?		
NDIA SQ23-000072	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	NDIS Participants in the Justice System	5. How many NDIS participants in prisons have funding in their plans for Specialist Support Co-ordination, up to 31 January 2023? How many have funding for standard Support Co-ordination?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000073	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	NDIS Classification of Diseases	6. When will the NDIA adopt the use of the ICD-11 rather than the ICD-10?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000074	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	7. When will the NDIA adopt the use of the 2021 NICE guidelines for ME/CFS?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000075	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	NDIS Wellbeing Index	8. Regarding the Research and Evaluation Strategy 2022-2027, the NDIA website states that it will focus on the ‘Development and implementation of a wellbeing index (quality of life) measure to better understand Scheme benefits.’ Please provide details about the measures that comprise this index, including whether they are published/peer-reviewed measures.	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000076	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Home and Living Demonstration Projects	9. Regarding the ongoing Home and Living demonstration projects: a. What measures and/or outcomes frameworks are being used to evaluate the outcomes of the projects? b. Will the results of the evaluation be released publicly to inform the market?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000077	National Disability Insurance Agency	Linda Reynolds	Participant Satisfaction Survey	1. Please provide a summary (month by month) of community sentiment of the NDIS since the 2022 Federal Election. a. Overall, has public sentiment of the NDIS increased or decreased since the Federal Election? b. What were the key drivers for this increase/decrease of public sentiment?	Written	27/02/2023

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				<p>c. Please provide a weekly breakdown of interviews on public sentiment since the Election.</p> <p>d. According to public sentiment, has trust in the NDIS website increased or decreased since the Election?</p>		
NDIA SQ23-000078	National Disability Insurance Agency	Linda Reynolds	NDIS Monthly Summary	<p>1. Can you please explain why the January monthly summary was not available on the NDIS website (https://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/publications/monthly-summary) until 24th February and explain the reason for this delay?</p> <p>a. In reference to the January monthly summary, can the NDIA explain in detail the reason for the 44% increase in paid supports to participants from January 2022 to January 2023?</p> <p>b. Can the NDIA explain why the average annualised payment per participant has increased by 12% from January 2022 (\$55,000) to January 2023 (\$61,400), particularly given the age of average participants is increasing?</p> <p>c. What is the average (mean and medium) inflation rate for this financial year?</p>	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000079	National Disability Insurance Agency	Linda Reynolds	Report to Disability Ministers	<p>2. The latest Quarterly Report (https://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/publications/quarterly-reports) has been recently published, and we can see that Annual Participant Plan Inflation has increased to 15.9% in December and 20% in September. Considering the Treasurer is promoting a “responsible” Budget and the Minister has said the NDIS will grow “modestly”, would the Minister say that 20% inflation is responsible and modest?</p> <p>a. Does the Minister believe Australians can afford a Scheme between 15-20% inflation?</p>	Written	27/02/2023

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NDIA SQ23-000080	National Disability Insurance Agency	Linda Reynolds	NDIA CEO Resignation	1. In reference to an answer provided to a question on notice (DSS SQ22-000433), specifically how many conversations did Minister Shorten have with former CEO Martin Hoffman before he departed the NDIA? Please provide exact dates of these conversations, and if they were in person, by email or by any messaging app.	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000081	National Disability Insurance Agency	Linda Reynolds	Co-Design	2. The NDIA had engaged the Australian Centre for Social Innovation as subject matter experts to support the introduction of co-design on key NDIS initiatives. Is this Co-Design Advisory Group still active? a. If so, how? If not, why is it no longer active?	Written	27/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000082	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	NDIA Briefs	1. Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister? 2. What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	3/03/2023
NDIA SQ23-000083	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	Minister's Office Staffing	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	3/03/2023
NDIA SQ23-000084	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	Minister Meetings and Briefs	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	Written	3/03/2023

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				Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each 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.		
NDIA SQ23-000085	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	New Policy Proposals	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. 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	3/03/2023
NDIA SQ23-000086	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	Commonwealth Inter-departmental Committees/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	3/03/2023
NDIA SQ23-000087	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	NDIA 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	Written	3/03/2023

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				<p>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 alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
NDIA SQ23-000088	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	Departmental Functions	12. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or	Written	3/03/2023

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				agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2022/23 to date, please provide the following: a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.		
NDIA SQ23-000089	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	Ministerial Functions	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.	Written	3/03/2023
NDIA SQ23-000090	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	Executive Office 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	3/03/2023
NDIA SQ23-000091	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	Departmental Travel	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	Written	3/03/2023

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				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?		
NDIA SQ23-000092	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	Facilities Upgrades	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	3/03/2023
NDIA SQ23-000093	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	Media Monitoring, Advertising, Promotional Merchandise	19. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services 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. 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	3/03/2023
NDIA SQ23-000094	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	Departmental Credit Cards	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?	Written	3/03/2023

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				<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>		
NDIA SQ23-000095	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	Comcare	23. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?	Written	3/03/2023

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				<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>		
NDIA SQ23-000096	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	Fair Work Ombudsman	<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	3/03/2023
NDIA SQ23-000097	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	NDIA Reviews	<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	3/03/2023
NDIA SQ23-000098	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	Interdepartmental Committees	<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>	Written	3/03/2023

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NDIA SQ23-000099	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jane Hume	New Entities	<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	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000001	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jordon Steele-John	Own Motion Inquiry	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: First of all to the quality and safeguards commission in relation to your Inquiry Report: Own Motion Inquiry into Aspects of Supported Accommodation in the NDIS. It's a report that we've read with great interest. I'm wondering, first of all, in relation to group home settings and the new practice standards for these settings, who will be responsible for designing the new practice standards and ensuring their implementation?</p> <p>Ms Mackey: As you know, it's still very early on in terms of releasing both the own motion inquiry report and we were keen, as we released that, to spell out the actions that we would take so that there would not be any sense that there wouldn't be action to be taken given the depth and the breadth of issues that were raised. What we have made clear in the action plan is the first thing we want to do is spend time talking with participants that are in that cohort, participants who actually live in supported accommodation. So we're in the process of looking at how to best do that. They're not an easy cohort in terms of being able to communicate to as a group, so we're thinking very carefully with a range of organisations about how we might go about that, but</p>	Page 50	15/02/2023

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				<p>we're in the very early days. That's the first step, so until we do that, we've not mapped out the process.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: That consultation is in relation to the implementation of the recommendations?</p> <p>Ms Mackey: Yes.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Would you be able to provide us with a list of all the organisations you're consulting with around that process?</p> <p>Ms Mackey: I can provide that on notice.</p>		
QSC SQ23-000002	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jordon Steele-John	Own Motion Inquiry - Post report consultation	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Thank you. One of the interesting parts of the report was that you noted that the issues with supported accommodation that were seen and highlighted, particularly by the NDIS, are ones for which there is a deep interaction with the work of DSS and the work of the Department of Health in terms of their role to play in addressing the issues that have been uncovered here. To the minister: has the minister for the NDIS started coordinating a response to address the issues.</p> <p>Senator Ayres: I will take on notice, in fairness, whether or not work has begun on that. My observation would be it would be likely that what would be happening is that the work will commence when we receive that. But, if I can come back you later in the day, Senator Steel-John, I will.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: It would be great to know, Minister, whether that coordinating response has begun. Would you also be able to come back to us before the end of the day with any kind of documentation or information speaking to whether the minister has commenced conversations with state and territory governments around the new practice standards? I'm particularly interested to know—</p>	Page 51	15/02/2023

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				<p>though this isn't the only thing that I would like to know—whether this has a place on the DRC agenda. You may have that information there.</p> <p>Senator Ayres: I will endeavour to do that if we can.</p> <p>Senator Ayres: If we need to do it on notice, we will do that. I'll certainly, for future estimates, interrogate this issue so that we can have a better discussion about this particular issue.</p>		
QSC SQ23-000003	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Linda Reynolds	Own Motion Inquiry - updated figures	<p>Ms Mackey: I think the 7,000 that you're referring to is possibly not participants. I haven't got the participant number in front of me, but it is related to the number of reportable incidents and the number of complaints across those seven that we looked at.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Yes, because it was 7,000 incidents and complaints over four years. So that was at the beginning of this; have you got a higher number now? Was that the total number?</p> <p>Ms Mackey: That was the figure from 1 July 2018 through to 30 September 2022, which was when we cut off the data for the inquiry so that we could do all the—</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Can you take on notice what the number is now? Obviously, since the cut-off, there would have been more incidents and complaints.</p> <p>Ms Mackey: I can do that.</p>	Page 53	15/02/2023
QSC SQ23-000004	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Linda Reynolds	Question on Notice	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: That was easy. I want to refer you to question No. 16 on notice, which came back. I asked for the latest figures on how many compliance measures you've taken and what types they are. You came back and referred me to your website. I was wondering if I could ask two questions. Firstly, could you take that on notice again, or do you now have the figures available? Secondly, could you give me, on</p>	Page 54	15/02/2023

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				notice, the history of this QON—when it went to the minister's office, whether it came back amended and, if so, how? Ms Mackey: I'll take the latter part on notice. Sorry, it's a long question on the QON, so I just want to have read which bit we're responding to on this one.		
QSC SQ23-000013	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Ministerial Brief - timeframes	Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?	Written	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000014	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Hospitality policy	What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000015	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Departmental Liaison Officers	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	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000016	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Allocation of Agency staff	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	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000017	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Meetings with Minister/s	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	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000018	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Ministerial Brief - provided to Minister/s	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	3/03/2023

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QSC SQ23-000019	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Policy Proposals	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	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000020	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Procurement - Paper	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	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000021	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Inter-departmental committees	Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000022	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Commonwealth taskforces	Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000023	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget	<p>In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <p>i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses</p>	Written	3/03/2023

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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>		
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				i. If so, why and was it approved?		
QSC SQ23-000024	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Functions in the 2022/23 Financial Year	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: 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	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000025	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Functions hosted by Minister/s - 2022/23 Financial Year	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.	Written	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000026	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Office renovations	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	3/03/2023

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QSC SQ23-000027	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Travel expenses - Secretary/agency head	Please provide an itemised list of each Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.	Written	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000028	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Travel expenses - Deputy Secretary/agency head	Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.	Written	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000029	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Refurbishment to premises' - 2022/23 FY	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	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000030	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Staff travel	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000031	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Media Monitoring Services - 2022/23 FY	What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?	Written	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000032	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Advertising and information campaigns - 2022/23FY	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	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000033	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Communication products 2022/23 FY	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	3/03/2023

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QSC SQ23-000034	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	NDIS Commission Credit Cards	<p>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</p>	Written	3/03/2023
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				benefit as a result of those reward schemes? i. Can a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?		
QSC SQ23-000035	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Claims to Comcare	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	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000036	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Referrals to Fair Work Commission	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	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000037	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Reviews underway	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	3/03/2023

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QSC SQ23-000038	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Interdepartmental committee participation	Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. Please provide: a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000039	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jane Hume	Creation of Agency Entities	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	3/03/2023
QSC SQ23-000040	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Workforce - APS employees	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	Written	23/02/2023

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QSC SQ23-000041	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Workforce - Labour hire	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification</p> <p>1. 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 	Written	23/02/2023

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				<p>Commonwealth in this period?</p> <p>o If yes: - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations?</p> <p>2. 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> <p>3. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>4. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>		
QSC SQ23-000042	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Workplace Culture	<p>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? o How many of the claims were raised with</p>	Written	23/02/2023

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				<p>comcare?</p> <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? <p>- How many of these allegations were investigated and found to have no merit?</p>		
QSC SQ23-000043	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Workers' Compensation	<p>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	23/02/2023
QSC SQ23-000044	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Unpaid leave	<p>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	23/02/2023
QSC SQ23-000045	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Consultants	<p>1. 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? 	Written	23/02/2023

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				<p>2. Have any consultants at the agency 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>		
QSC SQ23-000046	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Supply Nation	<p>1. 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>2. 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	23/02/2023
QSC SQ23-000047	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Senior Executive Service	<p>1. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates.</p> <p>2. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.</p>	Written	23/02/2023
DFSVC SQ23-000080	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Workforce	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.	Written	23/02/2023

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				<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? <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 		
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				<p>prospective employees turned down by the prospective employee?</p> <p>3. 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> <p>4. 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?</p> <p>Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement.</p> <p>5. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>6. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>7. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>8. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>		
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<p>DFSVC SQ23- 000081</p>	<p>Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission</p>	<p>Jacqui Lambie</p>	<p>Workforce</p>	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification</p> <p>1. 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? <p>2. 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? <p>3. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	<p>Written</p>	<p>23/02/2023</p>
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DFSVC SQ23- 000082	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Workplace Culture	<p>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	23/02/2023
DFSVC SQ23- 000083	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Workers' Compensation	<p>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	23/02/2023
DFSVC SQ23- 000084	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Unpaid Leave	<p>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	23/02/2023

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DFSVC SQ23- 000085	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Consultants	<p>1. 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>2. 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	23/02/2023
DFSVC SQ23- 000086	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Supply Nation	<p>1. 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>2. 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	23/02/2023

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DFSVC SQ23- 000087	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jacqui Lambie	Senior Executive Service	1. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates. 2. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.	Written	23/02/2023
DFSVC SQ23- 000165	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Ministers Offices Briefs turnaround timeframes	Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?	Written	3/03/2023
DFSVC SQ23- 000166	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Ministers Offices - Hospitality policy	What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	3/03/2023
DFSVC SQ23- 000167	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Department Liaison Officers	1. 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. 2. 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	3/03/2023
DFSVC SQ23- 000168	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Minister meetings with Department/Agency Heads	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	3/03/2023
DFSVC SQ23- 000169	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Department Briefs provided to Ministers Office	How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please	Written	3/03/2023

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				provide a list with the number of briefs by Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.		
DFSVC SQ23- 000170	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	New Policy Proposals to Ministers Office	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	3/03/2023
DFSVC SQ23- 000171	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Paper usage	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	3/03/2023
DFSVC SQ23- 000172	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Commonwealth Committees and Taskforces	1. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 2. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	3/03/2023
DFSVC SQ23- 000173	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Budget Savings	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	3/03/2023

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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> <p>i. External labour hire</p> <p>ii. Consultancy</p> <p>iii. Advertising campaigns</p> <p>iv. Travel</p> <p>v. Legal expenses</p> <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>i. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
DFSVC SQ23- 000174	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume		<p>1. 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>	Written	3/03/2023

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				<p>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>2. 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>		
DFSVC SQ23- 000175	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Executive Staff office refurbishment	<p>1. 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>	Written	3/03/2023
DFSVC SQ23- 000176	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Travel Costs	<p>1. 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>2. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary’s/agency head’s travel for financial year 2022/23 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p>	Written	3/03/2023

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				3.What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?		
DFSVC SQ23-000177	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Department Premises upgrades	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	3/03/2023
DFSVC SQ23-000178	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Media Monitoring and Advertising campaign costs	1. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date? 2. 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	3/03/2023
DFSVC SQ23-000179	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Promotional merchandise costs	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	3/03/2023
DFSVC SQ23-000180	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Credit Cards	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	Written	3/03/2023

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				<p>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>		
DFSVC SQ23- 000181	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Comcare Referrals	<p>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</p>	Written	3/03/2023

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				<p>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>		
DFSVC SQ23- 000182	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Fair Work Commission referrals	<p>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	3/03/2023
DFSVC SQ23- 000183	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Departmental Reviews	<p>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	3/03/2023
DFSVC SQ23- 000184	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	Interdepartmental Committee Representation	<p>1. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p> <p>c. the date it was established; and</p> <p>d. its purpose.</p>	Written	3/03/2023

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DFSVC SQ23- 000185	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission	Jane Hume	New Entities within portfolio	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	3/03/2023
HA SQ23- 000065	Hearing Australia	Linda Reynolds	Hearing Loss	In 2019-20, one in 10 Australians of working age had diagnosed hearing loss. The impact of this is reflected in the significant economic costs of hearing loss, estimated to be \$20 billion in 2019-20. Productivity losses (reduced taxation revenue) contribute \$16.2 billion to this total, largely due to reduced employment of people with hearing loss. What initiatives are in the budget to improve hearing supports for the working age (26-64 years) cohort to increase workforce participation?	Written	22/02/2023
HA SQ23- 000066	Hearing Australia	Linda Reynolds	Hearing Loss	What initiatives are in the budget to work with state and territory jurisdictions and the sector to address hearing loss with children and adults in the justice system?	Written	22/02/2023
HA SQ23- 000088	Hearing Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Workforce	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	Written	23/02/2023

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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 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>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? <p>3. How many non-ongoing contract extensions were granted by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>		
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				<p>- How many of these were engaged full time? - How many of these were engaged part time?</p> <p>4. 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?</p> <p>Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement.</p> <p>5. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>6. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>7. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>8. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>		
HA SQ23-000089	Hearing Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Workforce	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification</p> <p>1. 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?</p>	Written	23/02/2023

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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? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations? <p>2. 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? <p>3. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>		
HA SQ23-000090	Hearing Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Workplace Culture	<p>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 	Written	23/02/2023

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				<p>comcare?</p> <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? <p>- How many of these allegations were investigated and found to have no merit?</p>		
HA SQ23-000091	Hearing Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Workers' Compensation	<p>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	23/02/2023
HA SQ23-000092	Hearing Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Unpaid Leave	<p>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	23/02/2023
HA SQ23-000093	Hearing Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Consultants	<p>1. 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? 	Written	23/02/2023

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				<p>2. Have any consultants at the agency 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>		
HA SQ23-000094	Hearing Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Supply Nation	<p>1. 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>2. 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	23/02/2023
HA SQ23-000095	Hearing Australia	Jacqui Lambie	Senior Executive Service	<p>1. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates.</p> <p>2. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.</p>	Written	23/02/2023
HA SQ23-000144	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Ministers Offices Briefs turnaround timeframes	Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?	Written	3/03/2023

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HA SQ23-000145	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Ministers Offices - Hospitality policy	What is the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	3/03/2023
HA SQ23-000146	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Department Liaison Officers	1. 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. 2. 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	3/03/2023
HA SQ23-000147	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Minister meetings with Department/Agency Heads	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	3/03/2023
HA SQ23-000148	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Department Briefs provided to Ministers Office	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	3/03/2023
HA SQ23-000149	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	New Policy Proposals to Ministers Office	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	3/03/2023
HA SQ23-000150	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Paper usage	Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas. Please provide the	Written	3/03/2023

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				amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.		
HA SQ23-000151	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Commonwealth Committees and Taskforces	<p>1. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>2. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p>	Written	3/03/2023
HA SQ23-000152	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Budget Savings	<p>In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <p>i. External labour hire</p> <p>ii. Consultancy</p> <p>iii. Advertising campaigns</p> <p>iv. Travel</p> <p>v. Legal expenses</p> <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <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</p>	Written	3/03/2023

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				<p>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 f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts. g. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target? h. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target? i. If so, why and was it approved? 		
HA SQ23-000153	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Official Function expenditure	<p>1. 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>2. 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>	Written	3/03/2023

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HA SQ23-000154	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Executive Staff office refurbishment	<p>1. 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>	Written	3/03/2023
HA SQ23-000155	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Travel Costs	<p>1. 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>2. 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>3. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	3/03/2023
HA SQ23-000156	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Department Premises upgrades	<p>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</p>	Written	3/03/2023

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				detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide any photographs of the upgraded facilities.		
HA SQ23-000157	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Media Monitoring and Advertising campaign costs	<p>1. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p> <p>2. 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</p>	Written	3/03/2023
HA SQ23-000158	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Promotional merchandise costs	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	3/03/2023
HA SQ23-000159	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Credit Cards	<p>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</p>	Written	3/03/2023

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				<p>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>		
HA SQ23-000160	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Comcare Referrals	<p>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	3/03/2023
HA SQ23-000161	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Fair Work Commission referrals	<p>In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work</p>	Written	3/03/2023

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				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.		
HA SQ23-000162	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Departmental Reviews	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	3/03/2023
HA SQ23-000163	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	Interdepartmental Committee Representation	Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. Please provide: a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	3/03/2023
HA SQ23-000164	Hearing Australia	Jane Hume	New Entities within portfolio	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	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000072	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jacqui Lambie	Workforce	Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification.	Written	23/02/2023

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				<p>- How many non-ongoing roles that were offered to prospective employees turned down by the prospective employee?</p> <p>3. 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> <p>4. 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?</p> <p>Note: for the following question please exclude employees departing due to retirement.</p> <p>5. How many ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>6. How many ongoing employees were considered excess, or were made redundant from the agency between 1st July 2022 and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>7. How many non-ongoing employees resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p> <p>8. How many labour hire contractors resigned from the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>		
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AIFS SQ23-000073	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jacqui Lambie	Workforce	<p>Note: please segment the responses to these questions by APS classification</p> <p>1. 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? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many and at what level? - What was the nature of the delegations? <p>2. 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? <p>3. How many existing labour hire contracts were extended by the agency between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023?</p>	Written	23/02/2023
AIFS SQ23-000074	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jacqui Lambie	Workplace Culture	In the period between 1 July 2022, and 17 February 2023 were there any allegations (either formally or	Written	23/02/2023

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				<p>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? 		
AIFS SQ23-000075	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jacqui Lambie	Workers' Compensation	<p>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	23/02/2023
AIFS SQ23-000076	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jacqui Lambie	Unpaid Leave	<p>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	23/02/2023
AIFS SQ23-000077	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jacqui Lambie	Consultants	<p>1. 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>	Written	23/02/2023

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				<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>2. 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? 		
AIFS SQ23-000078	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jacqui Lambie	Supply Nation	<p>1. 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>2. 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	23/02/2023
AIFS SQ23-000079	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jacqui Lambie	Senior Executive Service	<p>1. Please advise the contracted start date for each Senior Executive Service Officer in the agency, plus their contracted end dates.</p>	Written	23/02/2023

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				2. Please advise the previous role (the role immediately prior to taking up their current SES role) for each Senior Executive Service officer.		
AIFS SQ23-000123	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Ministers Offices Briefs turnaround timeframes	Has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?	Written	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000124	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Ministers Offices - Hospitality policy	What is the Department’s policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? Please provide a copy of the policy.	Written	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000125	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Department Liaison Officers	1. 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. 2. 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	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000126	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Minister meetings with Department/Agency Heads	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	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000127	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Department Briefs provided to Ministers Office	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	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000128	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	New Policy Proposals to Ministers Office	How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its	Written	3/03/2023

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				portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.		
AIFS SQ23-000129	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Paper usage	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	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000130	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Commonwealth Committees and Taskforces	1. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. 2. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000131	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Budget Savings	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	3/03/2023

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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> <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>		
AIFS SQ23-000132	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Official Function expenditure	<p>1. 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 	Written	3/03/2023

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				<p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>2. 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>		
AIFS SQ23-000133	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Executive Staff office refurbishment	<p>1. 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>	Written	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000134	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Travel Costs	<p>1. 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>2. 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>3. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2022/23 to date?</p>	Written	3/03/2023

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AIFS SQ23-000135	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Department Premises upgrades	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	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000136	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Media Monitoring and Advertising campaign costs	1. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2022/23 to date? 2. 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	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000137	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Promotional merchandise costs	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	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000138	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Credit Cards	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	Written	3/03/2023

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				<p>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>		
AIFS SQ23-000139	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Comcare Referrals	<p>1. 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>	Written	3/03/2023

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				<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>		
AIFS SQ23-000140	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Fair Work Commission referrals	<p>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	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000141	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Departmental Reviews	<p>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	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000142	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	Interdepartmental Committee Representation	<p>Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p> <p>c. the date it was established; and</p> <p>d. its purpose.</p>	Written	3/03/2023
AIFS SQ23-000143	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Jane Hume	New Entities within portfolio	<p>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	3/03/2023

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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.		
NDIA SQ23-000100	National Disability Insurance Agency	Linda Reynolds	NDIS Expenditure	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: That's jump from \$16.77 billion. That \$19.7 billion, Mr Gifford: is that in line with your predictions about another increase of \$300 million, or is that actually pushing upward pressure on that estimation of \$300 million?</p> <p>Mr Gifford: I believe that figure was a little bit further over the expectation for the month of January 2023.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: What were you expecting for January?</p> <p>Mr Gifford: It was approximately 2.7 billion from memory. I can take it on notice to get the precise figure, if that's okay.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: So, it's even more than the 19.7, so it's actually coming under?</p> <p>Mr Gifford: The actual payments for the month that Ms Glazebrook quoted were—</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: So, the year to date. In December the paid support to participants was 2.74 billion and the number for January has skyrocketed to 2.94 billion in payments in one month. How does that 2.94 billion equate with your predictions at the time of the budget?</p> <p>Mr Gifford: As I said, our prediction was about 2.7 billion. I'll take on notice the precise figure. I believe it was approximately 200 million in excess of that.</p>	Page 66	15/02/2023
NDIA SQ23-000101	National Disability Insurance Agency	Jordon Steele-John	Independent Expert Review Program	Senator STEELE-JOHN: In terms of participants that have engaged in this process and completed it, did you say the number is four, or is that the number	Pages 69-70	15/02/2023

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				<p>pending? Is that the number of participants where they've entered the trial process, gone to an expert reviewer, the reviewer has made a recommendation and the recommendation has been accepted?</p> <p>Mr Swainson: That's the next part of the process. I think the numbers we gave you are the numbers that have gone through the trial. Once that recommendation is received it comes back to the agency and we go through a process of determining whether or not we accept the recommendation. To date we've accepted all recommendations that have been received. We've then got a process of finalising matters with the AAT. I don't have the number of matters that have been finalised with the AAT at this point in time. I can take that on notice.</p>		
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