

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – HEALTH AND AGED CARE PORTFOLIO – 2023–24 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES - INDEX OF QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – 26 OCTOBER 2023**

<b>QoN No.</b>	<b>Department /Agency</b>	<b>Senator</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Hansard page/Written</b>	<b>Hearing date/date received</b>
SQ23-002212	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Final study reports for Study BNT162-01	<p>42. The Product Assessment Report for the Pfizer Covid vaccine said it had provisional approval to prevent coronavirus disease (Page 7). The PAR did not say it was approved to only reduce serious illness or hospitalisation. The PAR then goes on to say, "Continued approval depends on the evidence of longer term efficacy and safety from ongoing clinical trials and postmarket assessment." Does the TGA admit the Pfizer Covid vaccine did not meet its stated aim of preventing infection?</p> <p>66. Page 35 of the Product Assessment Report says, ""Submit the final completed study report for Study C4591001 with 24 months follow up duration when it becomes available. – Submit final study reports for Study BNT162-01 once completed, including data on healthy subjects."" Have these reports been submitted and if so, can they be provided? If not, why not?"</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002162	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Prescribed List: Post-Listing Review - TAVI	<p>I refer to my Parliamentary Question on Notice 1998, asked on 13 April 2023 about Prostheses List Post Listing Reviews. The Minister's answer said that the next tranche of Post Listing Reviews had yet to be announced.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is this still the case?</li> <li>2. Has a decision been made on what devices are the subject of the next tranche of reviews?</li> <li>3. What was the total spend on consultants for the first four PL</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>listing reviews?</p> <p>4. What are the criteria being used to select a product for a post listing review?</p> <p>5. Are you aware of documents released under FoI request 4427 which indicate the scope of work in relation to Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) post listing review was finalised before the 13 April 2023. How does this align with the response from the Department to my QoN?</p> <p>6. Has a decision been made to undertake a Post Listing Review of TAVI?</p> <p>7. On page: 20 of FOI 442, an internal email dated 28 February it states: "We want to make sure we develop our approach to this review with the 'outcome' in mind". What is the outcome in mind? Is this a genuine process or a predetermined outcome?</p> <p>8. Did the four pilot reviews have an outcome in mind before you spent thousands of taxpayer dollars on consultants to conduct so-called independent reviews?</p> <p>9. On page 25 of FoI 4427 A table indicates "concern with TAVI due to uncertainties about comparative clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness of the existing PL benefit for these devices." Where have these concerns arisen, considering MSAC has recommended TAVI on not one but three separate occasions including as recently as July 2021?</p> <p>10. What is the point of three MSAC evaluations to establish comparative clinical and cost effectiveness if the Department wants another assessment within two years of the MSAC recommendation?</p>		
SQ23-001996	Department of Health	Anne Ruston	Correspondence from unions in	Senator RUSTON: Have you had any correspondence from unions in relation to the Better Access program and the reinstatement of those 10 additional Medicare subsidised sessions?	125-126	26/10/2023

	and Aged Care		relation to Better Access program	Ms Field: Not to our knowledge. Senator RUSTON: Can you take that on notice, and, if you have received any correspondence from any of these bodies, could you provide copies of that correspondence? Ms Field: Absolutely, yes.		
SQ23-002408	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.  a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?  b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002407	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?  If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?  a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002406	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002405	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Australian Institute of	<p>37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002404	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002403	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a breakdown including;  a. the number of applications by Minister,  i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;  ii. the number of applications refused; and  iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002402	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 202 to 23 October 2023 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002401	Australian Institute of	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to	33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a	Written	3/11/2023

	Health and Welfare		any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>		
SQ23-002400	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>		
SQ23-002399	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	<p>Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Institute of Health &amp; Welfare</p>	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002398	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	<p>New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or</p>	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			disbanded since May 2022 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?  Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ23-002397	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.  Please provide: a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002396	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October	26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.  Please provide: a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review;	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>2023 - Australian Institute of Health &amp; Welfare</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p>		
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				<p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</p> <p>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</p> <p>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p>		
SQ23-002395	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	<p>Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - Australian Institute of Health &amp; Welfare</p>	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ23-002394	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	<p>Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Institute of Health &amp; Welfare</p>	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002393	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date - Australian	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Institute of Health & Welfare	Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased		
SQ23-002392	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002391	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?		
SQ23-002390	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.		
SQ23-002389	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p>	Written	3/11/2023



				<p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ23-002388	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	<p>2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p>	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <p>i. External labour hire</p> <p>ii. Consultancy</p> <p>iii. Advertising campaigns</p> <p>iv. Travel</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>v. Legal expenses</p> <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <p>i. External labour hire</p> <p>ii. Consultancy</p> <p>iii. Advertising campaigns</p> <p>iv. Travel</p> <p>v. Legal expenses</p>		
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				<p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-002387	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002386	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmen	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			tal committees - Australian Institute of Health & welfare			
SQ23-002385	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.  Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002384	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Institute of	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002383	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/A agency head with Ministers -- Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002382	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Australian	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>		
SQ23-002381	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Institute of	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Health & Welfare	If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment		
SQ23-002380	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare	<p>Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?		
SQ23-002810	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002822	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - National Mental Health	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			Commission	<p>course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?</p>		
SQ23-001995	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	New measures applied after January 2023 roundtable with mental health professionals	<p>Senator RUSTON: I'd just like to know if any new measures have been put in place following the roundtable with mental health professionals held in January 2023.</p> <p>Ms Field: In the budget, \$586.9 million was announced, which looked at a number of workforce initiatives, particularly around psychology and filling urgent gaps around continuing services. I can go through those but I'm happy to put them on notice.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: That would be great.</p>	125	26/10/2023
SQ23-002261	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Department of Health and Aged Care	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002654	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Professional Services Review	<p>Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002184	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Lipids in the covid 19 vaccine	16. Does the new TGA management agree with Professor Skerritt that the lipids in the vaccines are the same as the lipids in a steak or sausage you eat for breakfast? I note that two of the four lipids are completely new lipids that were never tested in the human body and	Written	6/11/2023

				are designed to bypass the normal cell safeguards though transfection. Transfection is defined by Pfizer as Gene Technology and is a novel way for drugs to enter human cells. Why are the lipids that cause transfection considered normal by the TGA?		
SQ23-002260	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Department of Health and Aged Care	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002075	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Endometriosis Funding/Pain Clinics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Department please provide a progress update on the endometriosis and pelvic pain clinics? How many are up and running?</li> <li>2. Is the Department evaluating how many patients have been seen within these clinics? Can you provide this data?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002142	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Public assessment reports for the three genetic vaccines Pfizer, Moderna	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Questions for the Therapeutic Goods Administration about Vaccine Associated Enhanced Disease "Important potential risks" of Vaccine-associated Enhanced Disease (VAED), including Vaccine-associated Enhanced Respiratory Disease (VAERD) were mentioned in all the original Public Assessment Reports (PARs) for the three genetic vaccines (Pfizer (BNT162b2 (mRNA) in Table 8 of the January 2021 PAR, Moderna (Elasomeran) in Table 30 of the August 2021 PAR, and Astra-Zeneca (ChAdOx1-S) in Table 12 of the February 2021 PAR).</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023

			and Astra-Zeneca	<p>What pharmacovigilance studies on VAED and VAERD has the TGA demanded or received to date?</p> <p>1.1. If such studies have been received, what do they show about VAED and VAERD?</p> <p>1.2. When will they be made publicly available?</p> <p>1.3. If such studies have not been received, why not, and what is the TGA doing to be certain that these vaccines do not make covid worse?</p>		
SQ23-002159	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	HTA Collaboration	<p>3. Is there formal documentation underpinning the collaboration and its scope? Is there a Terms of Reference? Is there an agreement about information sharing and confidentiality of discussions? Please table these documents.</p> <p>4. What resourcing has been allocated to supported Australia's involvement in the Collaboration in terms of both of Officials' time and budget?</p> <p>5. Are other collaboration partners resourced to participate?</p> <p>6. When has the Collaboration met? Was each meeting virtual or face to face?</p> <p>7. Which country is the lead partner in the Collaboration and provides support including Agenda preparation, minutes etc for the Collaboration?</p> <p>8. Can you please table the Agenda and Minutes for each meeting of the Collaboration?</p> <p>9. Does the Collaboration consider medicines or medicines and medical devices?</p> <p>10. What are the similarities and differences with each HTA system, and broader health systems of the countries in the collaboration?</p> <p>11. Do any other Collaboration participants have a public/private health care system like Australia's?</p> <p>12. How do each of the partners in the Collaboration fund and assess</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>medical devices?</p> <p>13. How long does each Collaborating partner take to conduct a HTA process? Are these KPIs public/enforced?</p> <p>14. Which Collaborating partner cost recovers for HTA assessments?</p> <p>15. Given the information stated you will be sharing, are you proposing to seek approval from medicines and technology sponsors entering into a HTA evaluation with DOHAC for express approval to share information about a technology as part of the work of the Collaboration?</p> <p>16. In regards to horizon scanning, does this routinely occur in Australia already – either nationally or by or with state jurisdictions?</p>		
SQ23-002241	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	<p>Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Department of Health and Aged Care</p>	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002100	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	<p>Data trend and death rate in 21 days of vaccination</p>	<p>13. According to the Health Department figures provided in an earlier Qon, the rate of death from Omicron was higher for unvaccinated people over 70 than it was for the Alpha variant. Does this data tend to suggest that vaccinated people died in the 21 days after being vaccinated but before being counted as vaccinated? Please note that the TGA said that 30% of reported and suspected deaths from the vaccine occurred in the first week after the vaccine.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002014	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	New Medicines Funding Guarantee	<p>Senator RUSTON: What I'm trying to understand is, of the \$2.2 billion that's been allocated over the forward estimates, including this financial year, how much of the approvals that have been received under that particular program have been allocated to those approvals? You're talking about some, within reason, probably come out of the New Medicines Funding Guarantee. Some of them have already been, as you pointed out in your last answer, funded through other mechanisms. I'm keen to understand of the \$2.2 billion budget for new PBS funding, an update on where that's at in terms of expenditure to date of that particular funding component as opposed to the-</p> <p>Ms Platona: The New Medicines Funding Guarantee?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: No, the \$2.2 billion-</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I think we might be able to cut through this. The \$2.2 billion over the forward estimates gross cash impact was the listings from the May '23-24 budget. There were some high-cost listings through the budget; plus that would have also recognised the listings under the minister's delegations that had already proceeded. All of those medicines will now be on the PBS.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: How is it broken down-wholesalers, pharmaceutical bodies or companies? Is there a breakdown of that \$2.2 billion?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: That can be broken down, but we don't have that data here. We can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: That would be great, because it does appear to me there is concern more broadly in the sector about the lack of listing and the slowing down, deferring or stalling of listings of medicines. I'd be very keen to get some greater level of satisfaction that isn't the case. I haven't received that today, but I look forward to receiving</p>	43	26/10/2023
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				your responses on notice to demonstrate that what I'm alleging, and the minister says is incorrectly, is true or not?		
SQ23-002145	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Batch testing of COVID-19 vaccine	<p>15. Did the Laboratories branch of the TGA test every single batch of Covid-19 vaccine before they were released for supply in Australia?</p> <p>16. Evidence relied upon to inform their decision (safe and effective) did they equally explore evidence that there were adverse effects (VAERS)</p> <p>17. The TGA advises that every Covid 19 vaccine batch is tested in Australia. Evidence from the TGA website suggests that Pfizer Employee vaccines were not tested by the TGA. Is this correct?</p> <p><a href="https://www.tga.gov.au/products/covid-19/covid-19-vaccines/batch-release-assessment-covid-19-vaccines">https://www.tga.gov.au/products/covid-19/covid-19-vaccines/batch-release-assessment-covid-19-vaccines</a></p> <p>18. What Covid-19 vaccine batches were tested in Australia, by TGA staff within TGA laboratories?</p> <p>19. Did ANY Covid-19 vaccines batches supplied to Australia fail the batch release test?</p> <p>20. For all Covid-19 batches please provide a list of batches tested by Pathway 1 and Pathway 2?</p>	Written	23/10/2023
SQ23-002324	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October	<p>Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			2023 - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>requirement, please provide:</p> <p>the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?</p>		
SQ23-002533	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002534	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023



			year - Food Standards Australia New Zealand			
SQ23-002535	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002482	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Food Standards Australia	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			New Zealand	department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.  Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.		
SQ23-002483	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.  6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002484	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002487	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002339	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002488	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising , Travel and Legal Expenses - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
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SQ23-002489	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Food Standards Australia</p>	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			New Zealand	vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.		
SQ23-002491	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002494	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Food Standards Australia	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			New Zealand	19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?		
SQ23-002498	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002445	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - Cancer Australia	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?		
SQ23-002444	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Cancer Australia	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002442	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Cancer Australia	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002440	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial	<p>37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.</p>	Written	3/11/2023



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SQ23-002438	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Cancer Australia	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002436	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Freedom of information application s has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Cancer Australia	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including;  a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; ii. the number of applications refused; and iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002435	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Freedom of information application s has the	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a breakdown of the number including;	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>department/agency received since 1 July 2022 to 23 October 2023 - Cancer Australia</p>	<p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;  b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;  c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;  d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;  e. the number of applications subject to internal review;  f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;  g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;  h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and  i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ23-002434	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	<p>Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign -</p>	<p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?  Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002433	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Cancer Australia	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Total number of ASL;</li> <li>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</li> <li>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</li> <li>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</li> <li>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002432	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 -	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</li> <li>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002431	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Cancer Australia	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002430	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - Cancer Australia	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002429	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review;</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Cancer Australia</p>	<p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);  d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);  e. the budgeted cost of the review;  f. the amount spent to date; and  g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.  Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;  b. the purpose of the review;  c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);  d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);  e. the budgeted cost of the review;  f. the amount spent;  g. the date the review was due to be completed;  h. the date the review was completed;  i. the date the review was provided to the Department;  j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and  k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p>		
SQ23-002428	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	<p>Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October</p>	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?  b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.  c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?  d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			2023 - Cancer Australia	25. In relation to the department/agency: a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission? b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ23-002426	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Use of departmen tal/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Cancer Australia	In relation to departmental use of credit cards: a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for? c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date? d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date? e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date? f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement? g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/24 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002422	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October - Cancer Australia	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002421	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring,	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Cancer Australia	advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?  Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.		
SQ23-002420	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Cancer Australia	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.  17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.  19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002419	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 -	15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?  Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.  18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises	Written	3/11/2023



			<p>Cancer Australia</p> <p>upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ23-002418	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Cancer Australia</p> <p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of functions;</li> <li>List of attendees;</li> <li>Function venue;</li> <li>Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>Details of any food served;</li> <li>Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ol> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of functions;</li> <li>List of attendees;</li> <li>Function venue;</li> <li>Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>Details of any food served;</li> <li>Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and</li> </ol>	Written	3/11/2023

				vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.		
SQ23-002417	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Cancer Australia	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

				<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>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-002416	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Cancer Australia	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002415	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Cancer Australia	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002414	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Cancer Australia	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002413	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Cancer Australia	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002412	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Cancer Australia	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.  6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?	Written	3/11/2023

				Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.		
SQ23-002411	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Cancer Australia	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio? Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister. Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?  Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister. Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002410	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Cancer Australia	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002409	Cancer Australia	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Cancer Australia	<p>Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide: the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002455	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 -	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency			
SQ23-002501	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002505	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			26 October 2023 - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	<p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002508	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commissio n referrals and claims	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			<p>in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - Food Standards Australia New Zealand</p>	<p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ23-002512	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	<p>Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Food Standards Australia New Zealand</p>	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022. Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</p> <p>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</p> <p>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p>		
SQ23-002515	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	<p>List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - Food Standards Australia New Zealand</p>	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p> <p>c. the date it was established; and</p> <p>d. its purpose.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002518	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	<p>New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or</p>	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			disbanded since May 2022 - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ23-002521	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate? a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002523	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the departmen	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.  Please provide:	Written	3/11/2023

			t/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	<p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>		
SQ23-002524	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	<p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002457	Australian Radiation Protection	Jane Hume	Provision of market	<p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a</p>	Written	3/11/2023

	and Nuclear Safety Agency		research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.		
SQ23-002526	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 to 23 October 2023 - Food Standards	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including; a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;	Written	3/11/2023

			Australia New Zealand	g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.		
SQ23-002801	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Use of departmen tal/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Mental Health Commissio n	In relation to departmental use of credit cards:  a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?  b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?  c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?  d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?  e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?  f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?  g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002530	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Food Standards Australia	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>ii. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			New Zealand			
SQ23-002459	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 to 23 October 2023 - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including; a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002055	Department of Health and Aged Care	Alexander Antic	TGA Conflict of Interest Register	TGA Conflict of Interest Register 11. During the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022 how many declarations of interest / disclosures were lodged by members of the TGA's Advisory Committee on vaccines ("the Committee") which revealed that a Committee member is aware that he or she has a direct or indirect material personal interest (whether pecuniary or not) in a matter being considered or about to be considered at a meeting of the committee? 12. Please provide a copy of each declaration of interest / disclosure referred to above.	Written	3/11/2023



				<p>13. Please provide a copy of all other declarations of interest provided by each Committee member during the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022:</p> <p>a. in support of their application for membership to the Committee; and</p> <p>b. annually thereafter.</p>		
SQ23-002823	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - National Health & Medical Research Council	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002799	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - National Health &	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Medical Research Council	<p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the name of the review;</li> <li>the purpose of the review;</li> <li>the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>the amount spent;</li> <li>the date the review was due to be completed;</li> <li>the date the review was completed;</li> <li>the date the review was provided to the Department;</li> <li>the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</li> <li>the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</li> </ol>		
SQ23-002117	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	<p>Periodic Safety Update Report #3 produced by BioNTech (19/12/2021 through 18 June 2022).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In reference to Periodic Safety Update Report #3 produced by BioNTech (19/12/2021 through 18 June 2022).</li> <li>Please confirm if these reports are required to be submitted by the sponsor to the TGA every six months?</li> <li>On what dates have all Periodic Safety Update Reports been received by the TGA?</li> <li>Did the TGA undertake a comprehensive analysis of this report?</li> <li>Was any additional information sought from the sponsor re: potential safety issues?</li> <li>If so, what date was the additional information received?</li> <li>What information was received?</li> <li>Periodic Safety Update Report #3 shows the EU had requested information from Pfizer on a number of potential safety issues- cardiac arrest, myocardial infarction, renal failure, deafness etc.</li> <li>Why the TGA did not alert medical professionals and the public to these potential safety issues so that potential adverse events</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>could be properly reported and identified and so that accurate information on these potential signals could be gathered and evaluated by the TGA?</p> <p>17. What action did the TGA took to evaluate the potential safety signals identified in the Periodic Safety Update Report and to review reports of those types of events on the DAEN?</p> <p>18. By what method they excluded these events as safety signals, if the TGA did evaluate them?</p> <p>19. How long did it take the TGA to analyse these signals in its DAEN database?</p> <p>20. Was any external assistance sought to perform evaluations of potential signals?</p>		
SQ23-002249	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	<p>Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Department of Health and Aged Care</p>	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002472	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign? b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002178	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Aged Care Reform	1. During the Ministers National Press Club speech, she released a road map for upcoming policy changes over the next two years. Has there been any changes to timings since this road map was released? 2. Is everything on track to be completed in the timeframe stipulated by the road map? 3. Will this roadmap be updated regularly? Will any updates be publically available?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002168	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Number of Beds/Ratios	Questions: 1. Is there a demand for aged care beds in this country? What is the level of demand? 2. Is the Department aware of reports of older Australians in hospitals waiting to move into aged care homes but unable to because of lack of bed space? 3. The Minister continuously says "the boomers are coming" – is there a chance that aged care bed utilisations will increase into the future as a result? 4. So why, in the Budget measure 'Improving Aged Care Support – savings \$2.2 billion over 3 years' is the ratio dropping?	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>5. On what basis has the Government decided to reduce available beds at a time when demand is expected to increase?</p> <p>6. Is this a cost saving exercise? Is the Government reducing the number of operational beds, by dropping the ratio to 60.1 per 1000, to save money?</p>		
SQ23-002171	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Reduction in aged care beds	<p>4. How many beds have residential aged care providers closed since the introduction of the 24/7 Registered Nurse (RN) onsite and mandatory care minutes requirements? What is the overall reduction in aged care beds since the introduction of these requirements?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002182	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	OPAN	<p>1. What is OPAN's funding from the Australian Government? Can you provide a breakdown of this funding?</p> <p>2. What are the governance arrangements of OPAN?</p> <p>3. What are the overhead costs of delivering the National Aged Care Advocacy Program (NCAP)?</p> <p>4. What is the definition of an older Australian relied upon by OPAN?</p> <p>5. Are people over 65 who are not in receipt of Australian Government services, eg Home Care Packages or the Aged Pension, eligible to receive OPAN services?</p> <p>6. How many older Australians are accessing OPAN's 'free' advocacy services?</p> <p>7. For each advocacy service provided to older Australian, are the results recorded? Are there any measures of success or effectiveness? Is there a record of how many older Australians experienced their desired outcomes?</p> <p>8. If so, what is OPAN's rate of success in regard to providing advocacy services that result in desired change for older Australians?</p> <p>9. Do any of the member organisations in OPAN measure the effectiveness of their advocacy services as opposed to simply</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>reporting levels of activity?</p> <p>10. Are you aware of any publicly funded independent patient advocacy services (a) in Australia and (b) in other jurisdictions?</p> <p>11. Has the Department considered the benefits of providing independent patient advocacy to older Australians when they are in hospital, and whether this is a service that OPAN could provide?</p> <p>12. What, if any, standards are there for the provision of general advocacy services and/or independent patient advocacy?</p>		
SQ23-002169	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Aged Care Taskforce	<p>Questions:</p> <p>1. With regard to the Aged Care Taskforce, how many meetings have they had?</p> <p>2. Where have the meetings been held?</p> <p>3. What was the process to select participants to be on the taskforce? Who made the final decision on participants? Was this decision subject to consultation, and if so, by whom?</p> <p>4. Did the Department of Health do an open tender for applicants to apply?</p> <p>5. Have any members been required to participate using teleconference?</p> <p>6. If yes, who participated remotely and why?</p> <p>7. What was the duration of the first four meetings (in hours?)</p> <p>8. Are these meetings lasting the duration specified in the Terms of Reference? If not, why not?</p> <p>9. Are taskforce members being paid?</p> <p>10. Why is Prime Minister and Cabinet running this taskforce, not the Department of Health and Aged Care?</p> <p>11. The Terms of Reference for the taskforce states "The Taskforce will provide Government with options for consideration and a recommended package in December 2023. It will also provide</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				interim advice in October 2023." Has the October advice been finalised?		
SQ23-002334	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002333	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Safety Agency			
SQ23-002327	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002023	Department of Health and Aged Care	Maria Kovacic	Medicare Card Savings	<p>Senator KOVACIC: Okay. I just have a brief follow-up to that. Do we have any information, data or modelling on how many people will actually save the full amount-the \$180 per year? I'm happy if it's a percentage-five per cent; 80 per cent; 50 per cent.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: It was certainly considered in the preparation of the impact analysis, which was published back in May. That included express wording that said patients will save up to-and it discussed the difference between concessional patients and non-concessional patients. The figures I don't think are in the impact assessment but would have been prepared as part of the input to produce the overall impact analysis. Can I go back and check what we can provide you on notice-what is publicly available and what was part of the preparation for a cabinet decision. Then we also, I think, have undertaken already to provide Senator Ruston with information about actual numbers of scripts, once those are</p>	54-55	26/10/2023



				<p>available. They fall into the under-co-payment general patient category.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: That would be great-perhaps on that modelling, that we expect 10 per cent of people to save \$180, but we expect like 80 per cent to save \$150 or something like that, or what that scale was. It's kind of like when you go to the shop and it says up to 50 per cent off, but everything you want is five per cent off. So I'm trying to get an understanding of where that \$180 sits for most Australians with chronic illness.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: Sure. The concession card group would be very important there.</p>		
SQ23-002326	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	<p>Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Australian Radiation Protection &amp; Nuclear Safety Agency</p>	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-001946	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Susan McDonald	Consumer Insights Tracker results	4. In relation to you inaugural Consumer Insights Tracker which surveyed 1237 Australians, with one of the outcomes to provide data on trust in information on food labels (the Nutrition Information Panel, ingredient list, allergen information, advisory or warning statements, health claims, nutrition content claims, and best before/use by dates) 65.2% of respondents responded positively. Is this a satisfactory result?	Written	27/10/2023
SQ23-001947	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Susan McDonald	Countries that export beef products to Australia	5. FSANZ assesses the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy food safety status of countries intending to export beef and beef products to Australia. You have listed 13 countries that are eligible - Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Croatia, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, the United States and Vanuatu, and I understand you are currently assessing Canada. Would you please advise what beef products these countries export to Australia?	Written	27/10/2023
SQ23-002056	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Malcolm Roberts	Meetings with the Vow Group regarding an application to market an artificial quail product	<p>1. In a question on notice from Senator McDonald in May, FSANZ indicated they had several meetings with the Vow Group regarding an application to market an artificial quail product. What is the status of the application?</p> <p>2. I notice in that FOI you mentioned a meeting(s), can you provide the same information to me that you provided to Vow, and any further updates to that information. It would seem to me guidelines for laboratory grown fake meat, given the cancer risk from these products, are of utmost significance.</p> <p>3. Do those guidelines mandate carcinogenicity testing to ensure these lab experiments are not going to affect health over the longer term?</p> <p>4. Fake meat has all the nutrition of whatever goes into the vat it is grown in. Do you have standards for additives used in these bio-</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				reactors? I understand its a cocktail of nutrients, growth factors, hormones and chemicals to control bacteria, amongst others?		
SQ23-002081	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Anne Ruston	P1028 - FSANZ proposal to change infant formula	<p>1. What has prompted the proposed changes from FSANZ (P1028)?</p> <p>2. What evidence base is FSANZ using to separate its regulatory model or infant formula dissimilar to all other food products it governs?</p> <p>3. How widely has FSANZ consulted with industry, pharmacy and parental / caregiving groups to mitigate long-term impacts to those in need?</p> <p>4. Has FSANZ considered where parents may be able to access information on different product varieties and ingredients? Is FSANZ expecting retail staff in groceries or pharmacies to act as repositories of all information on different infant formula products?</p> <p>5. Has FSANZ consulted with the pharmacy industry to understand what impacts will be felt by pharmacists and their staff across the country if P1028 is implemented?</p> <p>a. What training regimen or requirements is FSANZ proposing to upskill pharmacists?</p> <p>b. Is FSANZ aware of any measures by the Albanese Government to reimburse pharmacists for the time required for pharmacists to learn more about infant formula, especially with labelling restrictions being implemented?</p> <p>6. In Australia, 64 per cent of all gastrointestinal condition products are sold through the grocery channel compared to 36 per cent through the pharmacy channel. SMPPi products are also frequently recommended for babies with colic. Has FSANZ considered what health outcomes may occur if infants needing SMPPi products are unable to access the formula they need?</p> <p>7. What modelling is FSANZ using to understand how to mitigate additional costs going into the development of infant formula, and</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				ultimately being passed on to consumers – in this case the parents of infants? 8. Has FSANZ consulted with the pharmacy peak bodies to understand how restricting sales of infant formula to pharmacies will likely impact their business and revenue models?		
SQ23-002325	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?  Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.  Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?  If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-001945	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Susan McDona ld	Food Standards Australia New Zealand - Annual Report	1. I received an email at 2.15pm on Monday (23 October) from the Senate Table Office including a link to the FSANZ Annual Report. The Chair of the FSANZ Board, Glenys Beauchamp PSM, dated her foreword in the report as 04 October. Why would it take so long for the report to be tabled?  2. On what date did the Minister and Department receive the report? Did they receive it on 04 October?	Written	27/10/2023

				3. Why would the report be held for so long before release? And why would it be released only three days before FSANZ appears at Estimates?		
SQ23-002223	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	mRNA vaccine and degradation of lipids once inside the cell	48. "Unlike a normal vaccine that generates an immune response, the Covid mRNA vaccine generates an autoimmune response against cells transfected with the vaccine mRNA by the vaccine lipids." Does the TGA agree with this statement? If not, why not? Transfection is a key feature of mRNA technology and by the entering the cell, the vaccine has the potential to create a T cell autoimmune response. 49. The lipids in the mRNA vaccine are designed to degrade once inside a cell provided there is a high enough level of acidity. How can the TGA be sure lipids actually degrade in cytoplasm and don't cross the nuclear membrane if no genotoxicity was performed? What if the cell doesn't have the right level of acidity - what then happens to the lipid? Does the TGA appreciate how incredibly random the distribution of charged cells are and the volatility between body organs and across different people is? "	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002471	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?  If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002470	Australian Radiation Protection	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangements	38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? a. Please provide a breakdown including;	Written	3/11/2023

	and Nuclear Safety Agency		nt - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ23-002469	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002468	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Australian	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023

			Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency			
SQ23-002462	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; ii. the number of applications refused; and iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002456	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 -	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.  Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the	Written	3/11/2023

			Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.		
SQ23-002454	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.  30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002453	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental	28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.  Please provide: a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership;	Written	3/11/2023



			committees - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.		
SQ23-002452	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022. Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent; g. the date the review was due to be completed; h. the date the review was completed; i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.		
SQ23-002345	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002343	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			26 October 2023 - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002342	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			e in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased		
SQ23-002341	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Safety Agency			
SQ23-002340	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002338	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of functions;</li> <li>List of attendees;</li> <li>Function venue;</li> <li>Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>Details of any food served;</li> <li>Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ol> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002337	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising , Travel and Legal Expenses - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</li> <li>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> </li> <li>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?</li> <li>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?</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

				<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"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</li> <li>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target? iii. If so, why and was it approved?</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002336	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002335	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002077	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Headspace Centre – South West Region of WA	<p>1. In May 2022, the former Coalition Government committed to establish a satellite headspace in Manjimup, in the inland South West region of Western Australia. Has there been any progress towards establishing a satellite headspace in inland Southwestern WA?</p> <p>2. Has the Department provided advice to the Minister on establishing a satellite headspace in this area? If so, what was that advice?</p> <p>3. Blackwood Youth Action is a local charity that supports at-risk and marginalised young people living in the Blackwood region. Is the Department aware of the Blackwood Youth Action's (BYA) advocacy efforts in establishing a headspace in the inland South West region of Western Australia?</p> <p>4. Is the Department aware that the region has been assessed by the</p>	Written	6/11/2023



				WA Primary Health Alliance as a key location for suicide prevention and youth mental health services?		
SQ23-002199	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Under-reporting of the adverse effects of the vaccine	<p>27. The rate of adverse events in WA for the Covid vaccine is 264 times per 100,000 doses which is a rate 24 times higher than non-Covid vaccines, and 48 times higher given that two doses were required. How can the TGA ignore this red flag? The prior TGA head, Professor John Skerritt, said during the rollout of the vaccine that anecdotal reported injuries had to be looked at in conjunction with background rates. Given background rates are showing a high injury rate, why is the TGA ignoring these alarming findings?</p> <p>28. "It is generally acknowledged that adverse events are under-reported around the world, with estimates that 90-95% of adverse events are not reported to regulators. In recent years evidence has emerged that adverse event reports from consumers contain information that is useful for monitoring the safety of therapeutic products, but there is low awareness of available reporting systems. Each year the TGA receives more than 17,000 reports of suspected adverse events to medicines and vaccines. In 2013 about 3% of these reports came from consumers, compared with 55% coming via pharmaceutical companies, 17% from state and territory health departments, 10% from hospitals and hospital pharmacists and the remainder from community pharmacists and general practitioners." <a href="https://www.tga.gov.au/news/media-releases/new-web-service-helps-consumer-reporting-side-effects">https://www.tga.gov.au/news/media-releases/new-web-service-helps-consumer-reporting-side-effects</a> Given the TGA acknowledges adverse reports are underreported, does the TGA acknowledge the number of Covid vaccine injuries would be much higher than those reported and recorded on the DAEN?</p> <p>29. AusVaxSafety reports 1 in 100 people went to the hospital or a</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>GP after just three days of getting a vaccine versus 2 in 1000 reported to the TGA. Does the TGA admit that the DAEN database does not capture all acquired vaccine injuries?</p> <p>30. Why does the TGA data show an injury rate lower than the AusVaxSafety data? Is it because the TGA DAEN database is a passive monitoring system, not an active monitoring system?</p> <p>31. Why doesn't the TGA conduct active surveillance rather than passive surveillance of vaccines?"</p>		
SQ23-002330	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Staffing allocation for the vaccine scheme	15. What staffing allocation does the scheme have?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002537	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002226	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Reporting of Covid	"52. The TGA state that 609 reports of suspected deaths due to the Covid-19 vaccines came from State Health departments. Why does the TGA claim to know more about the cause of death for the deceased than the health departments who actually diagnosed the	Written	6/11/2023

			<p>vaccine deaths</p> <p>deceased person? I note that in a prior QON the TGA failed to explain why they know more than the medical professionals who examined the patient.</p> <p>53. The TGA claims the reported deaths are because they temporally related to the vaccination. This is a blatant lie because the reported deaths have a box that asks the reporter to tick if they suspect the death was related to the vaccine. The reporter does not believe the deaths are just temporal as claimed by the TGA, as in nearly all cases they ticked the suspected box. Why did the TGA make such a false claim?</p> <p>54. As per a previous QON, 30% of reported and suspected deaths were in the first week after vaccination. Given people were not recognised as vaccinated until three weeks after receiving the vaccine, does the TGA believe that Health Departments reporting Covid deaths were overstating the deaths due to Covid and not the vaccine?"</p>		
SQ23-002216	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	<p>Animal studies with the Covid vaccine investigating the real theoretical risk of the HLA system</p> <p>'45. With an understanding of the Human Leucocyte system and its theoretical potential to cause adverse effects with gene therapy strategies such as mRNA vaccines, can the TGA please refer to animal studies with the Covid vaccine that investigated the real theoretical risk of the HLA system, and how the findings demonstrated mechanistically that it was not a safety issue?"</p>	Written	6/11/2023

SQ23-002096	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Individuals who conducted meta-analysis and payments from pharmaceutical companies or studies	<p>9. In the prior set of estimates, Professor Kelly referred to a real world study of 3.8 million people to claim that the vaccines were associated with a reduced risk of all-cause mortality when in fact all-cause mortality rose for 2021 and 2022. Given the study was not randomised, blinded, longitudinal, autopsies were not carried out and the population was not stratified for risk, how can Professor Kelly make this claim which has no data to support it?</p> <p>Who were the people that conducted the meta-analysis and who were the people who peer reviewed it? Did these people either receive payments from pharmaceutical companies or did their employers receive money from pharmaceutical studies?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002070	National Health and Medical Research Council	Anne Ruston	Mental Health	<p>1. Almost half of young women aged 16 to 24 experienced mental health issues in the last financial year. With more than one-third of women under 35 being those who access the additional 10 Medicare subsidised Better Access psychology sessions provided under the previous Coalition Government, does the Department agree that axing those sessions disproportionately impacts young women?</p> <p>2. Did the Department provide any advice to the Government on the removal of the additional 10 mental health sessions and if so, what was that advice?</p> <p>3. Could the list of organisations, academics and experts who attended the Minister's mental health forum on 30 January 2023 be released to the public?</p> <p>4. Can you please provide an update on the progress of the \$7.5 million establishment of the 2 independent national mental health lived experience peak bodies?</p>	Written	6/11/2023

SQ23-001967	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Re-opening of thalidomide survivors registration	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Okay. I want to go to registrations for the support program. The department of health closed registrations, I believe, on 1 May 2022.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Goodchild: We promoted it through the department's website. We also used other survivors-in particular, the Thalidomide Group Australia-which has a considerable number of people on their books. They were also put in those newsletters. The legal firms that had previously considered unrecognised thalidomide survivors as part of those cases also provided details of the scheme so that people could come forth to us to get themselves recognised.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: So you put it on the website. You relied on word of mouth and the stakeholder representative groups. You contacted the legal firms. They are actions. There are other actions you could have taken, such as an advertising campaign. There are very many other tools that are available to the department of health. I note that other countries have not only maintained an open application process for their support programs but also made explicit and proactive their advertising campaigns to welcome people to apply because of the stigma that exists around thalidomide and the confusion as to whether one may be affected. We're considering multibillion-dollar programs in this department as a committee. This is \$44.9 million to roughly 150 Australians. Has the government considered reopening registrations to new entrants, Minister or department-whoever can engage?</p> <p>Ms Davis: We have been contacted by a small number of people since the program closed. We've asked if we can keep their details if the program does reopen so that we can contact them again. Whether that program reopens is a matter for government.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Minister, can you advise whether the health</p>	84-85	26/10/2023
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				minister is considering reopening the program for those applicants? Senator Gallagher: I would have to take that on notice, Senator Steele-John.		
SQ23-002206	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Primary Care Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department mentioned that it was having regular discussion with the ACT in relation to primary care planning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o How often are these meetings and who is represented?</li> <li>o Are minutes kept for these meetings, and if yes, please provide a copy of the minutes from the two most recent meetings?</li> <li>o What outcomes is the Commonwealth seeking to achieve with the ACT in relation to primary care in the Territory?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The ACT has a very low GP to population ratio – lower than some remote areas of the country. What is being done to attract more GPs to Canberra and the Canberra region?</li> </ul>	Written	8/11/2023
SQ23-002147	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	COVID impacts on the TGA	<p>Can you outline the impacts on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Business as usual (BAU) requirements for other non-COVID approvals such as new drugs, new blood/other fluid testing regimes and cosmetics?</li> <li>2. What sort of backlog and delay on BAU applications resulted from the COVID demands – numbers of applications on hand and time taken to process them?</li> <li>3. Has this backlog resulted in more demands for information or scientific data to be updated or requested again?</li> <li>4. Does the TGA have sufficient staff in place to deal with the current backlog? If not, why not?</li> <li>5. Within those bounds, when does the TGA expect to be able to clear the backlog?</li> <li>6. Since COVID has the TGA implemented new certification requirements for those products?</li> </ol> <p>o How do those new standards apply to existing applications in the</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>backlog – ie: are they exempt?</p> <p>o Is the TGA aware of how much additional time and cost that will have on industry in getting the additional information on those existing applications?</p>		
SQ23-002850	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	<p>List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator</p>	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p> <p>c. the date it was established; and</p> <p>d. its purpose.</p> <p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002044	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Federal Government and Black Dog institute	<p>What projects is the Federal Government currently working in partnership with the Black Dog institute on?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently to access the Better Access Scheme requires assessment by a General Practitioner, and people complete the DASS-21 scale during their appointment. Correct?</li> <li>o Has the department considered allowing other healthcare professionals to undertake an assessment and enter a person into the better access scheme?</li> <li>o Has the department considered amending the tool use during these appointments?</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002191	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Is Myocarditis a risk factor for cardiac arrest	<p>17. Chest pain is a commonly reported adverse event from the Covid vaccine. In the WA vaccine safety report there were 1,404 reports of chest pain but only 98 cases of myocarditis – does the TGA think myocarditis could be misclassified as chest pain in both this report and the TGA adverse event data base?</p> <p>18. Does the new TGA management agree with Professor Skerritt that myocarditis is not a risk factor that can lead to cardiac arrest?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002126	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Safety signals	<p>4. Were safety signals identified by the TGA in relation to information managed by AusVaxSafety? If so, what safety signals were identified, was an investigation commenced, and what was the outcome of the investigation/s?</p> <p>5. Did the TGA receive or act on any other safety signals from World Health Organization, medical literature, data from the companies that manufacture and distribute vaccines, health professionals, peak bodies, regional pharmacovigilance centres, academic groups, expert groups like the Advisory Committee on Vaccines (ACV), the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), or other internal and external stakeholders?</p>	Written	3/11/2023



				6. What method does the TGA use to validate and characterise a safety signal and who is responsible for this task?		
SQ23-002857	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002856	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.		
SQ23-002774	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>ii. Consultancy  iii. Advertising campaigns  iv. Travel  v. Legal expenses</p> <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.  i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?  ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?  iii. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-002770	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002763	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas -	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			National Health & Medical Research Council			
SQ23-001950	Department of Health and Aged Care	Andrew Bragg	Medical Outreach Indigenous Chronic Disease Program	In the context of the Medical Outreach Indigenous Chronic Disease Program: 1. What is the annual aggregated cost of this program? 2. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are receiving chronic disease testing because of this program? 3. What is the annual per capita cost for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population that receives chronic disease testing from this program?	Written	27/10/2023
SQ23-002031	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Voice to Parliament Letter	Senator RUSTON: Has the department seen the Voice to Parliament letter that was signed off by a significant number of health organisations? Senator Gallagher: Health organisations? Senator RUSTON: Pharma organisations across institutes and all sorts of organisations that receive funding from government. Mr Exell: We have seen the media reporting, but we have not received that communication in a formal way since. Senator RUSTON: Who reached out to these organisations to seek to have their names included on this document? Is that something the department would know about? Mr Exell: No. Senator RUSTON: Minister, do you know how it came about? Senator Gallagher: I am not across the full detail of how it came about, but I understand that the minister for health and his office would have worked with organisations around that. I don't think that	19-20	26/10/2023

				<p>is a surprise. The government was in support of a 'Yes' vote for the referendum.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I am not suggesting that wasn't the case. Where did the list of organisations come from? Was the department asked to provide a list of organisations?</p> <p>Mr Exell: To the effect of that letter?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: To the minister?</p> <p>Mr Exell: No, not to my knowledge.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: We are quite clear that the department didn't have any involvement in the preparation, or any background or assistance in relation to the contacting or identification of the people who put their names on the list?</p> <p>Mr Comley: None of us at the table are aware of that. We can take it on notice as to whether that occurred, but to our knowledge, no.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Minister, could you seek from the minister's office a copy of the list of the health peak bodies that were signatories to this letter?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: They are on the letter; you have a list.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I was about to finish. Which of those organisations are funded, either in full or part, by the department of health?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: That would take some time, but I will see what we have.</p>		
SQ23-001992	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	COVID-19 infection control in residential aged care facilities	<p>Senator RICE: I want to go to the issue of COVID infections in residential aged care facilities. Does the government currently fund COVID-19 infection control in residential aged care facilities?</p> <p>Ms Garrett: The department does a range of things around supporting aged care services to maintain good IPC practices. There are the infection control monitoring spot checks, which are conducted by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission. There</p>	118	26/10/2023

			<p>are also intervention programs, where we have IPC in-reach appraisals and IPC in-service education programs, and that's for higher risk residential aged care homes. We have grants for aged care providers that participate in the IPC In-reach Appraisal Project. We also deliver fit-for-purpose IPC education, including access to online IPC training modules. There's a bunch of resources and communications both sector wide and then for targeted providers as well.</p> <p>Senator RICE: In terms of funding, then, it's only that grants program that you mentioned?</p> <p>Ms Garrett: No. All of those things are funded. I'm just-</p> <p>Senator RICE: I'm thinking in terms of-what types of infection control have you previously funded?</p> <p>Mr Lye: Just to put some context here while Ms Garrett comes back to you on that, obviously, we funded some fairly distinct IPC measures during COVID in recognition of the-</p> <p>Senator RICE: What were those? What did you fund then?</p> <p>Mr Lye: I'll come back to that. We've obviously funded-we had the requirement around IPC leads. We established that in residential aged care. Some of the IPC measures were a recognition that the funding base in residential aged care wasn't sufficient to then drive a high standard of IPC or the standard that we needed to deal with COVID. Now, at the same time that COVID has marched on and we've been reconsidering the specific COVID supports, we've been uplifting funding and putting requirements like 24/7 nursing in place. So very large-</p> <p>Senator RICE: But what specifically was funded in terms of infection control measures previously that's not being funded now?</p> <p>Mr Lye: Ms Garrett will come to that. But I think it's really important to say that what we're trying to do is to make sure that the funded normal BAU operation in residential aged care has IPC excellence at</p>		
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				the heart of that and it's funded day in, day out, and not just because of COVID. So we're lifting the whole base. So, rather than asking people to say, 'We'll give you some money to do something around IPC', we want IPC to be part of residential aged care's ordinary operation at a higher level than it was prior to COVID.		
SQ23-002803	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ23-002858	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002855	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.</p>	Written	3/11/2023



SQ23-002854	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002853	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 to 23 October 2023 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a breakdown of the number including; a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ23-002852	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002851	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	New entities created,	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022?	Written	3/11/2023

			wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>		
SQ23-002849	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>f. the amount spent to date; and</li> <li>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>f. the amount spent;</li> <li>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</li> <li>h. the date the review was completed;</li> <li>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</li> <li>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</li> <li>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</li> </ul>		
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SQ23-002848	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002847	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <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>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator</p>	<p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ23-002846	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>External Labour, and Savings from Advertising , Travel and Legal Expenses - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator</p>	<p>requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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>		
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SQ23-002845	Office of the Gene	Jane Hume	List of memberships for	11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	3/11/2023



	Technology Regulator		Commonwealth taskforces - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.		
SQ23-002844	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.  Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002843	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Office of	2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?  Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.	Written	3/11/2023

			the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>		
SQ23-002821	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - National Mental Health Commission	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002819	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - National Mental Health Commission	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ23-002818	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - National Mental Health Commission	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002816	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - National Mental Health	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002815	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>ii. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002813	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 202 to 23 October 2023 -	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			National Mental Health Commission	<p>Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ23-002812	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign -	<p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a</p> <p>commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			National Mental Health Commissio n			
SQ23-002808	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Mental Health Commissio n	31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?  a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.  b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002807	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamat	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022?  Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.	Written	3/11/2023

			ed, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>		
SQ23-002806	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - National Mental Health Commission	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p> <p>c. the date it was established; and</p> <p>d. its purpose.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002804	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p>	Written	3/11/2023

		<p>since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - National Mental Health Commission</p>	<p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p>		
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				<p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</p> <p>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</p> <p>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p>		
SQ23-002800	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date - National Mental Health Commission	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002798	National Mental	Jane Hume	Total expenditure	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written	3/11/2023

	Health Commission		<p>expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Mental Health Commission</p>	<p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>		
SQ23-002797	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Mental Health Commission</p>	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002796	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002794	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official	13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Mental Health Commission</p>	<p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p>		
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				<p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ23-002793	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	<p>2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - National Mental Health Commission</p>	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>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"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p>		
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				<p>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-002791	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - National Mental Health Commission	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002790	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - National Mental Health	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002789	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - National Mental Health Commission	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002787	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	3/11/2023



SQ23-002786	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - National Mental Health Commission	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002785	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - National Mental Health	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Commissio n	<p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>		
SQ23-002783	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment		
SQ23-002782	National Mental Health Commission	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Mental Health Commission	<p>Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide: the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002255	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002254	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Department of Health	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			and Aged Care			
SQ23-002237	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023- Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002032	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Pending requests and conflict of interest for organisations who signed the voice to parliament letter	<p>Senator RUSTON: Do any of these organisations have any pending requests for the department?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Any requests for what?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Any requests to government at the moment, or any applications currently before government that are pending?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: It is entirely possible. Is it a problem that people who have requests for funding might have signed a letter?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Let us see.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I am interested in the angle there. I would assume that organisations that are funded publicly may be engaging with the department about their resourcing. I am not sure why that would be linked to signing a letter.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I am keen to understand what the process is, in terms of conflict of interest, as it overlays this process.</p>	20	26/10/2023

				<p>Senator Gallagher: I am not sure what the conflict is.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Minister, are you aware of any concerns within organisations which were approached to sign this letter?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: No, I am not.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Could you seek from the minister-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I will see if I can provide anything further.</p>		
SQ23-002148	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	International Standards & Recognition of other testing	<p>1. During COVID was the TGA able to use prior international testing results to be able to streamline its own certification regime?</p> <p>a. If so – which regulators were used to help streamline certification of the various vaccines – FDA, EU, others?</p> <p>b. Did that recognition significantly streamline certification in a timely way?</p> <p>c. Did that recognition reduce cost for industry as well?</p> <p>2. In its BAU work does the TGA do similar recognition of other international regulators for pharmaceuticals, testing regimes and cosmetics?</p> <p>a. If so, who does it recognise?</p> <p>b. If so, does this extend to manufacturing sites that are located outside of Australia – such as Europe, US or Asia – for those products?</p> <p>i. If not, why not?</p> <p>ii. If not, what sort of process and cost is involved in the TGA certifying those sites and who pays for that?</p> <p>iii. How often is that undertaken – every year, every two years?</p> <p>c. If the other regulators certifications are recognised – how does that work with Australia's testing regime to reduce time and cost?</p> <p>i. Is the other regulator's testing used completely or in part?</p> <p>ii. If only in part, what sort of other testing needs to take place – generally and how much time/cost is involved?</p> <p>iii. How is that cost recovered?</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>3. How often do you meet and exchange information or ideas on international testing standards with other international regulators?</p> <p>a. When and where is the next meeting?</p> <p>b. How regular are the meetings?</p> <p>4. Does TGA share information with other domestic chemical regulators – such as the APVMA and AICIS?</p> <p>a. Is there an MOU, Agreement or Protocol between the TGA and those agencies that supports information sharing?</p> <p>5. Does the TGA recognise information, data and testing results from the APVMA, AICIS or other regulators?</p> <p>a. If not, why not?</p>		
SQ23-002177	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Single Assessment System	<p>1. I am seeking an update on the Budget commitment to establish a new single assessment system from 1 July 2024, it is my understanding that existing assessment services are preparing right now to transition over to a new single assessment system by 1 July 2024.</p> <p>2. It is my understanding that some Providers were informed by the Department back in June that a tender would be released in September for the new single assessment program. However, this has been stalled with no communication on the delay, leaving many providers in the dark and unable to communicate to their workforce what the future looks like beyond 30 June 2024. Why has this tender been delayed, and why has there been no communication on this to ensure providers remain updated?</p> <p>3. What is the timeline for the release of the tender and when will decisions be made on successful applicants, given they are expecting the new program to commence as of 1 July 2024?</p> <p>4. Can you guarantee that older Australians seeking to access aged</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				care will not experience extended delays or changed processes in receiving an assessment in the lead up to 1 July 2024?		
SQ23-002877	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Acceptance of application for COVID-19 vaccine claims scheme	19. For the Covid 19 Vaccine Claims Scheme, is there an end date on applications for when they will no longer be accepted?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002878	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Specialist verification of vaccine injury and compensation	6. Why is Services Australia not paying out compensation to people who have obtained verification from specialists that the vaccine caused their injury?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002328	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Conditions included in the vaccine claims scheme	13. What is the process by which recognised conditions are added to the scheme rules?  22. Has consideration been given to potential latent conditions as a result of the vaccine that are not evident for several years when the scheme was developed? E.g. cancers, infertility, etc.  23. The Government's Covid-19 vaccine claims scheme has a very narrow list of medical conditions that are eligible for compensation. If Australians who make a claim are deemed eligible for compensation against one of these conditions, does the amount of the Government's offer have consideration for all of their health	Written	6/11/2023



				complications that have resulted from their Covid-19 vaccinations, or only the listed medical conditions?		
SQ23-002329	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	End of the COVID-19 vaccine claims scheme	14. What is the end date for the Covid 19 Vaccine Claims Scheme? 21. Who makes the decision on when the scheme will end?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002331	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Vaccine claims scheme - evaluations and assessment cessation	20. When do claims cease being or evaluated or assessed?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002332	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Compensation for all injuries caused by the COVID-19 vaccine	24. If the Government has determined that an Australian has been harmed by a Covid-19 vaccine, and is eligible for compensation, will they receive compensation that covers all of the injuries caused by the vaccine, irrespective of whether those harms appear on a narrow list provided by the TGA?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002355	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	COVERSE charity research - Vaccine claims scheme	25. According to national charity COVERSE, there are many thousands of Australians who continue to suffer severe disability on account of their Covid vaccinations, yet remain ineligible for compensation. Is it the Department of Health's intention to urgently review the scheme and its application to ensure no Australian who has suffered a Covid-19 vaccine injury is left without compensation? 26. COVERSE estimates that the Government's compensation	Written	6/11/2023

				scheme has provided support to less than 1% of Australians - who have suffered, or continue to suffer, serious harms caused by their Covid vaccinations. Is this an accurate figure?		
SQ23-002370	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Compensation for injuries related to COVID-19 vaccines	27. In relation to injury as a result of Covid-19 vaccines what is the Department doing to enable these people to receive proper compensation for their lost income, medical expenses, ongoing disabilities, and significant and ongoing pain and suffering?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002373	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Amendment of the rules for vaccine claims scheme	28. There have been a number of individual patient cases profiled in the media, of Australians who have suffered undeniable harms from their Covid vaccinations - such as myocarditis caused by the AstraZeneca vaccine, blindness caused by the Moderna vaccine, and others. These news articles relay that these Australians applied to Covid vaccine claims scheme, but were denied compensation for the purely bureaucratic reason that their condition did not appear on the list, despite ample medical evidence. Furthermore, correspondence from the Department suggested that if their condition does become listed then their case would be eligible for compensation. What is the Department doing to amend the rules of the scheme to allow such cases to be compensated?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002378	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Vaccine claim scheme and discrimination	30. The claims scheme requires applicants to demonstrate financial losses of at least \$1,000. There are, however, Australians who have been harmed by the Covid vaccines who are reliant on government financial support and public health systems, who cannot demonstrate \$1,000 of losses. Nevertheless, they face significant negative impacts on their lives, and the lives of their families. It appears these Australians are discriminated against because they are	Written	6/11/2023

				low (or no) income earners. Does the scheme discriminate against this cohort of claimants?		
SQ23-002376	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	End date of scheme and injuries	29. Given that the scheme currently has an end date of April 2024 and that the recommendations for further booster shots are ongoing, what will happen to those who may suffer vaccine-caused harm after the scheme has ended, or who have already experienced harms but are not yet in a position to be able to collate the required evidence for an application?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002379	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Vaccine claim scheme and economic losses	31. For salaried workers, demonstration of lost past and future income is a relatively straightforward task. However, for Australians in other work situations who have suffered harms caused by the vaccines - business owners, artists, freelancers, investors, etc - it is sometimes impossible to determine lost income. For example, an entrepreneur who has been developing a new enterprise and has not been drawing a salary for a number of years, will not be able to demonstrate lost income, for the simple fact that they have not had any income, despite undertaking productive work. Similarly, the nature of business means that it may be impossible to determine, to any meaningful degree of accuracy, the impact on the loss of any future earnings. How does the claims scheme ensure that such people are adequately compensated for their very real economic losses - opportunity losses, market losses, etc?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002234	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID vaccine and sign off as Good Manufactur	73. Did the TGA sign off on the Covid vaccines as being Good Manufacturing Compliant and if so, can a certificate be provided. If not, why not?	Written	6/11/2023

			ing Compliant			
SQ23-002231	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Validation data for the endotoxin LAL assay	70. Can the TGA provide the validation data for their endotoxin LAL assay, the product code used and the validation data for use of this assay in the presence of nucleic acid therapeutics containing lipid nanoparticles or other transfection agents such as saponin?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002215	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Risks of myocarditis and other autoimmune conditions	56. <a href="https://phmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/5.3.6-postmarketing-experience.pdf">https://phmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/5.3.6-postmarketing-experience.pdf</a>  As per Table 7 immune mediated/autoimmune AESI's including pericarditis and myocarditis were reported in the post marketing report. Why did the TGA allow the rollout of the vaccine knowing it could cause myocarditis and pericarditis, and why weren't people warned about the risks of myocarditis and other autoimmune conditions?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002210	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Protection against infection and symptomatic disease caused by the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2	55. <a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35380632/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35380632/</a> - Naturally acquired immunity confers stronger protection against infection and symptomatic disease caused by the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2, compared to the BNT162b2 2-dose vaccine-induced immunity. Does the TGA agree with this study? If not, why not given only short term studies were conducted on the Covid vaccines prior to roll out?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002198	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Pfizer Nonclinical report and	26. As per the Pfizer Nonclinical report – "A single-dose intravenous (IV) study in rats using an LNP encapsulating luciferase mRNA demonstrated that both novel lipid excipients, ALC-0159 and ALC-	Written	6/11/2023

			analysis of the liver only	0315 in the LNP formulation rapidly distributed from plasma to liver, which was the only organ collected for analysis" – why was the liver the organ collected for analysis?"		
SQ23-002181	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Vaccine and Myocarditis /Pericarditis	<p>13. In the Vaccine Mandate inquiry, the TGA admitted that myocarditis is an autoimmune response. Given that studies showed lipids entered many body organs and in many the concentration was still rising after 48 hours, how can the TGA guarantee that the vaccines aren't causing autoimmune issues in regard to other organs?</p> <p>14. Why is the vaccine causing an immune response? Is it because lipids in the vaccine enter cells (unlike other vaccines) that stimulate a T Cell response to attack an otherwise healthy cell?</p> <p>15. Given the TGA has admitted the Covid vaccines generate an autoimmune response causing myocarditis – does it still stand by the statement on its website that the Covid vaccines don't cause autoimmune disease? Is it true? Do COVID-19 vaccines cause autoimmune diseases?   Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care Given that people with autoimmune diseases were excluded from the Covid mRNA vaccine trials, on what basis can the TGA make this claim? Note absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.</p> <p>23 The TGA claims that myocarditis is reported in one to two people out of 100,000 who receive Pfizer or Moderna. COVID-19 vaccine safety report - 15-06-2023   Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) Given around 15 million people have received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine that would work out at around 300 people actually getting Myocarditis. I have spoken to cardiologists who say that they have treated 100's of people in their clinics with myocarditis – how can the TGA claim that myocarditis or pericarditis is so low a risk from the vaccines when real world anecdotal data suggests otherwise?</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>33. Does Panadol contain aspartame? If so, is aspartame carcinogenic?</p> <p>34. Why were six reports of myocarditis in children pulled from the DAEN database? Report numbers are 639083, 640387, 646924, 648546, 651418 and 653375.</p> <p>35. Why isn't there a black label warning not to exercise after receiving a jab given the risks of Myocarditis and Pericarditis?</p> <p>36. Does the heart repair itself 100% after getting myocarditis or pericarditis and does myocarditis or pericarditis increase the risk of cardiac arrest?  <a href="https://www.uclahealth.org/departments/medicine/cardiology/research/cardiac-repair-and-regeneration">https://www.uclahealth.org/departments/medicine/cardiology/research/cardiac-repair-and-regeneration</a></p> <p>37. A review of the DEAN database has revealed that 326 cases contained in April 2022, or added between then and May 2023, are not present in the 3 June 2023 extract. 48 cases with myocarditis and/or myopericarditis (3 of which also had pericarditis), and a further 57 pericarditis cases that were present in the 5 Apr 22 extract or that were added to the DAEN between then and the 3 May 23 extract had been lost from the system. Can the TGA explain why so many reported cases were removed from the DAEN please?</p>		
SQ23-002155	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Prescribed List: Update on proposed measures for	1. I refer to a stakeholder webinar from the Prostheses List Reform Taskforce on 19th October. In that presentation the Department outlined a proposal to amend the PHI Act to include a new section to provide that sponsors cannot charge for devices or products listed in the PL above the benefit. Is the Department aware of sponsors charging above the benefit?	Written	6/11/2023

			compliance , assurance and information sharing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. How widespread is it?</li> <li>3. What are the additional costs to consumers as a result of this?</li> <li>4. How does clamping down on this particular issue support the sustainability of the PHI sector?</li> <li>5. If this is not done will the PHI sector still exist?</li> <li>6. If you don't know the extent of this issue how do you know that outlawing this it will create downward pressure on insurance premiums given the costs isn't being born by insurers but hospitals?</li> <li>7. Does this issue present any constitutional law concerns?</li> <li>8. What powers of the constitution does this proposal fall under?</li> </ol>		
SQ23-002151	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Data sharing between TGA and AusVaxSafety	22. What data sharing mechanisms exist between the TGA and AusVaxSafety?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002149	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Animal Test Bans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the TGA still require animal testing for its certification regime for pharmaceuticals, testing regimes and sunscreens?</li> <li>2. Is the TGA aware that animal testing – especially for sunscreens– has been banned worldwide?</li> <li>3. If the TGA is aware of this, why does it still require animal testing data for applications? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When does the TGA expect to be able to comply with the international ban on animal testing by not requiring data based on it?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Is the TGA able to receive animal testing data for chemicals from the APVMA?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023

SQ23-002127	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Risk-benefit analysis for COVID-19 vaccines	<p>7. When did the TGA complete a risk-benefit analysis for Covid-19 vaccines? At what intervals was the risk-benefit analysis repeated? When was the most recent risk-benefit analysis completed? Are risk-benefit analyses stratified to assess risk for different age groups.</p> <p>8. Was a risk benefit analysis conducted for cohorts under 30 years of age or for cohorts under 50 years of age? Please provide this analysis.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002124	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Investigations of the COVID-19 vaccine	<p>2. How many investigations have the TGA commenced as a result of statistical analyses of adverse event data relating to Covid-19 vaccines. Please list the signals identified and the outcomes, stratified by vaccine type.</p> <p>3. What type of statistical analysis was relied upon to initiate an investigation (or not to investigate) Covid vaccine safety signals identified?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002107	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Repair of hearts damaged by myocarditis /pericarditis	<p>18. Do all hearts damaged by myocarditis fully repair themselves by 100% after getting myocarditis or pericarditis? Yes or No?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002095	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Follow up SQ22-000539	<p>6. As per SQ22-000539 QoN 170 Q56, I asked for evidence and results of the safety testing in regard to the commercially produced batches. A link was provided but this did not provide data from safety trials. Did safety trials occur on the commercial batches or not? Yes or no, and if yes, can the trial data be provided.</p>	Written	6/11/2023



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SQ23-002088	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	PCR and RAT tests	<p>5. Does the Health Department/TGA know what sequences the PCR and RAT tests use?</p> <p>6. Are there product assessment reports for PCR and RAT tests? If not, why not?</p> <p>7. Why are the sequences used in the RAT and PCR tests to detect Covid commercial in confidence? The Covid sequence doesn't belong to anyone - how can a company patent a Covid sequence or a part of it?</p> <p>8. Is the Health Department engaged in a massive cover up in regard to the accuracy of the RAT and PCR tests by keeping the sequences they use confidential?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002083	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Health and Medical Research	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the progress and implementation of the Australian Medical Research and Innovation Strategy?</p> <p>2. Can the Department outline any action that is currently being taken to address workforce shortages in the health and medical research sector?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002053	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Gene therapy mRNA products	<p>11. Are the mRNA products gene therapy?</p> <p>12. If so why were the public told they were not gene therapy?</p> <p>13. What is the long term health implications of editing the human genome by way of inserting a permanent new gene, which is what the mRNA vaccines do.</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				14. Is this new gene passed on to the child during conception? During breastfeeding?		
SQ23-002052	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Investigation of excess deaths	10. What actions are the TGA taking to investigate the excess deaths?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002049	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Long term health outcomes of injecting SV40 and plasmid DNA into the human body	5. What is the long term health outcomes of injecting SV40 into the human body? 6. What is the long term health outcomes of injecting plasmid DNA, whether encased in lipid nanoparticles or not, into the human body?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002045	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Mandatory auditing process for class 3 medical devices and products	We understand the TGA has introduced a new mandatory auditing process for class 3 medical devices and products being submitted for inclusion on the ARTG.  1. How is the TGA going with assessing applications for approving new medications and medical devices? 2. Is it true that there is a 6 or more month wait for clinical audits like these? 3. What other backlogs are you currently experiencing? 4. Do you have enough staffing and resources for these assessments?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002013	Department of Health	David Pocock	Opioid dependence	Senator DAVID POCOCK: I just wanted to follow up on the opioid dependence work you are undertaking. Before the break you were talking about potentially using the doctor's bag as a way for them to	39-40	26/10/2023

	and Aged Care		treatment consultations	<p>be able to opportunistically both prescribe and actually give a first dose, particularly with some of the new longer acting treatments. You said that this wasn't a solution given these medicines are schedule 8 medicines. But I had a look in the break, and there are some actual opioids, schedule 8 medicines, in the doctor's bag. So, what is the actual reason that the doctor's bag isn't-</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: That's the advice I've been given.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Morphine is schedule 8.</p> <p>Ms Platona: Indeed it is.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK:</p> <p>So why is that a reason not to add something? You have the thing that's</p> <p>addictive. The thing that you're hoping will get people off the addictive substance is not allowed in there but the addictive substance is allowed in there. What is the thinking there?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I wonder whether Professor Kelly might provide some information on essentially what gets into</p> <p>a doctor's bag and why that may or may not be-</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: I'm more interested in getting an outcome on this issue. I'm not wedded to the</p> <p>doctor's bag. It's just been put to me by a number of people as a potential solution given we have this 1 December</p> <p>time frame. If you're using schedule 8 as the reason not to do it, I'm interested in why there are other schedule 8</p> <p>medicines in there?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: It was more in reference to the state and territory regulation of the drug. Schedule 8 medicines can be made available, but it's something we would need to negotiate with the states and territories.</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: I'm sure you know this so please stop me if you do. The doctor's bag is for the ability to have emergency medicines ready for</p>		
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SQ23-001971	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Certificate for vaccine manufacturing	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Thank you. I will try to rush through these questions. They go to good manufacturing process. I got a reply from the TGA that says that good manufacturing process is an international standard for manufacturing medical products to ensure consistency and safety of the final product. It's significant because the dramatic inconsistency in adverse events reported between</p>	92	26/10/2023

			<p>batches suggests that Pfizer and the other manufacturers of the injections rushed the manufacture of their products and tore up the good manufacturing process rulebook, causing untold death and suffering. Japanese authorities have detected unsafe levels of stainless steel contamination in the Pfizer vaccine, another indication that good manufacturing process was not used. In the last estimates, I asked if the COVID injections were made using good manufacturing process. You took that on notice. I received this reply:  ...which does not contain any proof the products were made using good manufacturing process.</p> <p>It's just waffle and padding. It's just hiding and covering up. Let me ask again. Were the vaccines used in Australia in calendar year 2021 made using good manufacturing process or not?</p> <p>Mr Henderson: Thanks for the question. I will clarify. I actually took that question and I answered it during the Senate hearing that they were made under good manufacturing practices.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Can I have the certificate, please?</p> <p>Mr Henderson: I might defer that to my colleague here, Ms Burnett. I can reassure you that they were made to good manufacturing practices.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: I would like the certificate.</p> <p>Ms Burnett: Thank you for the question. We issue certificates when we do an inspection of an overseas manufacturing site. We have two mechanisms to assess the GMP of overseas manufacturing sites. One is when we do an inspection ourselves, in which case we will issue a certificate for a site. The second way is where we get information from some of our overseas regulatory agencies with whom we have confidence. We will assess that internally and then issue what we call a GMP clearance. I would have to take it on notice, and perhaps with some more information about which vaccine you are referring to, as to whether we did a clearance or whether we issued a</p>		
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				<p>certificate for the site.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Let's go with both the main ones here in this country, please.</p> <p>Ms Burnett: Yes.</p>		
SQ23-001949	Department of Health and Aged Care	Andrew Bragg	Chronic disease testing - all Australians	<p>In the context of all Australians, can the Department of Health and Aged Care provide the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many of that population receive chronic disease testing annually?</li> <li>2. How many of that population do not receive chronic disease testing annually?</li> <li>3. As a percentage of that population, what share receive chronic disease testing annually?</li> <li>4. As a percentage of that population, what share do not receive chronic disease testing annually?</li> <li>5. The aggregate expenditure for that population on chronic disease testing annually?</li> <li>6. The per capita expenditure for that population on chronic disease testing annually?</li> <li>7. The estimated cost to the Budget for future health costs by that population not receiving chronic disease testing?</li> <li>8. The estimated saving to the Budget for future health costs by that population receiving chronic disease testing (such as early diagnosis and intervention, instead of undiagnosed conditions and associated consequences)?</li> <li>9. For that population, in quality-adjusted life years what is the estimated reduction by not receiving chronic disease testing?</li> <li>10. For that population, in quality-adjusted life years what is the estimated increase by receiving chronic disease testing?</li> <li>11. Given the prevalence of chronic disease is so great in indigenous communities, that detecting and reducing it is a critical factor in</li> </ol>	Written	27/10/2023

				closing the gap, and that testing for it is so low, what priority does the Department place on developing a strategy to address this?		
SQ23-001948	Department of Health and Aged Care	Andrew Bragg	Chronic disease testing - First Nations Australians	<p>In the context of indigenous Australians, can the Department of Health and Aged Care break down answers of the following based on three different populations, including: 1. urban, 2. rural and regional and 3. remote communities, the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many of that population receive chronic disease testing annually?</li> <li>2. How many of that population do not receive chronic disease testing annually?</li> <li>3. As a percentage of that population, what share receive chronic disease testing?</li> <li>4. As a percentage of that population, what share do not receive chronic disease testing?</li> <li>5. The aggregate expenditure for that population on chronic disease testing?</li> <li>6. The per capita expenditure for that population on chronic disease testing?</li> <li>7. The estimated cost to the Budget for future health costs by that population not receiving chronic disease testing?</li> <li>8. The estimated saving to the Budget for future health costs by that population receiving chronic disease testing (such as early diagnosis and intervention, instead of undiagnosed conditions and associated consequences)?</li> <li>9. For that population, in quality-adjusted life years what is the estimated reduction by not receiving chronic disease testing?</li> <li>10. For that population, in quality-adjusted life years what is the estimated increase by receiving chronic disease testing?</li> <li>11. Aggregated for that population, what is the estimated cost to achieve quality-adjusted life years equivalent to rest of the Australian</li> </ol>	Written	27/10/2023

				<p>population?</p> <p>12. Per capita for that population, what is the estimated cost to achieve quality-adjusted life years on par with the rest of the Australian population?</p>		
SQ23-001933	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	NATA-accredited tests for acquired relapsing Fever	<p>14. National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA)-accredited laboratories claim to be competent in testing for overseas-acquired Lyme disease. Accordingly, the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia (RCPA) test manual lists tests for Borrelia Burgdorferi Antibodies and Lyme Disease. The RCPA test manual does not list any test for overseas-acquired Relapsing Fever. What NATA-accredited tests would be used to test for overseas acquired Relapsing Fever? Which strains would be tested, which kits would be used, or which other testing methods would be used?</p> <p>Question 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Royal College of Pathologists of Australia Position Statement Diagnostic Laboratory testing for Lyme Disease' (or similar syndromes) in Australia and New Zealand <a href="https://www.rcpa.edu.au/Library/College-Policies/Position-Statements/DiagnosticLaboratory-testing-for-Borreliosis-Lyme">https://www.rcpa.edu.au/Library/College-Policies/Position-Statements/DiagnosticLaboratory-testing-for-Borreliosis-Lyme</a> page 4. (Accessed 20/08/2023)/</li> <li>• Royal College of Pathologists of Australia Pathology Test Manual <a href="https://www.rcpa.edu.au/Manuals/RCPA-Manual/Pathology-Tests">https://www.rcpa.edu.au/Manuals/RCPA-Manual/Pathology-Tests</a> (Accessed 20/08/2023)</li> </ul>	Written	17/10/2023
SQ23-002104	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Private Health Insurance	<p>1. There has been reporting in the daily telegraph in September that some private health policies have gone up 8%, and now cost more than \$8,000 per year. Is the Department aware of these reports?</p> <p>2. How is this possible when the Minister approved an average</p>	Written	6/11/2023



				private health rise of 2.9 per cent? 3. How does the Minister's direction allow such dramatic increases?		
SQ23-002180	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Home Care Package Wait Times	1. Can the Department please explain how wait times on the national queue for the Home Care Packages Program have extended out to between 3-6 months at 31 March 2023 when compared to the prior quarter where wait times had fallen to between 1-3 months at 31 December 2022 for all package levels? 2. Current anecdotal reports across the country suggests delays for assessments can extend out to over 6 months. How is the matter of reducing lengthy wait times to receive an assessment and access services being addressed?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002179	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	ACAT Assessment	1. Following an initial screening through My Aged Care, what is the average wait period for an older person to have a completed comprehensive assessment in a community setting conducted by an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) a) High Priority? b) Medium Priority? c) Low Priority? 2. Following an initial screening through My Aged Care, what is the average wait period for an older person to have a completed comprehensive assessment in a hospital setting conducted by an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) a) High Priority? b) Medium Priority? c) Low Priority? 3. Is there a difference in average days between regional and metro / state to state? 4. How many ACAT assessments are currently being completed by phone vs Face to Face?	Written	6/11/2023

SQ23-001980	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	ACAT and home-care package wait times	<p>Senator RUSTON: I will quickly zip through some questions in relation to ACAT and home-care package wait times. How long does it take when someone applies to be assessed to when an ACAT team actually does the assessment, on average?</p> <p>Ms Connolly: The median time to complete a comprehensive assessment nationally is 17 calendar days. That is for the 2022-23 financial year.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: What is the average?</p> <p>Ms Atkinson: I don't have that data to hand at the moment. We have the median wait times to hand. We can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Do you think it's likely to be much different to 17 days?</p> <p>Ms Atkinson: I will take that on notice</p>	108	26/10/2023
SQ23-001981	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Average wait time from assessment to a person receiving home care package	<p>Senator RUSTON: How long does it take from that assessment to when the person receives their package?</p> <p>Ms Connolly: As at 30 September, people in need of urgent care who are assessed as high priority are accessing their approved level home-care package within a fortnight.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Fourteen days?</p> <p>Ms Connolly: Yes. Within 14 days. People assessed as medium priority are receiving their care across different levels. For level 1, it is within a fortnight; for level 2, it's within two months; for level 3, it's within six months; and, for level 4, it's within three months.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: You said with level 1, it is 14; level 2 is three months; level 3 is six months; and level 4 is three months.</p> <p>Ms Connolly: Level 1 is 14 days. For level 2, it is two months. For level 3, it is six months. Level 4 is three months.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So it takes you longer to get a level 3 package than a level 4 package?</p> <p>Ms Connolly: That's correct. Again, for high priority, it is across all</p>	108	26/10/2023

			<p>levels within two weeks.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So the same as level 1. On average, the total wait time is hard to assess because you can't give me the average. Are these times that you've given me for how long it takes after the assessment to receive the package averages?</p> <p>Ms Connolly: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: But you've given me a median for the time it takes from application to assessment?</p> <p>Ms Connolly: Yes, Senator.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Why would you be giving me two different measures so that it's impossible for me to actually assess how long on average it takes for an older Australian to be assessed and receive a package?</p> <p>Mr Lye: I'm sure we're not doing that deliberately.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I wasn't accusing you of that. I just found it very odd that is how you have provided it, that's all.</p> <p>Ms Connolly: We would have to take on notice a combination of the two sets of data to give you a figure.</p> <p>Mr Lye: You are after the total?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Yes. I could ring up today and say, 'My aunt needs a package. When can I expect her to receive the service?' Obviously it varies depending on the level of package that she is likely to receive.</p> <p>Mr Lye: We can try and give you a kind of average.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I'm just trying to understand what the hidden queue is, if you get what I mean, because the information you've provided me doesn't allow me to actually identify that. In terms of the location-if you want to do it by modified Monash-do these wait times vary depending on where the person lives within the modified Monash regime?</p>	
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SQ23-002203	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Home Care Package Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the current average wait time for a Home Care Package to be assessed across the country? Please provide for all four levels.</li> <li>• What is the current average wait time for a Home Care Package to be assessed in the ACT? Please provide for all four levels.</li> <li>• What was the average wait time for a Home Care Package national and in the ACT at this time last year?</li> <li>• Are there current shortages of home care assessors across the country? If so, in which areas?</li> <li>• Is there a current shortage of assessors in the ACT?</li> <li>• Has the Department received representations from the ACT Government, providers or any advocacy group on any shortage of aged care / home care assessors in the ACT?</li> <li>• Please provide a breakdown on the numbers and distribution of aged care / home care assessors across the country, either at a</li> </ul>	Written	8/11/2023

				PHN level, an SA 3 or 4 level or another measure that could reasonably show the availability of assessors in all areas of Australia.		
SQ23-002172	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Providers in MMM 2 - 4 meeting their 24/7 RN and care minutes targets	<p>5. Under the Modified Monash Model (MMM), aged care services in areas classified as MMM 2 – 4 are considered regional or rural. What is the Government doing to support aged care providers in MMM 2 - 4 to meet their 24/7 RN and care minutes targets given the significant workforce shortages affecting the aged care sector, particularly in rural areas (and the high costs associated with use of agency staff)?</p> <p>6. Why does the Base Care Tariff component of the AN-ACC payment make adjustment for services in MMM 5-7, but not those in MMM 2-4 which are classified as regional centres, large rural towns or medium rural towns and which also incur higher costs to deliver care compared to services in metropolitan areas?</p> <p>7. Why is the 24/7 RN supplement rate for MMM 1 facilities located in metropolitan areas the same as the supplement rate for MMM 2-4 facilities, which are classified as regional centres, large rural towns or medium rural towns and are being heavily impacted by workforce shortages?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002170	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Workforce and 24/7/Projections	<p>1. Can the Department please provide an update on the exemption policy for the 24/7 nurses requirement?</p> <p>2. Can I confirm the only providers that are exempt are those in MMM 5 to MMM 7, and for residential care facilities with less than 30 beds?</p> <p>3. I note the Interim Inspector General in his report analysed the 24/7 RN policy and stated "One stakeholder suggested that bed closures were a likely unintended consequence of the measure and urged Government to consider transitional arrangements as a matter of urgency." Has the Department also heard these concerns?</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>a. How has the department responded to this?</p> <p>b. In regard to the letter from Minister Wells to the Commissioner on the 28th of September with regard to care minutes - Letter from Minister for Aged Care the Hon. Anika Wells on care minutes compliance   Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care - the Minister appears to be thanking the Commissioner Commission for not enforcing the requirements that were legislated by the Government – do you agree with that?</p> <p>c. Does the Commissioner believe that quality and safe care (as per the letter) can be delivered below the mandated targets?</p> <p>d. If so, why has the government persisted in mandating these targets on their expedited timeline, especially considering the significant cost pressures on the aged care sector and the current workforce crisis?</p>		
SQ23-002174	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	24/7 RN on duty and care minutes requirements	<p>1. In an FOI, the Department stated that the latest modelling at the time showed in 2023-24 an additional 11,800 RNs would be needed to meet the 24/7 RN on duty and care minutes requirements. Is this still the anticipated workforce gap and, if so, how much progress has the Department made towards reducing this gap?</p> <p>8. What was the average length of time taken between when aged care providers submitted an application for an exemption from the 24/7 RN requirement and when the Department advised them of the outcome of their application?</p> <p>9. What percentage of providers who applied for an exemption were advised of the outcome of their application before the 24/7 RN requirement came into effect on 1 July 2023?</p> <p>10. Since AN-ACC commenced, how many aged care residents have passed away before an assessor was able to attend a facility to confirm the resident's palliative status after a request had been made by an aged care provider and what policy options are there to</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>improve the system so that additional associated costs incurred by providers to support palliative care services can be accommodated in the funding mechanism?</p> <p>11. How confident is the Department that providers will be able to meet mandatory care minute requirements by 1 October 2023 given significant and long-running financial sustainability issues and workforce shortages in the sector and how will any unintended consequences be managed (eg. reduction by providers in operational places in order to meet targets)?</p>		
SQ23-001982	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Thin market for home care package services	<p>Senator RUSTON: I am keen to understand the shallowness of the market in relation to getting access to the provision of those services. I get that approval for the package is in the same period of time. In terms of actually accessing it, you are saying that the shallowness of the resources to deliver in rural, regional and remote markets has no bearing on the speed with which those people actually receive services?</p> <p>Mr Herald: Well, Senator, when they are assigned their package, they have 56 days to find a provider to take up those services. Obviously, that comes down to their ability to find a provider that they-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: That's not your problem. If you have given them the package and they've got the money, it's their problem to solve?</p> <p>Mr Lye: We are very concerned to make sure that they connect with a service quickly. I think what you are getting at, though, is whether we have any evidence of thin markets where there are issues for people trying to get that service provider identified. We're happy to go away and look and see if we can come back with any evidence of that.</p>	109	26/10/2023
SQ23-001983	Department of Health	Anne Ruston	Percentage of people	<p>Senator RUSTON: Last financial year. What was the percentage of those that fell into the urgent category 1, category 2, category 3 and</p>	110	26/10/2023

	and Aged Care		in urgent category 1, category 2, category 3 and category 4	category 4? Mr Herald: Senator, I would have to take that on notice. I don't have that level of breakdown. Senator RUSTON: I would be keen to understand, then, in coming back with an answer, whether in totality we have seen an increase or a decrease in the wait times for people getting packages. I'm happy to finish that section there.		
SQ23-001973	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Future Fit program contract to Miles Morgan Australia	Senator RICE: I want to discuss the Future Fit program. I understand from your website that it is a \$7.5 million investment from the federal Department of Health and Aged Care to stabilise and modernise the Meals on Wheels network. I understand that the contract to deliver the Future Fit program has been issued to Miles Morgan Australia. Mr Herald: That's correct. Senator RICE: What is the total cost of the contract that Miles Morgan has? Mr Herald: As you said, it is \$7½ million. Senator RICE: When were they awarded that contract? Mr Herald: That would have been several years ago-2021, I believe. Senator RICE: How long is it for? Mr Herald: It is due to expire shortly. Senator RICE: When you say shortly, when? Mr Herald: I think it is due to expire within the end of this calendar year. Senator RICE: Is that the original time that it was going to occur over? Mr Herald: No. It has been extended once. Senator RICE: So that \$7½ million was for the extension as well? Mr Herald: Yes.	94-95	26/10/2023



				<p>Senator RICE: How much was the initial contract for?  Mr Herald: The initial one was in the order of \$5 million.  Senator RICE: When was it extended?  Mr Herald: I would have to take that on notice. It was 12 or 18 months ago.</p>		
SQ23-001974	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Organisations on the Management Panel with Miles Morgan Australia	<p>Mr Herald: It was undertaken under the Commonwealth procurement guidelines based on the capacity of the organisation to undertake that and based on advice from Meals on Wheels that no other organisation was preferred. Miles Morgan Australia exist on a management panel.  Senator RICE: How many other organisations exist on that panel?  Mr Herald: Several, as far as I am aware. I'm not sure exactly who was on the panel. They were selected based on their relationship and existing work with Meals on Wheels Australia.  Senator RICE: Right. So their relationship and their existing work with Meals on Wheels Australia?  Mr Herald: Yes.  Senator RICE: Can you take on notice who else was on the panel? Who else could you have chosen from without going through an open tender process? What was the extent of their existing work with Meals on Wheels Australia before they had the program?</p>	95	26/10/2023
SQ23-001978	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Ongoing discussions regarding Meals and Wheels pricing	<p>Senator RICE: No. If some of these Victorian providers had been offered the opportunity to provide services into Ballarat and Whitehorse at a cost of \$13.25 per unit, that would have been a different offer than taking over a service for only \$8.25 a unit, which most of them are getting.  Mr Lye: Maybe it's best to take on notice and give you the process that we followed to arrive at that. I think we should also provide you on notice the ongoing discussion with the various affiliates and</p>	105-106	26/10/2023

				Meals on Wheels around this pricing issue, because I think it is a live issue. There is a disparity across the country in terms of that price. It is bound up with the future of the service in terms of this aim in reform to get high quality meals at a price that is efficient across the whole sector but at the same time to recognise the unique organisational structure of Meals on Wheels, which is very much volunteer driven.		
SQ23-001979	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Information on the set up costs and transitional costs	Senator RICE: I also understand-I look forward to receiving the information on notice about the \$13-that basically it was meant to cover set-up costs and transitional costs. Basically, the new services essentially walked into facilities that were already set up so that the transitional costs and set-up costs were next to nothing.	106	26/10/2023
SQ23-002176	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Support at Home	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the new Support at Home Program still on track to be implemented by 1 July 2025?</li> <li>2. I understand that a revised program design was released this time last year (October 2022) for consultation to support the refinement of program design. When will the Department release a finalised design of the new Support at Home Program?</li> <li>3. When will this be made available to stakeholders for consideration, noting it has been 12 months since the last publication was released and it is now near 18 months before the new program is due to commence?</li> <li>4. How has transition from the current programs to the future program been accounted for in this process?</li> <li>5. How many people does the Department believe will transition to the Support at Home Program within its first year of operation?</li> <li>6. Do you have projections over the forwards of the number of older Australians using the Support at Home program?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023

				7. What additional investment will be needed in the next Federal Budget to support this?		
SQ23-001977	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Alternative operators for Meals on Wheels in Victoria	<p>Mr Herald: The vast majority of Meals on Wheels services in Victoria are, as I said before, councils and state hospital districts. When they relinquish, we have selected providers in the past who have not prescribed to what Meals on Wheels would describe as the Meals on Wheels ethos, which is the provision of delivered meals alongside the social support, the volunteer spending some time. There has been a number of complaints about those transition processes because they lose the regular delivery and all that sort of stuff. The market in Victoria is quite immature when it comes to service providers that do that social connection. We used interstate providers- that is, Newcastle and Queensland-as a mechanism of supporting the retention of that model in those locations.</p> <p>Senator RICE: There are a couple of things I would like to unpack with that. There are other Meals on Wheels providers. There are other local government providers, as you say. There are plenty of other Meals on Wheels operators in Victoria who are operating Meals on Wheels services with the use of community volunteers?</p> <p>Mr Herald: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Did you consider that none of them were suitable to be approached to potentially run these programs in Ballarat and Whitehorse?</p> <p>Mr Herald: Generally speaking, councils don't deliver outside their council boundaries. Secondly-</p> <p>Senator RICE: Generally speaking, were any of them given the opportunity?</p> <p>Mr Herald: Generally, a significant number of them are withdrawing out.</p>	105	26/10/2023

				<p>Senator RICE: Were any of them given the opportunity?</p> <p>Mr Herald: I would have to go back and check the report, Senator.</p>		
SQ23-001976	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Effectiveness of the Miles Morgan Meals on Wheels Program	<p>Senator RICE: I will finish and come back on another area. I will finish this off. If the program is about to come to an end, what is the ongoing work to continue to build the capacity and to get all of these Meals on Wheels organisations ideally working well and working well together?</p> <p>Mr Herald: Senator, we are working through a series of options for the next phase of work as part of the in-home aged-care reforms. We haven't locked that down just yet. The one thing we have found that is very clear is that the current architecture of the system doesn't work and we need to do something better. We've got some really good ideas. That's what Miles Morgan and others have been doing with frontline services.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Miles Morgan Australia and you have been doing it?</p> <p>Mr Herald: And the frontline services led by-</p> <p>Senator RICE: And the frontline services. But not, for example, Meals on Wheels Victoria?</p> <p>Mr Herald: Senator, we are operating with people who are actually doing the runs with meals.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Tell me. I am confused, then. What do you see the role of Meals on Wheels Victoria to be?</p> <p>Mr Lye: Senator, I think there are two things going on here. You are asking a series of questions about the effectiveness of the Miles Morgan piece of work. I think we're happy to give you on notice the good things and bad things. I'm not pretending that is a perfect contract. We're not concerned that it's off the rails. I think there is a separate issue here, which is the relationship with the organisation and its federated partners. I'm saying to you very clearly that is not in a great place. We are trying to address that. That is not about the</p>	98-99	26/10/2023

				Miles Morgan contract. It is about the department's relationship with Meals on Wheels.		
SQ23-001975	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Communication with Meals on Wheels programs across the Country	<p>Senator RICE: I will ask you to take on notice all the details of your communication with all of the Meals on Wheels programs across the country during the life of the project, please.</p> <p>Mr Herald: Yes. Happy to, Senator.</p>	98	26/10/2023
SQ23-002030	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	International comparisons of pharmacy models	<p>Senator RUSTON: And, obviously, the department has received that. I'm just interested. The contract period, according to the contract documents, was between 29 August 2023 and 30 September 2023; is that correct?</p> <p>Dr Gould: I would have to check. I think it was actually earlier than that.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: That's on AusTender, via contract notice view. It says that the contract period was 29 August 2023 to 30 September 2023.</p> <p>Mr Exell: We're happy to take that on notice and check that.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Could you check now?</p> <p>Dr Gould: I have that the contract initially ran between 22 May and 30 June 2023, and then there was an extension from 1 July to 14 July.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Could you maybe then advise me what contract notice CN3999644 is. It quite clearly says here that the contract period is from August to September.</p> <p>Mr Exell: We don't have the exact contract number here. I want to check that we're talking about the right contract, so perhaps we could check that. I assume that we are, because that was the work,</p>	8	26/10/2023

				<p>but I just want to check to make sure that we're talking about the right contract.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Perhaps you could get back to me on that, because it's a little confusing.</p>		
SQ23-002106	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Gerard Rennick	Office of Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) discretion and responsibility to conduct safety tests on COVID vaccine	<p>17. Pfizer and American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy says that the vaccine is Gene Therapy - <a href="https://asgct.org/publications/news/august-2021/pfizer-vaccine-approved-by-fda">https://asgct.org/publications/news/august-2021/pfizer-vaccine-approved-by-fda</a> and Gene Therapy Basics   ASGCT - American Society of Gene &amp; Cell Therapy   and Gene Therapy: Behind the Scenes   Pfizer. Page 70 of the Moderna filing to the SEC at June 30 2020 also states that mRNA technology is a gene therapy.</p> <p>Why didn't the OGTR review the safety of the mRNA vaccines given Section 3 of the Gene Technology Act says "The object of this Act is to protect the health and safety of people, and to protect the environment, by identifying risks posed by or as a result of gene technology, and by managing those risks through regulating certain dealings with GMOs."? I also note section 30 of the same Act that says "the Regulator has discretion in the performance or exercise of his or her functions or powers. In particular, the Regulator is not subject to direction from anyone." As such why did the OTGR rely on the TGA for conducting safety tests on the Covid mRNA vaccines when the OTGR had the discretion and responsibility to do it?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002111	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Narcolepsy Medication	<p>1. Can the Department please advise which, if any, medicines used to treat Narcolepsy are currently available on the PBS?</p>	Written	6/11/2023

SQ23-002040	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	GMP washing	<p>5. Please define the term "GMP washing"?</p> <p>6. Is the TGA aware of instances where GMP washing has occurred?</p> <p>7. Do you agree that "GMP washing" constitutes a work-around to TGO93 and compromises product quality and patient safety?</p> <p>8. How is the TGA monitoring this and other work-around activities that may be occurring?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002033	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Modelling that informed the Government's reinvestment in the Pharmacy Sector	<p>Senator RUSTON: You refer to assumptions, but what is the basis of those assumptions? You have said that there will be a significant financial impact on pharmacy. That is an example of one of the things in there. You must have done something to determine that. You didn't just pluck it out of the air.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: There are numbers in the impact assessment which informed the government's reinvestment in the pharmacy sector through the budget. So \$1.3 billion was the modelled impact and \$1.3 billion-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: What is the modelling to get to that number? You talk about the modelling, but you haven't provided the modelling.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: It is script volumes, patient numbers and those sorts of things.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Could you provide that?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I think we can take on notice the elements that feed into those.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: It is very disappointing, Minister, that these are the exact same questions that I asked at budget estimates. We are nearly six months down the track and, regarding the information that I asked for and was told didn't exist, you are now saying you will take</p>	23	26/10/2023

				<p>it on notice and provide it.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I don't accept that.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Well, you did. The department said that there was nothing. I would be very keen to understand-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I am happy to review the transcripts. I am happy to be as helpful as we can be, to provide the information that you need.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Thank you.</p>		
SQ23-001954	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	<p>PBS medication listing and women's health</p>	<p>Visanne &amp; PBAC</p> <p>We are aware of the criteria that pharmaceutical companies must consider when preparing submissions to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) for their consideration in listing medications on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). We understand that these criteria are particularly restrictive for medications that pertain to women's health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Does the Department regularly engage with the PBAC concerning the application process for listing medications on the PBS?</li> <li>- Is the Department aware of the criteria set out by the PBAC that inadvertently impact the possibility of adding women's health medication to the PBS?</li> <li>. Is the Department aware of when the PBAC last reviewed its selection criteria for considering submissions?</li> <li>- Has the Department sought advice on whether the selection criteria disproportionately excludes medication that would support women's health? Can this advice be made public if so?</li> <li>- Has the Department sought advice on expanding PBAC's selection criteria to include other factors, such as patient experience, societal</li> </ul>	Written	31/10/2023



				impacts, and economic benefits? Can this advice be made public if so?		
SQ23-002153	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Ralph Babet	Conflict of Interest for Office of Gene Technology Regulator	29. Please provide a list of all conflicts of interests declared by Office of Gene Technology Regulator employees for the period between January 2020 and May 2023 including Regulatory Practice & Compliance and Evaluation (all subordinate branches and divisions). This includes past and present employees for that time period.	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002112	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care and investigation of COVID deaths	23. <a href="https://clinicalevidence.net.au/">https://clinicalevidence.net.au/</a> Why did the National Taskforce on Covid drop antibiotics for people with respiratory infection from Covid given that bacterial infections are common after viral infections? The Commission helped fund this organisation. Will the Commission investigate if this measure increased Covid deaths? If not, why not?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-001938	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Debilitating Symptom Complexes Attributed to Ticks (DSCATT) - Q Fever	Debilitating Symptom Complexes Attributed to Ticks (DSCATT) - Clinical Pathway  20. The Clinical Pathway states:  If Q fever is suspected clinically (appropriate symptoms AND at high risk epidemiologically), commence empirical treatment while waiting for laboratory tests.  While achieving a timely, definitive diagnosis of Q fever is challenging, early treatment is beneficial and empirical antibiotic therapy should be considered if the presentation and clinical history	Written	17/10/2023

			<p>suggest a zoonotic disease. Moreover, the Q fever CDNA guidelines for Public Health Units specify that if Q fever is suspected clinically (in people with appropriate symptoms AND who are at high risk of contracting Q fever), empirical treatment should be commenced without waiting for laboratory tests.</p> <p>a. Why does the above not also apply to Lyme disease/borreliosis, which is at least as serious as Q Fever?</p> <p>b. Why are early treatment and empirical antibiotic therapy (without waiting for laboratory tests) not available to suspected Borreliosis patients?</p> <p>c. The Clinical Pathway recommends that GPs refer suspected Borreliosis patients to an infectious disease specialist or microbiologist, delaying diagnosis and, hence, treatment time. The timeframe is extended even further if the patient lives in a regional area (and must travel to the specialist), or the specialist has a long waiting list. This leaves patients at risk of 'potentially disabling, chronic and fatal complications,' as reported by the Lyme Disease Association of Australia Scientific Advisory Committee response to the DSCATT Clinical Pathway. The Clinical Pathway also states: Chronic Q fever requires prolonged treatment with antibiotics.</p> <p>i. Why is prolonged treatment with antibiotics acceptable for chronic Q fever, but not for disseminated Borreliosis?</p> <p>ii. What are the clinically distinctive aspects of Q fever that allow for this prolonged use of antibiotics when antibiotic use in Borreliosis, particularly disseminated Borreliosis, is not allowed?</p>		
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SQ23-001939	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	<p>Debilitating Symptom Complexes Attributed to Ticks (DSCATT) - Queensland Tick Typhus</p>	<p>21. The Clinical Pathway states (in relation to Queensland Tick Typhus - QTT):</p> <p>QTT is readily treated with a short course of doxycycline. Early initiation of doxycycline is critical - a delay in appropriate antimicrobial therapy is associated with increased likelihood of progression to severe disease and complications.</p> <p>Doxycycline should be administered orally in mild-to-moderate infection and intravenously in severe infection. There are no published data on the importance of antibiotics in mild R. australis infection although early administration probably prevents hospitalisation and morbidity.</p> <p>Since doxycycline may be administered by a GP with critical urgency for QTT, including intravenously, despite there being 'no published data on the importance of antibiotics,' and, since there is 'little systematic evidence being available regarding the outcomes of acute R. australis infection, particularly for non-hospitalised patients,' why then:</p> <p>a. Should suspected Lyme disease/borreliosis patients have to wait for a specialist referral/appointment and positive laboratory tests, to</p>	Written	17/10/2023

				<p>obtain doxycycline, especially given that there is published data on the importance of early antibiotics for Lyme disease, and recognition that 'people treated with appropriate antibiotics in the early stages of Lyme disease can help prevent late Lyme disease' (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - CDC)?</p> <p>Question 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Government Department of Health Debilitating Symptom Complexes Attributed to Ticks (DSCATT) Clinical Pathway FINAL CLINICAL PATHWAY October 2020</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/07/debilitating-symptomcomplexes-attributed-to-ticks-dscatt-clinical-pathway.pdf">https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/07/debilitating-symptomcomplexes-attributed-to-ticks-dscatt-clinical-pathway.pdf</a></p>		
SQ23-001941	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	DSCATT Clinical Pathway	<p>23. Excluding evidence relating to tick-borne disease in Australia pre-dating 2008 from the Clinical Pathway and literature review weakens and biases the evidence-base. Much of the contribution of the patient stakeholder cohort was also excluded from the Pathway. The Pathway was finalised and published despite the entire national patient stakeholder cohort protesting and declaring it unsafe and not-fit-for-purpose.</p> <p>a. How can the government justify the use of the phrase 'general consensus' when the entire patient stakeholder group is in dissensus with the other stakeholders?</p> <p>b. Section 1.1 of the Clinical Pathway states the intention for the Clinical Pathway to be 'generally accepted by the Australian medical and other health professions and patient groups as part of their clinical management.'</p> <p>i. Patient groups do not accept the Clinical Pathway and words</p>	Written	17/10/2023

				<p>suggesting that patient groups do accept the Pathway should be removed from it. Who signed off on the Clinical Pathway and when will patients receive a meaningful opportunity for consultation?</p> <p>ii. The DSCATT Clinical Pathway declares itself to be 'not instructive; rather a tool/pathway to help structure assessments and management of patients' and to have been developed 'to support decision-making on differential diagnosis and referral pathways.' It is axiomatic that the Clinical Pathway is a primary tool for healthcare providers, not for patients. The Department of Health and Aged Care lists the DSCATT Clinical Pathway under the label Support for healthcare providers. The label Support for patients includes the Clinical Pathway as a secondary tool within the listed initiative of 'supporting healthcare providers to deliver better health outcomes for patients.'</p> <p>1. Please provide data showing how the Clinical Pathway has provided better health outcomes for patients, especially chronically ill patients, since its October 2020 publication.</p> <p>2. Please provide feedback from patients and patient advocacy groups on the performance of the Clinical Pathway.</p>		
SQ23-001942	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Debilitating Symptom Complexes Attributed to Ticks (DSCATT)	<p>Debilitating Symptom Complexes Attributed to Ticks (DSCATT) and Long COVID</p> <p>24. Please provide a detailed overview of any relevant preliminary research outcomes that show similarities between the two patient cohorts.</p> <p>25. The April 2023 Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and</p>	Written	17/10/2023

			<p>and Long COVID</p> <p>Sport Final Report from the House of Representatives Inquiry into Long COVID and Repeated COVID Infections highlights the problematic issues arising from not having a nationally agreed, consistent definition of long COVID, which can be applied to both clinical and research purposes.</p> <p>a. Why does the government insist on persisting with the clumsy, inappropriate label Debilitating Symptom Complexes Attributed to Ticks instead of simply opting for Illness Attributed to Ticks? Symptom complexes infers the problem is inherently on the part of the patient, whereas illness implies the medical world's acceptance of the patients' condition of being ill.</p> <p>b. There has been an easy acceptance of the condition long COVID, in a short period of time. Despite a considerable and varied evidence-based body of knowledge existing about tick-borne diseases in acute and chronic forms, and post-infection or post-treatment syndromes associated with some tickborne diseases, and despite patient advocacy groups requesting help and treatment for their members, why has the government effectively blocked support and treatment for patients with tick-borne illness?</p> <p>c. The first of the seven recommendations in the Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport's Inquiry Final Report is 'that the Australian government establishes and funds a single COVID-19 database to be administered by the soon-to-be developed Centre for Disease Control to capture data on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COVID-19 infections, complications, hospitalisations, and deaths as well as recurrent COVID-19 infections ...</li> <li>- Long COVID diagnoses including post COVID complications ...'</li> </ul>		
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				<p>Is the government going to establish a database to capture the recommended data? If yes, when? If no, why not?</p> <p>d. Both COVID and DSCATT and all diseases require epidemiological data to help define the disease. Information about prevalence, incidence and burden of disease is a necessary partner to research. Patients suffering from illness attributed to ticks have been calling for a database and epidemiological survey for the past decade. If the government establishes a database to capture data for COVID, will it also establish a database to capture data for tick-borne illnesses?</p>		
SQ23-001943	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Medical ethics and tick-borne diseases	<p>Ethics</p> <p>26. Patients living with other diseases in which the science or cause or precise diagnosis is undetermined can still access treatment. For example, autoimmune diseases may be treated at the discretion of the doctor, and patients with respiratory conditions such as COPD may take prophylactic antibiotics to prevent infection and further antibiotics at any hint of infection. And, as noted previously, patients with QTT and Q Fever can access treatments such as doxycycline.</p> <p>a. What is the justification, from a medical ethics viewpoint, of refusing to treat patients living with tick-borne diseases in Australia while the scientific debate about causation remains undetermined?</p> <p>b. Why are patients with tick-borne diseases denied the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health care that is available to the rest of the community?</p> <p>27. What is the medical responsibility to minimise harm to patients living with tickborne diseases while research is still progressing on</p>	Written	17/10/2023

				<p>emerging pathogens?</p> <p>28. What is the government's global responsibility to minimise harm in view of the emerging/increasing disease status of the infectious diseases lumped under the non-diagnostic label – DSCATT?</p> <p>29. I refer to question on notice: SQ22-000470</p> <p>The Implementation/Monitoring Table relating to the 12 Recommendations from the Final Report of the 2016 Senate Inquiry, included in the response to Portfolio question number SQ22-000470 Supplementary budget estimates November 2022, relies on the Clinical Pathway as the main implementation for six of the twelve Recommendations (5 out of 6 completed at that time).</p> <p>How can the government justify ticking 6 out of 12 boxes, citing the Clinical Pathway as the measure of completion of the recommendation, when there is no evidence that the Pathway has provided any benefit to patients (or has even been read by healthcare providers) and the potential harm that the Pathway could cause to patients has been ignored?</p>		
SQ23-002046	National Health and Medical Research Council	Malcolm Roberts	COVID Vaccine	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What research has NHMRC commissioned into COVID vaccine effectiveness in terms of randomized control trials?</li> <li>2. What research has NHMRC commissioned into natural immunity attained after COVID infection with COVID vaccination, comparing those?</li> <li>3. There hasn't been an update on NHMRC website in relation to Senate Order 192 (the Murray Motion <a href="https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/accountability-and-reporting">https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/accountability-and-reporting</a>) for the last three years may I ask why that hasn't been updated?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023



				<p>4. How much of NHMRC own source revenue did NHMRC generate in the previous financial year?</p> <p>5. What services are NHMRC rendering for that?</p> <p>6. Who are NHMRC generating that revenue from?</p> <p>7. Please provide a list of every entity NHMRC generated revenue from?</p>		
SQ23-001931	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Response to petition PN0556	<p>11. The Federal Health Ministerial response to petition PN0556 states that: The Government does not collect information on the nature of specific referrals by infectious disease specialists, therefore, statistical record-keeping by the Government for all tick-borne infections definitely acquired in Australia is at present not feasible or practical.</p> <p>a. Why does the government not collect this data and why is this statistical record keeping not funded?</p> <p>b. International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Codes 'are the main basis for health recording and statistics on disease in primary, secondary, and tertiary care, as well as on cause of death certificates. These data and statistics support payment systems, service planning, administration of quality and safety, and health services research. Diagnostic guidance linked to categories of ICD also standardizes data collection and enables large scale research.' (World Health Organisation (WHO) website, ICD-11 Homepage) Please provide transparency around all the ICD codes relating to Lyme disease and Tickborne Relapsing Fever. If no data exists for these ICD codes, Australia is effectively operating outside of the global purpose of ICD codes.</p>	Written	17/10/2023

				<p>12. The same Federal Health Ministerial response to petition PN0556 states that the decision to list a disease on the National Notifiable Disease List (NNDL) is a matter for the Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA).</p> <p>a. What progress is the CDNA making toward inclusion of tick-borne diseases as a risk to public health under the National Health Security Act 2007?</p> <p>b. At what point is the burden of disease considered as part of the CDNA's consideration of notification on the NNDL?</p> <p>Question 11 &amp; 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministerial response to petition dated 19/05/2023: <a href="https://www.aph.gov.au/epetitions/petition/PN0556">https://www.aph.gov.au/epetitions/petition/PN0556</a> (Accessed 22/08/2023).</li> <li>• WHO International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) <a href="https://www.who.int/standards/classifications/classification-of-diseases">https://www.who.int/standards/classifications/classification-of-diseases</a> (Accessed 20/08/2023)</li> </ul>		
SQ23-001940	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Chronic Lyme as a disputed diagnosis	<p>22. The Clinical Pathway states:</p> <p>While some Australians and healthcare providers believe that a form of 'chronic Lyme disease' exists, globally, 'chronic Lyme disease' is a disputed diagnosis which lacks sufficient supporting evidence.</p> <p>Both the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) acknowledge chronic Lyme, though both agencies use the term PTLDS (post treatment Lyme disease syndrome). Many Australian patients have not had</p>	Written	17/10/2023

			<p>treatment for their tick-borne illness and therefore cannot be considered as having a post treatment syndrome.</p> <p>Unsworth et al. (2008) state that 'it is well known that an infectious disease may lead to chronic infection and chronic illness. Such infections include ... Lyme disease (<i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i>) ... Post-infection fatigue syndrome after Q-Fever has also been well-documented.'</p> <p>Why does the Clinical Pathway refer to chronic Lyme as "a disputed diagnosis which lacks sufficient supporting evidence" when CDC and IDSA information is international best practice and considered authoritative, and Unsworth et al (2008) acknowledge chronic Lyme infection?</p> <p>References to Question 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Government Department of Health Debilitating Symptom Complexes Attributed to Ticks (DSCATT) Clinical Pathway FINAL CLINICAL PATHWAY October 2020 <a href="https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/07/debilitating-symptomcomplexes-attributed-to-ticks-dscatt-clinical-pathway.pdf">https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/07/debilitating-symptomcomplexes-attributed-to-ticks-dscatt-clinical-pathway.pdf</a></li> <li>• Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Post-Treatment Lyme Disease Syndrome <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/postlds/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/postlds/index.html</a> (Accessed 22/08/2023).</li> <li>• Clinical Practice Guidelines by the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), American Academy of Neurology (AAN), and American College of Rheumatology (ACR): 2020 Guidelines for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Lyme Disease Published CID, 11/30/2020. Clinical Infectious Diseases, Volume 72, Issue 1, 1 January 2021, Pages e1-e48, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciaa1215">https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciaa1215</a></li> </ul>		
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SQ23-001944	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	<p>Consultation and communication regarding tick-borne diseases</p>	<p>30. There is a need for patient/advocate group engagement with the government. The government claims it has completed tasks, such as the 12 recommendations from the Senate Inquiry Final Report, and spent adequate millions on research and projects, while patients are experiencing deleterious effects - medical, psychological, and financial - from the government's actions and inactions. The government's inaction in rolling out a nationwide epidemiological exercise of data capture, for example, has hindered the creation of an evidence-base about sufferers of tick-borne diseases in Australia and left the government with no data about currently ill patients. Data about currently ill patients should have been part of the evidence-base of the Clinical Pathway. The government's action of publishing a Clinical Pathway preceding data capture has created a medical guidance tool that restricts treatments available to patients, hence causing patient harm.</p> <p>There is a need for retrospective, fair and reasonable consultation with the patient/advocate cohort. When will the government create opportunity for such consultation?</p> <p>31. Advocacy groups are being denied any means of contacting the office of the current Chief Medical Officer and must communicate through the main phone line of the Department. There is no acknowledgement of emails, so a follow-up phone call to confirm receipt is necessary. Furthermore, the Department no longer has a</p>	Written	17/10/2023

				general contact for matters relating to DSCATT. The Chief Medical Officer incumbent when the Clinical Advisory Committee on Lyme Disease formed was open to communication and generous with response. Will the government rectify this communication issue?		
SQ23-002043	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Mosquito bites and Kimberley region	<p>1. What has the Federal Government done to raise awareness and encourage people to take actions to protect themselves against mosquito bites?</p> <p>2. What is the government doing for mosquito surveillance in the Kimberley region?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002060	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Letter to a constituent signed by the ISB regarding the pandemic instrument	<p>6. In a letter to a constituent signed by the ISB regarding the pandemic instrument, these words were used: "The intent of the new instrument is to enhance the international community's efforts towards future pandemics. The new instrument provides an opportunity to strengthen global health systems, disease surveillance, enhance equity and future pandemic response." Is this still an accurate appraisal of that instrument?</p> <p>7. The letter relates to the latest version of the instrument WHO CA+ dated 2 June 2023. However there is a new version of this instrument, dated October 2023 can I have a copy of this latest document please?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002879	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Consultation with the World Health Assembly	11. What consultation and/or advice did Australia as a Member State, undertake and/or receive with the World Health Assembly in relation to the appointment of an independent panel (for pandemic preparedness & response) to provide impartial, independent and comprehensive evaluation, including using existing mechanisms, as appropriate, to review experience gained and lessons learned from the WHO-coordinated international health response to COVID-19?	Written	22/11/2023

				Specifically, how was the independence and impartiality of panel members assured by the World Health Assembly?		
SQ23-002059	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Duties relating to the World Health Organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As we have not communicated previously, please explain your duties as they relate to the World Health Organisation?</li> <li>2. How many staff in your branch, and what is your annual budget?</li> <li>3. Who do you report to – is there a departmental structure you could share?</li> <li>4. I understand Australia maintains a permanent office in Geneva that is our point of contact with the WHO, is that through your branch?</li> <li>5. How many staff in that office and what is the annual budget?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002067	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	COVID-19 Inquiry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Department please detail the advice they provided to Government regarding the advantages and disadvantages of different inquiry models?</li> <li>2. Can the Department please detail any advice or response they provided following receiving the draft terms of reference and the panel members?</li> <li>3. Would it be correct to say that the Department held the position that a Royal Commission would be warranted in the context of COVID-19?</li> <li>4. What is the Department's definition of 'independent'?</li> <li>5. How is the panel independent if it is being supported by 'A Taskforce within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet'?</li> </ol> <p>Scope of Inquiry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. The terms of reference state that public consultation will be conducted in a process where "The Independent Panel may invite and publish submissions and seek information from any persons or bodies." How will the panel determine who they will invite to submit to the inquiry?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>7. Will there be any requirements in terms of bodies, experts and members of the public who they must invite to be a part of the consultation?</p> <p>8. Why is consultation via initiation only?</p> <p>9. If the inquiry will only conduct exclusive, invite-only consultation, how will the Department ensure that this is a thorough investigation if the panel can pick and choose who they hear from?</p> <p>10. When does the Department consider that the COVID-19 pandemic ended in Australia?</p> <p>11. Will the inquiry cover this entire period, including the current Government's handling of the pandemic?</p> <p>12. Can you confirm the inquiry will look into the vaccination rates and COVID deaths in aged care under the current Government?</p>		
SQ23-002068	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Long Covid Inquiry	<p>1. On 24 April 2023, Minister Butler announced \$50 million for research into Long COVID. This was considered with the House's Health Committee's recommendations following the Long COVID inquiry. Can the Department please have an update on whether any organisations have received funding yet?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002118	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Proposed amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)	<p>Question 1: Is the Department aware of the upcoming 307 proposed amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005), <a href="https://apps.who.int/gb/wgihhr/pdf_files/wgihhr1/WGIHR_Compilation-en.pdf">https://apps.who.int/gb/wgihhr/pdf_files/wgihhr1/WGIHR_Compilation-en.pdf</a>, submitted in accordance with decision WHA75(9) that will become enforceable on the Australian government and its people from May next year if not actively rejected beforehand?</p> <p>Question 2: What is the Australian Government's understanding on why the WHO seeks to become a legislative authority and how making their</p>	Written	6/11/2023

			<p>directives legally binding (Article 1) on Australians benefits Australians?</p> <p>Question 3: Does the Department support the removal of the "full respect for the dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons" or does it propose to reject the Amendment to Article 3?</p> <p>Question 4: It appears the IHR amendments will come into force automatically in May 2025, being 12 months after their adoption in May 2024. What decisions need to be made – if any – by the Federal Executive Council or by the Parliament, for the IHR amendments to take legal effect in Australia?</p> <p>Question 5: What are the implications for national security and the privacy implications for Australians of the Amendments: Article 5 Surveillance and Article 11 Exchange of information?</p> <p>Question 6: Is it in the national interest for us to accept amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005), <a href="https://apps.who.int/gb/wgihhr/pdf_files/wgihhr1/WGIHR_Compilation-en.pdf">https://apps.who.int/gb/wgihhr/pdf_files/wgihhr1/WGIHR_Compilation-en.pdf</a>, that would legally oblige Australia to follow the WHO's binding recommendations in the event of a pandemic or perceived pandemic?</p> <p>Question 7: In relation to the proposed amendments to the IHR, can the Minister guarantee that if the Australian health advice is that measures</p>		
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				recommended by the WHO in a future pandemic could do Australians harm, would the Australian government be able to take a different approach, and if so, what would be the legal consequences given that we would be legally obliged under articles 1, 13A and 42 to follow the WHO's dictates?		
SQ23-002119	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	International Health Regulations - implementation of WHO's recommendations during a pandemic or perceived pandemic.	Question 8: The International Health Regulations require Australia and other nations to implement the WHO's recommendations during a pandemic or perceived pandemic. If a country would like to do something over and above what the WHO recommends, but the WHO rejects it because it restricts trade in some way, there is a process for review, but the WHO's decision is final under Article 43. Is this in the national interest to put ourselves in this position? Does the Department or indeed the Minister believe that this crucial change in the WHO's mandate will come into effect without the need for any decision by this parliament?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002120	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Submissions made to the International Health Regulations and Pandemic Agreement -	Question 9: When will the Department of Health publish submissions made to the September consultation, <a href="https://consultations.health.gov.au/health-systems-policy-division/preparing-for-pandemics-and-health-emergencies/">https://consultations.health.gov.au/health-systems-policy-division/preparing-for-pandemics-and-health-emergencies/</a> , on the International Health Regulations and Pandemic Agreement? What further consultation process is planned, and when will that process occur?	Written	6/11/2023

			September consultation			
SQ23-002121	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	WHO seeking to become a legislative authority and benefits	Question 10: What is the Minister's understanding on why the WHO seeks to become a legislative authority and how making their directives legally binding (Article 1) on Australians benefits Australians?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002122	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	WHO membership and funding	Question 13: Does the Minister stand by the statement "the WHO is, and remains, a Member State led organisation", despite the fact that it is over 80% funded by non-member, often corporate donors that are able to direct that funding? (The largest non-member donor is the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation).	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002125	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Suggested process for International Health Regulations amendments	Question 14: Please review the suggested process below for the IHR amendments to take effect in Australia and advise if this is consistent with the understanding or position of the department. If not, can the department please modify, amend our update this information for accuracy and provide the process they believe Australia will need to undertake in an answer? 1. The IHR changes will be voted on in May 2024 - For the IHR changes to be adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2024, a majority (at least 50%) of member nations need to vote in favour. 2. IHR changes will take effect May 2025 - Under paragraph 3 of Article 55 of the current IHR, <a href="https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/246107/978924158049">https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/246107/978924158049</a>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>6-eng.pdf?sequence=1, if the World Health Assembly approve the changes in May 2024, they will come into effect 24 months later. Australia has indicated, <a href="https://www.aph.gov.au/-/media/02_Parliamentary_Business/24_Committees/244_Joint_Committees/JSCT/2023/Minor_Treaty_Actions/MTA_-_5-2023_-_Amendments_to_International_Health_Regulations.pdf?la=en&amp;has h=130623E949B3A4C568665D5C035014E305495F5C">https://www.aph.gov.au/-/media/02_Parliamentary_Business/24_Committees/244_Joint_Committees/JSCT/2023/Minor_Treaty_Actions/MTA_-_5-2023_-_Amendments_to_International_Health_Regulations.pdf?la=en&amp;has h=130623E949B3A4C568665D5C035014E305495F5C</a>, that we have no objection to this period being shortened to 12 months. The changes are therefore likely to come into force from June 2025, despite 55697 people signing a petition, <a href="https://www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions/petition/EN5048/sign">https://www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions/petition/EN5048/sign</a>, to date unanswered by the Department of Health, calling for this fast-tracking to be debated in our parliament.</p> <p>3. We can opt out within a certain time frame – Under the existing IHR, the changes will automatically apply to Australia unless we proactively opt out. The period for opting out is currently 18 months, but Australia has indicated, <a href="https://www.aph.gov.au/-/media/02_Parliamentary_Business/24_Committees/244_Joint_Committees/JSCT/2023/Minor_Treaty_Actions/MTA_-_5-2023_-_Amendments_to_International_Health_Regulations.pdf?la=en&amp;has h=130623E949B3A4C568665D5C035014E305495F5C">https://www.aph.gov.au/-/media/02_Parliamentary_Business/24_Committees/244_Joint_Committees/JSCT/2023/Minor_Treaty_Actions/MTA_-_5-2023_-_Amendments_to_International_Health_Regulations.pdf?la=en&amp;has h=130623E949B3A4C568665D5C035014E305495F5C</a>, that we have no objection to this period being shortened to 10 months.</p>		
SQ23-002166	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Accuracy of PCR Tests	<p>"9. Does the TGA actually know what sequence the PCR test uses?  11. Can the TGA outline the tests it undertook to determine the accuracy of the PCR and RAT tests? How accurate are the PCR tests and RAT tests for Covid-19 and to what margin of error is this accuracy? How many people were in the trial groups and what were the results? Can the details of each PCR and RAT product test be provided please.  12. Can a PCR test determine the difference between a viral and</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				vaccine protein? Can a PCR determine the difference between Covid and other types of Flu? "		
SQ23-002092	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Ralph Babet	mRNA vaccines - consultations, communication and supply	<p>3. Did the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) make any emergency dealing determinations with respect to Covid-19 mRNA vaccines?</p> <p>4. Was Covid-19 mRNA vaccines a GMO intentionally released into the environment?</p> <p>5. Has any individual or company made an application to the OGTR or withdrawn an application with the OGTR in relation to mRNA Covid-19 vaccines?</p> <p>6. Did the OGTR have ANY communication written or verbal or consult with potential applicants or individuals regarding the requirement of a licence relating to a Covid-19 mRNA vaccine for supply and use within Australia?</p> <p>7. Did the OGTR have ANY communication written or verbal or consult with another agencies, including the Therapeutic Goods Administration, on any aspect of Covid-19 mRNA vaccines for supply and use within Australia?</p> <p>8. Was the OGTR required to sign any commercial in confidence agreements in relation to any Covid-19 mRNA vaccines proposed for supply and use within Australia?</p> <p>9. Did the OGTR ever receive any commercial in confidence information in relation to a Covid-19 mRNA vaccine?</p> <p>10. Did the OGTR recognise any policy principles in arriving at it's decision that a licence was not required in relation to the importation, transportation, and intentional release of a Covid-19 mRNA vaccine?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002094	Office of the Gene	Ralph Babet	Simian Virus 40	16. Is the OGTR aware that the Simian Virus 40 (SV40) promotor nucleoside sequence can be used to facilitate the transfer of genetic	Written	6/11/2023

	Technology Regulator		(SV40) promotor nucleoside sequence	<p>material in gene therapy where there is an intention to transfer genetic material into a person's DNA?</p> <p>17. Is the OGTR aware of published reports and opinion of various international oncologists (medical cancer specialists) that the presence of SV40 in genetic material poses a risk to the development of cancer?</p> <p>18. Is the OGTR aware of published reports and opinion of various genomic scientists and the acknowledgement by Canada Health that plasmid (circular) DNA is a known contaminate of COVID-19 "vaccines" made by "Process 2" involving fermentation of E. coli bacteria</p> <p>19. Is the OGTR aware that the European Medical Agency was also concerned about the level of plasmid DNA in the mRNA Covid-19 vaccines?</p> <p>20. If plasmid DNA containing SV40 is a contaminate of mRNA COVID-19 "vaccines" at levels above those considered safe by drug regulators, would the OGTR have a responsibility under the the Gene Technology Act 2000, to take regulatory action?</p>		
SQ23-002098	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	PCR test accuracy in relation to target genes	7. The TGA claims that depending on a laboratory's individual established workflow, existing platforms, and epidemiological context, target genes include the N gene, E gene, S gene, RdRp gene and Orf-1ab gene in regard to testing for Covid. Are these genes unique to Covid-19 – yes or no? If not, how can the TGA claim the PCR test is accurate for Covid-19 if these exist in other viruses or organisms?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002193	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	mRNA breakdown and T-cells	20. Does the TGA agree with Professor Langham who said in a prior estimates hearing that the spike protein breaks down quickly? Given the mRNA was codon optimised with methyl pseudouridine and an increased poly-A tail to increase the durability of the mRNA, on what	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>basis can the TGA claim that the mRNA breaks down quickly given initial long-term studies were never conducted and subsequent studies show the presence of vaccine spike proteins in humans longer than 60 days after receiving the vaccine?</p> <p>21. Does the TGA agree with Professor Langham's comments in a prior set of estimates that T-cells don't necessarily kill cells?</p>		
SQ23-002196	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	TGA claims of efficiency of the vaccine	<p>24. Page 4 of the TGA Pfizer Nonclinical report says – "However, antibodies and T cells in monkeys declined quickly after 5 weeks after the second dose of BNT162b2 (V9) raising long term immunity concerns the monkey's got 100 micrograms more than 30 micrograms." How can the TGA claim the vaccine was effective with such a short duration which would have been much shorter with a smaller dose and heavier weight in humans?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002202	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Exclusion of 2 new lipid ALC-0159 and ALC-0315 from the TGA database.	<p>38. I note that two new lipids, ALC-0159 and ALC-0315, used in the Pfizer vaccine were not on the TGA ingredient database? 2389-6 page 17 - what does this mean? What is the point of the TGA ingredient database and why were these two lipids excluded from it?</p> <p>39. How can the TGA verify the safety of the two novel lipids if they were never tested in humans before rollout of the vaccine?"</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002209	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Pfizer anti-virals such as Paxlovid stopping Covid?	<p>40. What is the mechanism by which the Pfizer anti-virals such as Paxlovid stop Covid? Do they inhibit the transmembrane serine protease?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002211	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Syncytia	<p>41. "Is there a risk that the vaccine, because of the fact that spike protein (or peptides of the spike protein) are inserted into the membrane, can fuse infected cells with healthy cells in a process</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				known as Syncytia? Article outlining risk attached. <a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34606831/#:~:text=Syncytia%20are%20formed%20when%20individual,with%20receptors%20on%20neighboring%20cells.">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34606831/#:~:text=Syncytia%20are%20formed%20when%20individual,with%20receptors%20on%20neighboring%20cells.</a> "		
SQ23-002224	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Safety and Efficacy of the BNT162b2 mRNA Covid-19 Vaccine	'50. Safety and Efficacy of the BNT162b2 mRNA Covid-19 Vaccine through 6 Months:  <a href="http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/nejmoa2110345">www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/nejmoa2110345</a>  Any adverse events: 30% vs 14% (vaccinated vs placebo) Related adverse event: 24% vs 6% (vaccinated vs placebo) Severe adverse events: 1.2% vs 0.7% (vaccinated vs placebo)  Safety and Efficacy of the BNT162b2 mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine:  <a href="http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/nejmoa2034577">www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/nejmoa2034577</a>  Any adverse events: 27% vs 12% (vaccinated vs placebo) Related adverse event: 21% vs 5% (vaccinated vs placebo) Severe adverse events: 0.6% vs 0.5% (vaccinated vs placebo)  Why does the TGA keep claiming that the vaccines reduce illness when safety trials showed a higher adverse event rate in vaccinated groups than placebo groups?"	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002228	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Product assessment reports for the PCR	67. Does the TGA have the product assessment reports for the PCR and RAT tests? If not, why not? Given these products are medical devices why wasn't a review conducted prior to rollout?	Written	6/11/2023

			and RAT tests			
SQ23-002230	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Traditional strains of the virus in a PCR test	69. If a PCR test can pick up 12 mutations, as per your website, what's to say it doesn't detect other, more traditional strains of the virus? <a href="https://www.tga.gov.au/products/covid-19/covid-19-tests/post-market-review-nucleic-acid-tests">https://www.tga.gov.au/products/covid-19/covid-19-tests/post-market-review-nucleic-acid-tests</a>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002233	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Concomitant infection	72. Does the "COVID PCR test" look for or exclude a concomitant infection?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002057	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Alexander Antic	Comprised nucleoside-modified messenger RNA (moderna) - Office of Gene Technology	Page 9 of the TGA document granting provisional approval to Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine the third paragraph states: "The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, BNT162b2 mRNA (tradename Comirnaty), comprises a nucleoside-modified messenger RNA (modRNA) encoding the viral spike glycoprotein (S) of SARS-CoV-2.8 The RNA is encapsulated in lipid nanoparticles (LNPs), which enables entry into host cells, expression of the S protein, and elicitation of both antibody and cellular immune responses." Pfizer's FORM-20F US SEC filing for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 - states on page 175 (final sentence): "Our COVID-19 vaccine (BNT162b2) is a nucleoside-modified mRNA formulated in lipid nanoparticles and encodes an optimized SARS-COV-2 full-length spike protein antigen." 1. Does the OGTR agree the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine is comprised of nucleoside-modified messenger RNA, otherwise called 'modRNA'?  Question 2. Regarding page 16 of the TGA document granting provisional approval to Moderna's Covid-19 vaccine the document states: "The	Written	3/11/2023



			<p>Spikevax COVID-19 mRNA-1273 vaccine contains a nucleoside-modified mRNA encoding the viral S protein of SARS-CoV-2 formulated in lipid particles. It forms an mRNA-lipid complex (lipid nanoparticle, LNP)."</p> <p>2. Does the OGTR agree the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine is comprised of nucleoside-modified messenger RNA?</p> <p>Question 3. The following document - Moderna's FORM-10K US SEC filing for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 – states on page 11: "The immune and cellular response to mRNA is complex, context specific, and often linked to the sensing of uridine. To minimize undesired immune responses to our potential mRNA medicines, our platform employs chemically-modified uridine nucleotides to minimize recognition by both immune cell sensors such as TLR3/7/8, and broadly-distributed cytosolic receptors such as RIG-I."</p> <p>3. Does the OGTR agree the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine is comprised of chemically-modified nucleotides?</p> <p>Question 4. 4. Based on the above documents, does the OGTR agree the Covid-19 vaccines by Pfizer and Moderna are created using techniques to modify the genetic materials they contain?</p> <p>Question 5. 5. Based on the above documents and statements does the OGTR agree the manufacture of mRNA Covid-19 vaccines do involve steps of genetic modification and therefore meet the definition of genetically modified organism ("GMO") within the meaning of the Gene Technology Act 2000 ("GT Act")?</p>		
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SQ23-002058	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Alexander Antic	Office of Gene Technology Regulator(OTGR) requirements to regulate the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine	<p>Question 6.</p> <p>Section 10 of the GT Act defines "deal with" , in relation to a GMO, to mean the following:</p> <p>(a) conduct experiments with the GMO;</p> <p>(b) make, develop, produce or manufacture the GMO;</p> <p>(c) breed the GMO;</p> <p>(d) propagate the GMO;</p> <p>(e) use the GMO in the course of manufacture of a thing that is not the GMO;</p> <p>(f) grow, raise or culture the GMO;</p> <p>(g) import the GMO;</p> <p>(h) transport the GMO;</p> <p>(i) dispose of the GMO;</p> <p>and includes the possession, supply or use of the GMO for the purposes of, or in the course of, a dealing mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (i).</p> <p>6. Does the OGTR agree that the OGTR was and remains required to regulate the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine in respect of (g), (h) and (i) namely, import, transport and disposal of a GMO?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002062	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Central Role of the World Health Organisation	<p>8. At the start I do understand the Accord will have to be approved by a vote of both Houses of Parliament and will not start until that formal ratification. I will return to my constituents' concerns around ratification shortly. This document at 1.1.(c) defines health as including the health of domestic and wild animals, plants and the wider environment, known as One Health, defined at 3.8.A as multisectoral and transdisciplinary actions which should recognize the interconnection between people, animals, plants and their shared environment. This isn't a pandemic accord, this is a swiss army knife accord - whatever WHO wants to do to us this agreement provides the power. Why are you even considering an agreement to</p>	Written	6/11/2023

			<p>give WHO power over not only human health but animals and the environment. What business is that of the WHO?</p> <p>9. 3.11 Sets out the Central role of the WHO as – and I am quoting – "directing and coordinating authority of international health work, and leader of multilateral cooperation in global health governance". Health being defined earlier as One Health. For additional clarity Article 16 sets out whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches to health at a national level.</p> <p>10. 16.1 Each party shall establish, implement and adequately finance an effective national co-ordinating multisectoral mechanism;</p> <p>11. 16.5 Each party shall take the necessary steps to address the social, environmental and economic determinants of health. There it is again – One Health - which is clearly another way of saying everything is health</p> <p>12. 18.1 quote "Parties shall combat the infodemic and tackle false and misleading misinformation or disinformation. Minister is your disinformation bill being written and directed by the World Health Organisation and the United Nations to make sure nobody can question the global narrative during the next emergency like they did this time?</p> <p>13. 22.8 The Compliance Committee shall make every effort to adopt WHO recommendations by consensus, failing that a three-fourths vote of members will adopt a measure a measure each state will then be required to implement- correct?</p> <p>14. But 28.A is an option to ensure no carveouts of individual provisions are possible, meaning nations must ratify the entire document – does Australia support that provision?</p> <p>15. 30.1 and 30.2 – Once we sign we have to wait two years to withdraw and then another year before it takes effect, so for three years we have to do whatever the WHO tells us to – true or false?</p> <p>16. Minister just because we opt out the WHO does not have to</p>		
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				<p>leave us alone. The WHO can't afford wealthy nations opting out of this instrument, and can police compliance using the same measures employed against Russia and Belarus - trade sanctions and exclusion from the SWIFT payment system, measures that would crash our export based economy in hours?</p> <p>17. Are you going to sign this document as it currently stands?</p>		
SQ23-002090	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Ralph Babet	Importation, transportation, regulation and risks of Genetically Modified Organism (GMO)	<p>1. Under the Gene Technology Act 2000, is the importation of a Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) deemed a dealing?</p> <p>2. Under the Gene Technology Act 2000, is the transportation of GMO deemed a dealing?</p> <p>11. Did the OGTR consult with any State or Territory or the Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee in relation to GMO's contained within Covid-19 mRNA vaccines?</p> <p>12. Does the risk to the health and safety of people diminish in relation to a GMO because it is imported into Australia after being manufactured internationally (not in Australia)?</p> <p>13. Did the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator receive any legal assistance or advice in preparing the answers to these questions by an Australian Government solicitor or in house council?</p> <p>14. If yes to question 13. above can you please provide a copy of the advice?</p> <p>15. The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) is responsible for regulating "Genetically Modified Organisms" (GMO). GMOs are "any biological entity that is capable of transferring genetic material" under the Gene Technology Act 2000. Where the term "organism" means "any biological entity that is capable of transferring genetic material" does the OGTR agree deem COVID-19 mRNA "vaccines" to be biological entities capable of transferring genetic material?</p>	Written	6/11/2023

SQ23-002097	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	FOI 4137 - Contradiction of advice from the Department of Health and Aged Care	10. The Health Department FOI 4137 showing ATAGI working group minutes says there are similar severe disease risk factors in vaccinated vs unvaccinated individuals. What does this mean? I would have thought risk factors would reduce in the vaccinated if the vaccine was effective. How does this statement not contradict the official advice from the Health Department?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002099	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	FOI 4475 - Results of SARS Cov-2 serosurvey and claim of vaccine reducing the immune system	11. The Health Department FOI 4475 presents the results of the fourth round of the national SARS CoV-2 serosurvey, which was conducted between 29 November-13 December 2022. If the Health Department can trace Covid antibodies in 2022, why won't it go back and look for Covid antibodies back in 2019 to see if Covid was in the community then? Can the results for the SARS Cov-2 serosurvey conducted in 2019 please be provided. If it hasn't been performed, why hasn't it been performed given it would be useful to know if Covid was in the community in 2019?  12. The Health Department FOI 4475 also mentions that anti-nucleocapsid antibodies are produced at lower levels and wane faster in people who are vaccinated. Isn't this proof that the Covid vaccine actually reduces the performance of the immune system rather than boosts it?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002114	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	COMIRNATY - batch release assessment	1. According to TGA Batch release assessment of COVID-19 vaccines, multiple batches entered Australia without TGA laboratory assessment. 2. Batch FF0884*, FA4598*, FE3064*, FA7338*, FA7812*, FC8736* and FC3558* of COMIRNATY are listed as not being tested for	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>composition, strength, purity, integrity, identity or endotoxins. The stated reason is "limited batch quantity allocated for use in Pfizer Australia employee vaccination program". Please confirm why these batches were not tested by the TGA laboratories?</p> <p>3. Were all other batches of COMIRNATY tested by TGA laboratories for composition, strength, purity, integrity, identity or endotoxins?</p> <p>4. Did the manufacturing process of batches FF0884*, FA4598*, FE3064*, FA7338*, FA7812*, FC8736* and FC3558* vary in any way from other batches of COMIRNATY released in Australia?</p> <p>5. Did the sponsor follow the same manufacturing protocol for all batches of COMIRNATY released in Australia?</p>		
SQ23-002137	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	List and corresponding dates of all AUSPAR documents, data sets and Risk Management plans for COVID-19 vaccines	14. Please provide a complete list and corresponding date of all AUSPAR documents, data sets and Risk Management plans for Covid 19 vaccines. Please advise where these documents are uploaded for public viewing.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002143	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Safety Signals from pharmacovigilance data	<p>2. Question for the Department of Health and Aged Care regarding Safety Signals from pharmacovigilance data</p> <p>2.1. What was known about safety signals from the Database for Adverse Event Notifications (DAEN), and when?</p>	Written	6/11/2023

SQ23-002220	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Pharmaceutical companies in relation to the wording of press releases and official notifications around Covid vaccine product safety	'47. Has the TGA received input from pharmaceutical companies with regards to the wording of press releases and official notifications around Covid vaccine product safety? If so, why is the TGA allowing the pharmaceutical companies to write up information on the safety of the vaccines given they have a conflict of interest in promoting it?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002225	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Placebo group participants who received the Process 2 vaccine	'51. Pfizer 6-month data showed that AEs were significantly higher in the original placebo group participants who received the Process 2 vaccine i.e. the commercially produced batch after unblinding. Isn't this a red flag that the Process 2 commercial production using linearised plasmid was more dangerous than Process 1? If not, why not? See below:  "Furthermore, additional 'Process 1' batch EE3813 doses with distinct Pfizer lot numbers were added to the later batch document at over 70% of trial sites, potentially supplied at a later stage to enable vaccination of placebo patients with BNT162b2. The 6-month interim clinical study report from the Comirnaty trial notes that "the IR for any AE and at least 1 related AE and severe AE for participants who originally received placebo and then received BNT162b2 are greater (205.4 per 100 PY, 189.5 per 100 PY, 6.0 per 100 PY) than the	Written	6/11/2023

				IRs (83.2 per 100 PY, 62.9 per 100 PY, 4.3 per 100 PY) for participants who originally were randomized to BNT162b2" (p222). It is unclear whether there is a connection between the lots administered to the crossover placebo subjects and the elevated rate of AE's."  <a href="https://www.bmj.com/content/378/bmj.o1731/rr-2">https://www.bmj.com/content/378/bmj.o1731/rr-2</a> "		
SQ23-002227	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Testing on the Covid vaccine to determine if inflammatory responses to it blocks the calcium ion channels in the heart or other organs	65. Was testing done on the Covid vaccine to determine if inflammatory responses to it blocks the calcium ion channels in the heart or other organs? Yes or no? If not, why not?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002229	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Reduced risk of clotting due to aspiration	68. Numerous health professionals have said to me that aspiration can reduce the risk of clotting. Does the TGA agree with this view? If not, why not?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002113	Department of Health	Anne Ruston	Patent Notification	1. In the matter regarding the usual undertaking as to damages, the medicine Plavix and the pharmaceutical companies Sanofi and Bristol-Myers Squibb, how much has the department expended on	Written	6/11/2023



	and Aged Care			<p>lawyers over the past 10 years in pursuing this matter all the way to the High Court?</p> <p>2. The Therapeutic Good Administration has proposed an approach regarding patent notification which would afford the patent holder and the generic entrant time to address patent disputes before the generic is registered on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods. Why has this proposal not been implemented?</p> <p>3. If the government does not propose to introduce a patent notification scheme, as are common in many other countries, then is it reasonable, as a so-called model litigant, to continue to pursue large damages actions against the pharmaceutical sector?</p>		
SQ23-002018	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Pharmacy Guild	<p>Senator RUSTON: Thank you very much. I'd appreciate that. This morning, in corporate affairs, I asked about the number of medications that would be under the co-pay that would be listed as part of either this first tranche of 100 or the next tranche of over 200 medications that are eligible for double dispensing, and how many of those would be under the co-pay, either the \$30 or the \$7.30?</p> <p>Ms Platona: We would be happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I thought you took that on notice this morning. I'm just wondering whether you've had the opportunity—</p> <p>Ms Platona: I don't have the answer to that.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Do you have an idea?</p> <p>Ms Platona: I don't. I'm very sorry.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: When the decision was made about dropping the co-pay from \$42.50 to \$30, and there was also a proposal put forward by the Pharmacy Guild to drop it to \$19, I think you'll find there were percentages of the drugs that fell into the various price tranches. I wonder whether maybe you couldn't find out before the</p>	47	26/10/2023

				<p>end of the day? Ms Platona: I'm happy to look.</p>		
SQ23-002005	Department of Health and Aged Care	Kerryne Liddle	Closing the gap for indigenous people	<p>Senator LIDDLE: Given that we have heard so much about improving the lives of Indigenous peoples, and we know that Indigenous peoples are affected more proportionately by chronic illness, have you added, since the government has come in power, any additional new medications that are covered by Closing the Gap for Indigenous people?</p> <p>Ms Platona: In 2022-23 there were 24 medicines on the PBS with 47 PBS item codes that were listed on the PBS specifically for First Nations people. Then we need to add to those the antiviral medicines which are not the COVID antivirals, which are not only for First Nations, but they have different eligibility criteria based on higher clinical risk for First Nations people.</p> <p>Senator LIDDLE: Other than the COVID one, you haven't added anything else to the CTG?</p> <p>Ms Platona: The CTG operates in the background for the entire PBS. Your question is about which new medicines have been added on the PBS-</p> <p>Senator LIDDLE: That impacts CTG.</p> <p>Ms Platona: which are only for First Nations, not everybody else. In 2022-23 there were 24 medicines in that category. I will take on notice how many have been listed in each financial year.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: There have been new medicines listed on the PBS that would be subject to the Closing the Gap co-payment arrangements. We can get you those numbers when the officers for outcome 2 are here.</p>	26	26/10/2023

SQ23-002019	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Evidence for 60 Day Scripts	<p>Senator RUSTON: So has the department received any concerns, examples or evidence where 60-day scripts are being prescribed-60 plus zero?</p> <p>Ms Platona: Yes, we have a number of reports that medical practitioners have done that. We have brought them up with both the AMA and the College of GPs.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So you would suggest that is not within the intent of the policy?</p> <p>Ms Platona: What I'm suggesting is both the doctors and the pharmacists need to act in the best interests of their patients.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So you're suggesting that the prescribing of 60-plus zero would not be in the best interests of the patients?</p> <p>Ms Platona: Senator, I am not a clinician. There are individual clinicians, individual patients. From where I sit I cannot judge whether that individual doctor for that individual patient in a particular individual circumstance that was clinically appropriate or not. From a policy perspective, we want cheaper medicines and more affordable treatments. That goes for the GP and for prescribing and dispensing.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Why did you contact the AMA and the RACGP in response to this?</p> <p>Ms Platona: In response to the concerns raised with us by pharmacy.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: What response did you get back?</p> <p>Ms Platona: I don't remember. I'm going to take that on notice and respond.</p>	48	26/10/2023
SQ23-002035	Department of Health and Aged Care	Kerryne Liddle	Medicine Listings for First	<p>Senator LIDDLE: I am only interested in the ones that impact CTG, not everything else. You just told me that the COVID one is one of those.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We need to clarify. I think Ms Platona misunderstood your question, which was about listings that are</p>	26	26/10/2023

			Nations People	specifically for First Nations people. We have some PBS listings that are limited to First Nations people. We have different clinical categories for some medicines listings for First Nations people compared to other Australians.		
SQ23-002161	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Challenges that HTA organisations internationally faced	<p>24. Have any solutions on the challenges that HTA organisations internationally face been presented? If so, can they be tabled? If not has the Department provided solutions? If so, can they be tabled?</p> <p>25. Is Australian sovereignty been thrown under the bus by this HTA collaboration that states public communication should "be formally approved and signed off by a relevant senior representative of each Partner Organisation"?</p> <p>26. Have any parts of this Arrangement been amended, besides the addition of HTA bodies? If so what specifically has been amended?</p> <p>27. Priority 2 is about future-proofing of HTA system, what role or impact has this had on the HTA review currently underway?</p> <p>28. Priority 4 discusses work-sharing and efficiency gains. Are any pilots around joint clinical assessment being developed? Or are currently underway?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002157	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	International HTA Collaboration	<p>1. What is the background to the International HTA collaboration? What/which country was the genesis?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002012	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	PBAC Recommendation	<p>Senator RUSTON: I accept that; you've told me that the policy means they are put through a process and once they've been classified as priority A they go through a recommendation process through PBAC. And since that process has been undertaken there have been no delays in listing these medicines?</p> <p>Ms Platona: After the PBAC grants a positive recommendation, the company, of course-the sponsor-needs to consider the PBAC's</p>	38	26/10/2023

				<p>recommendation. They may accept it in full. They may not accept it in full. They may wish to re prosecute their case. I don't know really what you mean by the delay.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I don't think there will have been any delays caused by the government.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So you're suggesting that any delays would have been caused by the company?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: It would be useful if we could talk about a specific case. We're talking in the abstract.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Whenever I talk about specific cases you've told me to put them on notice because you didn't want to talk about specific cases. But I'm more than happy to go through a list. I have in front of me here a list of 16 medications that were recommended in March 2023 to PBAC that hadn't been listed. I'm keen to understand this. I'm happy to put them on notice, but we have 16 medicines that have passed the process, and none of them has gone any further. Yet earlier Ms Platona was saying the average was three months. It's certainly a longer time than three months since March 2023. I'm happy to put them on notice for you.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We can provide information about what's happened with each of those medicines on notice.</p>		
SQ23-002138	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	National Diabetes Services Scheme - Insulin Pump Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What clinical criteria are you applying to the assessment process for the approach to market for the Insulin Pump Program?</li> <li>2. Which clinicians and/or clinical societies are you approaching about the clinical outcomes and performance of the insulin pumps being considered?</li> <li>3. When and in what form did these consultations occur/are occurring?</li> <li>4. How are the views of clinicians being incorporated into the decision-making process?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>5. What weighting is the clinical outcome of the insulin pump being given in the tender evaluation process?</p> <p>6. How has this weighting been determined?</p> <p>7. What are the clinical outcomes you are applying to the decision-making process? Are you considering time in range?</p>		
SQ23-002167	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Prostheses List Reform – General Use Items	<p>Questions:</p> <p>1. Given you acknowledged in March 2023 that concerns had been raised about the removal timetable for General Use Items, why did you continue with this approach, and the IHACPA bundling work, until just a fortnight before the removal was scheduled to take effect?</p> <p>2. How much was spent by the Department in commissioning IHACPA to complete this bundling work?</p> <p>3. What finally convinced you that the bundling mechanism could not be implemented by 1 July 2023? Why did it take so long to make this decision, given how many concerns were being raised?</p> <p>4. When announcing your decision on 14 June 2023 that the removal would not proceed, you also announced "a further scheduled reduction of 10% of the PL benefits for GUIs".</p> <p>5. When were sponsors, who were to be impacted by this decision, advised about this additional reduction?</p> <p>6. Are previously unannounced additional benefit reductions to be an ongoing feature of PL reform implementation?</p> <p>7. This brief (FOI 4515) states that PL Reform in relation to General Use Items is about enabling "high cost non-implanted devices that the sector has lobbied for"- what are these devices and when are they being listed on the PL?</p> <p>8. The brief (FOI 4515) states that one of the reasons for delaying removal and abandoning bundling was so that patients were not impacted – given this, what are you doing to ensure that these</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>problems do not arise again in July 2024? What alternative funding mechanisms are being considered so that hospitals have this assurance?</p> <p>9. Who is leading this activity to ensure stakeholders are satisfied that removals will not have patient impacts?</p> <p>10. Have you modelled the impact of the proposal to change the benefit calculation from average to lowest public benchmark price?</p> <p>11. When proposals are developed and implemented without consultation and outside of a negotiated agreement, what message to you think this sends to stakeholders about this reform process?</p> <p>12. In relation to paragraph 17 of brief (FOI 4515), can you explain how if the products in the GUI category were already at average public benchmark price, how delaying removal "further penalises healthfunds"?</p>		
SQ23-002017	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	60-Day scripts and pricing commitment	<p>Senator RUSTON: I'm moving on from that. I'm asking you: can you provide an absolute guarantee that all Australians with 60-day scripts will get twice the medications for the exact same price of one script?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I do want to reply once I've seen the article, because I'm not sure what's quoted in the article and what Senator Ruston just put to me are the same thing. I'm happy to come back to it. If you'd like me to go through all the changes that we have made to make sure that medicines are cheaper, I'm happy to do so.</p>	46	26/10/2023
SQ23-002219	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Offered meetings, documents and correspondences with	58. The TGA claim to the Australian newspaper they offered me meetings. Can the TGA state when and where they have offered me briefings. Were they offered to me directly or to the Health Minister's office? If the TGA cannot state the exact date and time I was offered meetings by them will they retract their statement?	Written	6/11/2023

			Senator Rennick and his office	<p>59. Can the TGA release all documents in an unredacted manner held by TGA Senior Executive Staff mentioning Senator Gerard Rennick regarding Covid-19 vaccines for the period between 1st August 2021 and 21st October 2023.</p> <p>60. Can the TGA release all correspondence between Senator Gerard Rennick or his office and the TGA regarding Covid-19 vaccines for the period between 1st August 2021 and 21st October 2023.</p> <p>61. Why did the TGA in FOI 4363 redact documents that mentioned the name of Gerard Rennick?</p>		
SQ23-002136	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	List of participants in the independent committee and a list of all declared conflicts of interests	13. We understand that the benefit-risk balance of each provisionally approved COVID-19 vaccine was carefully assessed by qualified medical evaluators and expert advice was sought from the Advisory Committee on Vaccines (ACV), an independent committee with expertise in scientific, medical and clinical fields including consumer representation. Can you please provide a list of participants in the independent committee and a list of all declared conflicts of interests?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002158	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Collaboration from DOHAC	2. Which officers (titles only) are involved in the Collaboration from DOHAC? Are MBS team members involved?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002205	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Single Employer Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has the Department invited the ACT Government, Canberra Health Services, Capital Health Network or any general practices in the ACT to bring forward a proposal for a single employer model in the ACT?</li> <li>Has any proposal been submitted to the Department for a single</li> </ul>	Written	8/11/2023



				<p>employer in the ACT?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What opportunities are available for the ACT to work with the Commonwealth to establish a single employer model?</li> <li>• What are the key learnings emerging from current trials of single employer models across the country?</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002108	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Calprotectin Faecal Test	1. Can the Department advise why Medicare rebates for Calprotectin Faecal Tests to diagnose Inflammatory Bowel Disease are only available for people aged under the age of 50?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002079	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Elective Surgery Backlog	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Department doing to address those needing elective surgery, and the current backlog?</li> <li>2. Can the Department provide updated data on the current backlog in elective surgery, and any modelling relevant to this?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002078	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Hospital Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noting the public hospital crisis around the country, what is the Department doing about fixing hospital ramping and overflowing EDs? Has a funding support package been contemplated?</li> <li>2. We've seen calls for a funding agreement to fix our hospitals, via the National Health Reform Agreement – what work is being undertaken to progress this issue?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002063	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Telehealth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GPs have sound the alarm over barriers hindering access to bulk-billed telehealth services, after the government's imposition of new requirements. A Service Australia update requires GPs to fill in further documents after receiving verbal consent from patients' to be bulk billed for telehealth services. What advice was the imposition of these new requirements based on?</li> <li>2. Why has the Government decided to increase the burden on GPs by introducing these new requirements at a time when they are already overburdened by admin and other pressures?</li> <li>3. Australian Medical Association Tasmania said "There is a very real</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>risk that in many cases, GPs will go back to charging patients and not bulk billing these activities which will reduce access" - is the Department aware of these concerns, and has this risk been considered?</p> <p>4. The Albanese Labor Government promised they would make it easier and cheaper to see a doctor, but bulk billing levels have plummeted to their lowest levels since 2013. Why are these requirements being introduced, noting they will make it even harder for GPs to bulkbill telehealth patients?</p> <p>5. Since coming into Government, Labor has cut 70 telehealth-related items from Medicare and are now impeding the ability for doctors to bulkbill telehealth patients. Is the Department concerned about the impact these changes may have on telehealth bulk billing rates, and the use of telehealth more generally?</p> <p>6. We know that the patients who rely on telehealth the most are those who find it difficult to leave their homes and patients who live in rural and remote areas. Does the Department agree that this change will impact the most vulnerable and Australians with inequitable access to healthcare?</p>		
SQ23-002038	Department of Health and Aged Care	Susan McDonald	Grant for training primary health care professionals (Northern Australia)	Health Care/Northern Australia - What is the progress of the \$4.2 million for training primary health care professionals? Is the entire \$4.2 million allocated to James Cook University? Is this a grant?"	Written	26/10/2023

SQ23-002025	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Funding for Perth Children's Hospital in last financial year	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Yes. How much federal funding in the last financial year did the federal government provide to PCH-the Perth Children's Hospital?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I'm not sure we would do it at a hospital level. It would be system wide.</p> <p>Ms Cahill: I could provide that for the local-actually, I would probably need to take that on notice, Senator, to make sure I get the correct local hospital network.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: All right. I might give you the opportunity before the end of the day to just check in with the health minister's office and your teams to see if there's anything further you can provide us with. I'm not trying to be coy at all, but it is a very serious situation unfolding in WA.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Yes, of course.</p>	58	26/10/2023
SQ23-002115	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	General Practice in Aged Care Incentive	1. In relation to the General Practice in Aged Care Incentive that will replace the existing Aged Care Access Incentive next year, will any GPs who currently receive the ACAI be worse off under the new payment arrangement and, if so, in what circumstances will this happen – eg a threshold number of aged care patients?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002871	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 202 to 23 October	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			2023 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ23-002865	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	<p>Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme</p>	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?		
SQ23-001969	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Follow up to SQ22-000539 and FOI 4558	<p>Senator RENNICK: At the last Senate estimates, I put a question on notice that asked for evidence and results of safety testing with regard to commercially produced batches. I note recently there was an FOI, or freedom of information, request 4558 that also asked for the data on the batches. In your answer to my response was a link that had no actual data in it. I note that the FOI for 4558 was 70 pages of blanked out data. Can we get the batch information that was asked in this FOI that shows what was in the batches and the batch testing, please?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: Thank you, Senator. Can I clarify which question on notice you are talking about?</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Yes, sure. I can qualify that. It was SQ22-000539, question on notice 170 question 56. It is quite a mouthful.</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: It is. Senator, I appreciate the irony, but I might have to take that on notice. That does predate my arrival.</p>	87	26/10/2023
SQ23-001998	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Mapping of Aged Care Legislation	<p>Senator RUSTON: I move to CN3999647 for Legislation Mapping of Aged Care Legislation.</p> <p>Mr Lye: Like Mr Exell, we might be able to provide more detail when aged-care officials are here later this afternoon. It relates to the fact that the changes we are making to the aged-care legislation effectively rewire both the constitutional underpinnings and the way people will walk their way through the aged-care system. Part of the work we are doing is to understand, with that redrafting, the implications in terms of all our service systems, most particularly ICT: how a person comes into the system, is assessed, and then moves to receive services. That is required, linking back from the legislation to</p>	15	26/10/2023

				all of our practical service systems. That is what the consultancy relates to. I can confirm that this afternoon.		
SQ23-001952	Department of Health and Aged Care	Dorinda Cox	Funding on Men and Women's sport	1. How much money does the Government spend on men's sport at all levels? 2. How much money does the Government spend on women's sport at all levels?	Written	31/10/2023
SQ23-002050	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Pfizer 'vaccine' clinical trial manufacture	7. Was the Pfizer 'vaccine' used in the clinical trial manufactured using an identical process to the product Pfizer delivered to Australia? If not what was the difference and at what stage of the clinical trial was the change made?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002139	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Certification of Sunscreens	1. Can the TGA explain the process for certifying sunscreens in Australia? a) How does that differ from other countries certification processes such as the EU or USA? b) Do the differences restrict products that contain sunscreen from other countries? c) Are these restricted products readily available in other countries such as Europe or the USA? d) As Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world, should Australians have expedited access to the latest developments in sun protection technology rather than having these products restricted because of differences in our testing regime? 2. Is the TGA part of the consultation process for Australia's new packaging and information standards? a) Is it aware of the new requirements on sustainability for packaging? b) If not – how does the TGA expect to get all of the information, it requires onto packaging into the future?	Written	6/11/2023

				c) Are there any efficiencies – such as recognition of packaging information from other regulators – that the TGA is examining to contribute to the reforms?		
SQ23-002217	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Clinical trial fraud	'46. What has the TGA done to investigate concerns of clinical trial fraud, as raised by whistleblower Brook Jackson, and what has been the outcome of those investigations?'	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002863	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

			<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"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each</p>		
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				<p>area and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-002825	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002824	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year -	<p>37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			National Health & Medical Research Council			
SQ23-002820	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Health & Medical Research Council	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; ii. the number of applications refused; and iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002817	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including; a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;	Written	3/11/2023

			202 to 23 October 2023 - National Health & Medical Research Council	d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.		
SQ23- 002814	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonw ealth Information and Advertising Campaign - National Health & Medical Research Council	33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002792	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
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				k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023		
SQ23-002183	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Commonwealth Games	<p>1. Since the Senate Committee's interim report on Australia's Preparedness to Host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games has been handed down, has the Department provided a briefing to the Minister on the report?</p> <p>2. What steps have been taken to establish an intergovernmental forum that looks at salvaging the 2026 Commonwealth Games?</p> <p>3. Has the Department been directed to produce low, medium and high funding options for the Australian Government that would enable the Commonwealth Games to be salvaged and hosted in 2026?</p> <p>4. Is the Department aware of a business case from Gold Coast City Council to host the Commonwealth Games in 2026?</p> <p>5. Has the Department seen the details of that?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-001997	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	National Sport Plan Stakeholder Engagement and Drafting	<p>Senator Ruston: ... I am looking at CN3996797: National Sport Plan Stakeholder Engagement and Drafting.</p> <p>Mr Exell: The team that looks after the sport area is due later in the session, but I can try to help you.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: What is the objective of the contract?</p> <p>Mr Exell: It is to support the preparation and development of a national sport plan. We have brought on extra support to add to the consultation process for that plan.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Is this an expansion of the existing National Sport Plan?</p> <p>Mr Exell: No. It is a new plan.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: It is a whole new plan?</p> <p>Mr Exell: That's right.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: These resources don't exist within the</p>	14-15	26/10/2023

				<p>department?</p> <p>Mr Exell: There was a slightly different purpose. Some feedback from the previous consultation process, which was done under the previous government, was that some parties didn't fully disclose or fully share. We thought a different mechanism of setting up that consultation would support this process to give a better outcome. So in this case it was not solely about resourcing; it was about the way the consultations were held.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: When is this plan due to be announced?</p> <p>Mr Exell: We are working towards next year. It is subject to government consideration.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: What is being provided to the department at the completion of the contract?</p> <p>Mr Exell: It will support the consultation process: so organising meetings, recording discussions, and then summarising and providing that feedback. A paper we have shared with partners goes to the elements of the National Sport Plan, so it is seeking feedback on those. It is a combination of organising and holding the meetings, plus summarising the discussions for the department to consider as input into the development of a sports plan.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Will the work being undertaken by Allen and Clarke Consulting be made public?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I will check-again, my team is not here to fully answer this-but our intent is to release, in a summary form, the feedback from those discussions so that stakeholders more broadly can see it.</p>		
SQ23-002185	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	2026 Commonwealth Games	6. A key recommendation of the interim Senate enquiry report was for the Australian Government to develop a policy to address the shortfall in sporting infrastructure, especially for para-athletes, that now will not be funded as a result of the cancellation of the Victoria Commonwealth Games. What work has the Department done in this	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>area to date? The report recommended for the Australian Government to encourage the Victorian Government to prioritise the delivery of their \$2 billion rural and regional funding package. Has the Department engaged in any discussions with the Victorian Government to this effect?</p> <p>7. What is the Department's understanding of the timeline and scope of this funding package?</p> <p>8. Has the Department engaged with the Queensland Government since 14 September to review the decision to host athletics at the Gabba and explore alternative options?</p> <p>9. Has the Department engaged with local communities on this issue?</p> <p>10. Has the Department engaged with Olympic Games organising bodies on this issue?</p> <p>11. What work has the Department been involved with on a cost effective solution for the hosting of canoe slalom for the 2032 Olympics?</p>		
SQ23-001994	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Date the Sports Commission provided the department with a copy of the AIS master plan report	<p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: What date did the Sports Commission provide you with their AIS plan report?</p> <p>Mr Haslam: My understanding, Senator, is AIS provided that directly to the minister in terms of the AIS master plan last year. I can take on notice if the Office for Sport were provided a copy of the master plan and what date that was.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Thank you-maybe on notice</p>	123	26/10/2023
SQ23-002186	Department of Health	Anne Ruston	Australian cross-	12. Earlier this week the Department of Infrastructure stated that the Department of Health is leading the response to the Senate	Written	6/11/2023

	and Aged Care		jurisdictional with the UK for an around the clock Games	enquiry, is this correct? 13. On Thursday 7th September, it was reported in the Gold Coast Bulletin that the CEO of Harvey Norman would support and Australian cross-jurisdictional with the UK for an around the clock Games. Would you support a Games across Australia and the UK? 14. Has the Department briefed the Government about this? 15. What discussions have you had/would you have in relation to this?		
SQ23-002826	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - National Health & Medical Research Council	39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?  If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002784	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?  21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?  Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.	Written	3/11/2023



			2023 - National Health & Medical Research Council			
SQ23-002778	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Health &amp; Medical Research Council</p>	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002828	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002811	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002809	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Health &amp; Medical Research Council</p>	<p>context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>		
SQ23-002795	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	<p>Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - National Health &amp; Medical Research Council</p>	<p>24. In relation to department/agency: a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare? b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim. c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims? d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency: a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission? b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ23-002259	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Department of Health and Aged Care	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; ii. the number of applications refused; and iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002258	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 202 to 23 October 2023 -	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including; a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review;	Written	3/11/2023

			Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ23-002236	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	<p>Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Department of Health and Aged Care</p>	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the previous turnaround requirement; and</li> <li>2. the date the change was requested.</li> </ol> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002084	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Vaxelis evaluation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vaxelis was recently added to the childhood immunisation register for use in newborns from 6 weeks of age for a 3-dose schedule.</li> <li>2. What studies have been performed to evaluate the carcinogenicity</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>of Vaxelis?</p> <p>3. Has Vaxelis been evaluated for carcinogenic potential?</p> <p>4. What studies have been performed to evaluate the genotoxicity of Vaxelis?</p> <p>5. Has Vaxelis been evaluated for genotoxic potential?</p> <p>6. What are the potential clinical/physiological consequences (adverse events) for an infant if the Vaxelis injection is incorrectly delivered intravascularly or intradermally or subcutaneously?</p> <p>7. Have pharmacokinetic studies been performed on this product?</p> <p>8. Has mutagenic potential been investigated?</p> <p>9. Has impact on fertility been investigated?</p> <p>10. Is the product batch tested by TGA laboratory staff here in Australian laboratories?</p> <p>11. Is the product batch tested by an overseas laboratory?</p>		
SQ23-002805	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	<p>New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - National Health &amp; Medical Research Council</p>	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002781	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002876	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002875	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Industrial	39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?	Written	3/11/2023

			Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>		
SQ23-002874	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002873	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent	<p>37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			financial year - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme			
SQ23-002872	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002870	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth	33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a  commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?  Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.	Written	3/11/2023

			Information and Advertising Campaign - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme			
SQ23-002869	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002868	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-	28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>departmental committees - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme</p>	<p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</li> <li>b. a list of the membership;</li> <li>c. the date it was established; and</li> <li>d. its purpose.</li> </ul> <p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>		
SQ23-002867	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	<p>Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Australian</p>	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme</p>	<p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p>		
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				<p>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</p> <p>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</p> <p>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p>		
SQ23-002802	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p> <p>c. the date it was established; and</p> <p>d. its purpose.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002788	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			26 October 2023 - National Health & Medical Research Council			
SQ23-002256	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Department of Health and Aged Care	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023. Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002252	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Department	26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide: a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed.	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>t of Health and Aged Care</p>	<p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022. Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>f. the amount spent;</li> <li>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</li> <li>h. the date the review was completed;</li> <li>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</li> <li>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</li> <li>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002250	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	<p>Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Department of Health and Aged Care</p>	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</li> <li>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</li> <li>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</li> <li>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</li> <li>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</li> <li>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</li> <li>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002866	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Industrial	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			Chemicals Introduction Scheme			
SQ23-002864	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ23-002862	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002861	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmen	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			tal committees - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme			
SQ23-002860	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002859	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Industrial	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>		
SQ23-002780	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	<p>Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Health &amp; Medical Research Council</p>	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002746	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>		
SQ23-002766	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002760	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Health & Medical Research Council			
SQ23-002757	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - National Health & Medical Research Council	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002750	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - National	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Health & Medical Research Council	<p>capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>		
SQ23-002742	National Health and Medical Research Council	Jane Hume	<p>Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Health &amp; Medical Research Council</p>	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department? Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>a. the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002644	Office of the National Rural Health	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in	<p>37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

	Commissioner		the most recent financial year - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner			
SQ23-002624	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid,</p>	Written	3/11/2023



				<p>and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002616	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	<p>Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner</p>	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002253	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonw	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>health inter-departmental committees - Department of Health and Aged Care</p>	<p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;  b. a list of the membership;  c. the date it was established; and  d. its purpose.</p>		
SQ23-002246	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	<p>Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Department of Health and Aged Care</p>	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002242	Department of Health	Jane Hume	List of membershi	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	3/11/2023

	and Aged Care		ps for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Department of Health and Aged Care	Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.		
SQ23-002240	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Department of Health and Aged Care	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002238	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison	3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?  Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Department of Health and Aged Care</p>	<p>department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>		
SQ23-001959	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	<p>Perinatal mental health</p>	<p>Perinatal mental health</p> <p>The government funded a number of pilot perinatal mental health services in the Oct 2022 budget. As at the May 23 estimates, locations for those pilots had not been decided, but a governance committee had been established.</p> <p>? Have the locations for the perinatal mental health services been selected? Can you provide an update on the progress of this project?</p>	Written	31/10/2023
SQ23-002691	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	<p>Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - Professional Services Review</p>	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?		
SQ23-002690	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Professional Services Review	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002689	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Professional Services Review	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ23-002687	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Professional Services Review	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002686	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Professional Services Review	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002685	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a breakdown including;	Written	3/11/2023

			office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Professional Services Review	<p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>ii. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>		
SQ23-002683	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	<p>Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023 to 23 October 2023 - Professional Services Review</p>	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ23-002682	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	<p>Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Professional Services Review</p>	<p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002680	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	<p>Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July</p>	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			2023 - Professional Services Review	<p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>		
SQ23-002679	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	<p>Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Professional</p>	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002678	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Professional Services Review	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002677	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - Professional Services Review	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p> <p>c. the date it was established; and</p> <p>d. its purpose.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002675	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Professional Services Review	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>f. the amount spent to date; and</li> <li>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</li> </ul> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
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				<p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</p> <p>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</p> <p>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p>		
SQ23-002674	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - Professional	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			I Services Review	<p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ23-002673	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Professional Services Review	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002671	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional	22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date - Professional Services Review</p>	<p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>		
SQ23-002670	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	<p>Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Professional Services Review</p>	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002668	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	<p>Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to</p>	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			26 October 2023 - Professional Services Review	<p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>		
SQ23-002667	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	<p>Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Professional Services Review</p>	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p>	Written	3/11/2023



				<p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ23-002665	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Professional Services Review</p>	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ23-002664	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	<p>2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising , Travel and Legal Expenses - Professiona</p>	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <p>i. External labour hire</p> <p>ii. Consultancy</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>I Services Review</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 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>		
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				<p>iv. Travel</p> <p>v. Legal expenses</p> <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-002663	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Professional Services Review	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002662	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	List of memberships for	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	3/11/2023

			Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Professional Services Review	Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.		
SQ23-002660	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Professional Services Review	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.  Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002659	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Professional	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002658	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/A agency head with Ministers - Professional Services Review	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002657	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Professional Services Review	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			I Services Review	<p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>		
SQ23-002656	Professional Services Review	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Professional Services Review	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment		
SQ23-002001	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Department of Health and Aged Care attendance and role at the Garma Festival of Traditional Cultures in the Northern Territory	<p>Senator RUSTON: Did any representatives of the Department of Health and Aged Care attend the recent Garma Festival of Traditional Cultures in the Northern Territory?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Could you provide the APS classification and job description of each person who attended the festival?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: As far as I am aware, I am the only person who attended the Garma Festival on behalf of the department. Others may have attended, but not as representatives of the department.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I have no interest in those who attended in their own private capacity. If you can table a description of the role you played as the representative of the Department of Health and Aged Care and any costs associated with your visit, that would be great.</p>	21	26/10/2023
SQ23-002141	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	CGM Uptakes and Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Government know why 50,000 of the 130,000 people living with Type 1 diabetes and eligible for better health outcomes using breakthrough CGM technology are yet to upgrade from BGM?</li> <li>2. Given anecdotal reports that people living with Type 1 diabetes are unaware of subsidised CGM access, will the Government initiate programs to generate better T1 CGM awareness and uptake?</li> <li>3. For the CGM Initiative, what is the total amount of NDSS dollars spent versus the amount appropriated in the Federal Budget for 2022-23?</li> <li>4. Given that 50,000 people living with Type 1 diabetes are yet to get access to CGM, how will the unused budget from reduced uptakes be re-invested back into the NDSS?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023



				5. What are the forecasted uptakes and corresponding CGM Initiative budgets over the forward estimates?		
SQ23-002140	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Equitable CGM access for people with Type 2 diabetes	<p>1. Despite many comparable countries, including Japan, Canada and France, already providing broader CGM subsidy for people living with type 2 diabetes on insulin due to better and cost-effective health outcomes, why is the Government actively blocking MSAC applications from CGM suppliers to evaluate T2 access?</p> <p>2. The Department noted that two applications from sponsors were received on 24 November 2022 and 24 March 2023 and that these are not proceeding because "the CGM Review will be finalised before considering further expansion of CGM funding arrangements under the NDSS."</p> <p>a. Who made this decision?</p> <p>b. Why can't the two applications be considered at the same time?</p> <p>3. Given these delays, when will the Australians living with insulin requiring type 2 diabetes realistically get access to CGM technology similar to current people who have Type 1 diabetes who require insulin? Shouldn't the Government be streamlining these CGM expansion considerations given Australia is lagging behind many developed countries that now subsidise for not only T1's but also T2's?</p> <p>4. Are there any other MSAC applications that have been lodged and subsequently blocked from proceeded due to advice from the Minister for Health &amp; Aged Care?</p> <p>a. Has any reason been given for the blocking of these applications?</p> <p>5. Can the Department guarantee that applications for Type 2 CGM subsidies are being allowed to proceed?</p> <p>6. Given these delays, when will Australians living with insulin requiring type 2 diabetes realistically get access to breakthrough CGM</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				technology similar to current people who have Type 1 diabetes who require insulin?		
SQ23-002037	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Health Impacts from Rubbish tips	<p>Senator WATERS: Thanks, Chair. I have one final question in the two minutes I've got left. Was the previous government aware of this issue? Was any advice sought about the scope of the contract terms by the relevant minister in the previous government? If you have to take that on notice, so be it.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I think the only appropriate way to deal with that, rather than go and examine previous administrations, is to give you an answer about the time or the date that the department became aware it was an issue.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Okay, sure. I think we know that was last week. If it is wrong, let me know. Lastly, from me, on a completely different issue, I'm in south-east Queensland. I'm not far from Ipswich, where there are some really poor health impacts on locals from a rubbish dump that is causing asthma, sinus, bronchitis, rashes and sore throats. Do you know if there's any role that the federal department or minister can play in that scenario? Is the minister or the department aware of these issues in Ipswich?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I will ask Professor Kelly to answer this.</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: Thank you for the question, Senator. Environmental hazards fall under my purview. That's the first I've heard of that, so I'm happy to hear more from you or elsewhere. I'll follow it up with Queensland colleagues. Ultimately, it would be a local matter for either Queensland Health or their environmental protection agency in Queensland-I'm not quite sure where it sits within the Queensland government-and/or local council. I will certainly follow that up. I'm happy to receive any other information you have.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. Just for clarity's sake, is there any scope for federal involvement?</p>	64	26/10/2023

				<p>Prof. Kelly: Well, certainly if there's an issue that is causing public health concern, we would be working through and with our Queensland colleagues. If it became something that was more generalised to other similar places, of course we would take quite an interest in that and work out whether that's actually a thing that is an emerging issue in environmental health.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thanks.</p> <p>CHAIR: I need to share the call around</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Can you take on notice for me whether you have had health impacts from rubbish tips and other local waste facilities emerge in other areas? If so, is that already on your radar?</p>		
SQ23-002071	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	COVID-19 vaccination s and death rates	<p>1. Actual deaths jumped from 162,666 in 2020 to 172,039 in 2021, a jump of almost 10,000 people. This increase occurred from May 2021 onwards, one month after the vaccine rollout began. Given population was relatively stable in 2021, and there was very little Covid in the community (i.e. only an extra 300 deaths in 2021 over 2020), what was the reason for the increase in deaths throughout 2021?</p> <p>See Deaths by month of occurrence at the bottom of the link.  <a href="https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/health/causes-death/provisional-mortality-statistics/latest-release">https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/health/causes-death/provisional-mortality-statistics/latest-release</a></p> <p>2. In relative terms, actual deaths jumped more in Queensland and Western Australia throughout 2021 than NSW and Victoria which were locked down. Does the Health Department agree that lockdowns reduce the death rate in the short term as it did in 2020, and if so, does it agree that lockdowns did not contribute to excess deaths especially in QLD and WA which were not locked down in 2021?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>3. "Although both categories, U07.1 (COVID-19, virus identified) and U07.2 (COVID-19, virus not identified) are suitable for cause of death coding, it is recognized that in many countries detail as to the laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 will NOT be reported on the death certificate. In the absence of this detail, it is recommended, for mortality purposes only, to code COVID-19 provisionally to U07.1 unless it is stated as "probable" or "suspected"."</p> <p><a href="https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/classification/icd/covid-19/guidelines-cause-of-death-covid-19-20200420-en.pdf?sfvrsn=35fdd864_2&amp;download=true">https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/classification/icd/covid-19/guidelines-cause-of-death-covid-19-20200420-en.pdf?sfvrsn=35fdd864_2&amp;download=true</a></p> <p>Why did the World Health Organisation lower the threshold for coding Covid deaths as per page 8? Isn't this misleading and overcounting Covid?</p>		
SQ23-002131	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Monitoring excess deaths reported in the Provisional Mortality Statistics in 2021	<p>1. Monitoring excess deaths reported in the Provisional Mortality Statistics in 2021</p> <p>On 24th June 2020 the Australian Bureau of Statistics published its first release of the Provisional Mortality Statistics series, which included comparison of actual deaths data with expected deaths data. Until the release on 19th July 2023 of the now 'official' method of measuring excess deaths, the provisional mortality statistics provided the main publicly available measure of excess deaths. As Australia went through 2021, with minimal COVID-19 deaths for most of that year, the Provisional Mortality Statistics showed a consistent pattern of excess deaths at a level higher than the range of the five years before the pandemic (2015-2019). This occurred for many consecutive weeks during the Spring and the Autumn of 2021.</p> <p>1.1. What, if any, monitoring system had the Department of Health put in place prior to or during 2021 to trigger some form of action, in</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>the event that the ABS statistics were showing such levels of excess deaths for a number of consecutive weeks and when was this put in place?</p> <p>1.2. What actions were planned in the event of excess deaths occurring over a number of consecutive weeks?</p> <p>1.3. During 2021, did the Department of Health at any time consider the possibility that deaths from the new vaccines made by Pfizer, Moderna, and Astra Zeneca might be a contributor to excess mortality, noting that some of these vaccines employed an approach to vaccination never used in Australia before, that enlists the body's own cells to manufacture the spike protein of the virus in unknown amounts.</p>		
SQ23-001964	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Professor McCartney and conflict of interest	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Let's move on. My interest here is possible conflicts of interest. Minister, you had the same person, Professor McCartney, as chair of all these bodies-the ones I went through before that question. Should the person who promotes new vaccines be a different person to the one looking for harms caused by the vaccine? You seem to set up Professor McCartney as some sort of vaccine queen. Is it correct that Professor McCartney has received \$65 million in research grants over the last five or so years? If so, what were those research grants for? What body of work did those grants produce, if anything? Could I have that on notice?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I think Professor Kelly might be able to answer some of that.</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: I can answer that.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Can I just say as a general rule that I do think it's unfortunate that individuals are named in this way with no right of reply in the context that you are raising this. I will put that on the record.</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: Professor McCartney is the head of the NCIRS. She is a</p>	80-81	26/10/2023

				<p>world-recognised expert in immunology and infectious diseases. She is a paediatrician who works at Westmead Hospital. She has multiple hats. She is part of an advisory group for the minister.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Excuse me, Professor Kelly. I'm not interested in her qualifications. I want to know her research grants.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I think it's deeply relevant to the aspersions that you seem to having about her.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: I want to know her research grants-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: And her role.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: I want to know her research grants and how much money she has received.</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: I will finish, Senator. She is, as you've said, the chair of an advisory committee to the TGA. It does not make decisions. She is a member of ATAGI, which is an advisory group for the minister and does not make decisions. In terms of research grants, we have the NHMRC, but they might need to take that on notice. She probably has other sources of funds. I can't talk to the \$65 million.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Can I get the answers on notice, please?</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: We can take that on notice, yes.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: I want a list of the \$65 million in research grants over the last five years</p>		
SQ23-002160	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Collaborating partners engaging with industry's about	<p>16. In regards to horizon scanning, does this routinely occur in Australia already – either nationally or by or with state jurisdictions?</p> <p>17. Do Collaborating partners engage with industry about horizon scanning?</p> <p>18. Does the Collaboration seek guidance/collaboration with leading international HTA bodies like HTA International?</p> <p>19. What work are you hoping to share as part of this collaboration?</p> <p>20. Do you propose to develop a Reliance framework like the</p>	Written	6/11/2023

			horizon scanning	<p>Regulatory regime for therapeutic goods and the work of the IMDRF? If so, how do you take account of the differences in funding across each collaborating agency's health system?</p> <p>21. What information sharing is being proposed by this International HTA collaboration? For example, will individual sponsors pricing information be shared with Partner Organisations?</p> <p>22. Have any information sharing arrangements and or service level arrangements been entered into as of October 2023?</p> <p>23. The principals of this collaboration is "open and transparent, with all Partner Organisations sharing information to inform good decision-making and to minimise risk". Yet when it comes to the Australian taxpayer it appears the Department of Health is willing to share no information with the public about what information has or will be shared with other Partners.</p>		
SQ23-002643	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002630	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</li> <li>b. a list of the membership;</li> <li>c. the date it was established; and</li> <li>d. its purpose.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002613	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Office of the	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</li> <li>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023



			National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</li> <li>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</li> <li>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002135	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Deaths from COVID-19 in 2022	<p>5. Questions for the Department about deaths from COVID-19 in 2022</p> <p>In 2022, the ABS reports that there were 9,859 deaths for which COVID-19 (covid) was the underlying cause. (<a href="https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/health/causes-death/causes-death-australia/2022">https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/health/causes-death/causes-death-australia/2022</a>)</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>The Australian public was promised that the genetic covid vaccines would protect them from severe disease and death.</p> <p>There was also a concern in all three original Public Assessment Reports published by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) that there was an "important potential risk" that the vaccines might cause Vaccine-Associated Enhanced Disease (VAED) and Vaccine-Associated Enhanced Respiratory Disease - in other words that they might make people get covid worse.</p> <p>Without knowing the covid vaccine history of the 9,859 people who died from the disease in 2022 there is no proof that the vaccination strategy did protect Australians from death or that the vaccines are not making people more susceptible to death from covid</p> <p>5.1. What steps were taken by the Department of Health to record and provide this vital information (including requiring states and territories to provide it) as we went through the vaccine rollout?</p> <p>5.2. When will this information be made publicly available?</p>		
SQ23-002610	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	<p>Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner</p>	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002248	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002486	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002485	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002481	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002779	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign -	40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.	Written	3/11/2023

			Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?</p>		
SQ23-002777	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002776	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ23-002735	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	<p>Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - Sport Integrity Australia</p>	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002734	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	<p>ChatGPT on internal networks - Sport Integrity Australia</p>	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.		
SQ23-002732	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002731	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Sport	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023

			Integrity Australia			
SQ23-002729	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Sport Integrity Australia	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002728	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Sport Integrity Australia	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a breakdown including;  a. the number of applications by Minister,  i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;  ii. the number of applications refused; and  iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002726	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a breakdown of the number including;	Written	3/11/2023



			<p>department/agency received since 1 July 202 to 23 October 2023 - Sport Integrity Australia</p>	<p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ23-002725	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	<p>Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to</p>	<p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			a Commonw ealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Sport Integrity Australia	Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.		
SQ23-002723	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Sport Integrity Australia	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.  Please provide:  a. Total number of ASL;  b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;  c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and  d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and  e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002722	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002720	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Sport	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Integrity Australia	Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ23-002719	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p> <p>c. the date it was established; and</p> <p>d. its purpose.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002718	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</p>		
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				<p>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</p> <p>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p>		
SQ23-002716	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	<p>Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - Sport Integrity Australia</p>	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ23-002715	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002713	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002712	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Total expenditure	20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written	3/11/2023



			e on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>		
SQ23-002710	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	<p>Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Sport Integrity Australia</p>	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002709	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or	15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Sport Integrity Australia</p>	<p>leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ23-002708	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc)</p>	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Sport Integrity Australia</p>	<p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p>		
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				g. Details of any entertainment provided.		
SQ23-002706	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<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"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p>		
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				<p>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-002705	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002703	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002536	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Food Standards	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Australia New Zealand	a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.		
SQ23-002477	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Food Standards Australia New Zealand	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department? Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide: a. the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002702	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Sport	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Integrity Australia			
SQ23-002701	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002699	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p>	Written	3/11/2023



				Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.		
SQ23-002698	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.		
SQ23-002697	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Sport Integrity Australia	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002695	Sport Integrity Australia	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 -	<p>Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>Sport Integrity Australia</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?</p>		
SQ23-002775	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority</p> <p>37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002773	Australian Organ and	Jane Hume	<p>Ten largest estimate</p> <p>36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

	Tissue Authority		variations in the most recent financial year - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority			
SQ23-002772	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>ii. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002771	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the departmen	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>t/agency received since 1 July 202 to 23 October 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority</p>	<p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ23-002769	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a</p>	<p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority			
SQ23-002768	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002767	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002765	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Australian Organ and	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Tissue Authority	Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ23-002764	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p> <p>c. the date it was established; and</p> <p>d. its purpose.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002762	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			<p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</p>		
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				<p>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</p> <p>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p>		
SQ23-002761	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority</p>	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ23-002759	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002758	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002756	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002755	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?		
SQ23-002754	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002753	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
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				<p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ23-002752	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	<p>2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority</p>	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <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>	Written	3/11/2023



				<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"><li>i. External labour hire</li><li>ii. Consultancy</li><li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li><li>iv. Travel</li><li>v. Legal expenses</li></ul>		
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				<p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-002751	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002749	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Australian	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Organ and Tissue Authority			
SQ23-002748	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002747	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002745	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002744	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Australian Organ and	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Tissue Authority	<p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>		
SQ23-002743	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment		
SQ23-002741	Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Organ and Tissue Authority	<p>Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide: the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002054	Department of Health and Aged Care	Alexander Antic	Updated advice regarding COVID-19 altering DNA	<p>Regarding the Australian Government information web page: Is it true? Can COVID-19 vaccines alter my DNA?' <a href="https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/covid-19-vaccines/is-it-true/is-it-true-can-covid-19-vaccines-alter-my-dna">https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/covid-19-vaccines/is-it-true/is-it-true-can-covid-19-vaccines-alter-my-dna</a> The Department for Health and Wellbeing webpage above states, "No, COVID-19 vaccines do not alter your DNA... The mRNA is broken down quickly by the body. It never enters the nucleus, and cannot affect or combine with our DNA in any way to change our genetic code." Is the TGA aware of the following peer reviewed studies which show:</p> <p>8. The Pfizer vaccine mRNA is able to enter the human liver cell line and reverse transcribe into DNA in vitro? <a href="https://www.mdpi.com/1467-3045/44/3/73">https://www.mdpi.com/1467-3045/44/3/73</a></p> <p>9. Detection of both spike mRNA and spike protein in the nucleus of human cells? <a href="https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.09.27.509633v1.full">https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.09.27.509633v1.full</a></p> <p>10. Mice pre-exposed to the Covid vaccine LNP-mRNA platform passed down acquired immune traits to their offspring, suggestive of the possibility that, once in the nucleus, the mRNA is further transferred and integrated with chromosomal DNA? <a href="https://journals.plos.org/plospathogens/article?id=10.1371/journal.ppat.1010830">https://journals.plos.org/plospathogens/article?id=10.1371/journal.ppat.1010830</a></p> <p>In light of the above references what is the TGA's response and will the TGA provide updated advice so that the webpage referred to above reflects current peer reviewed research?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002146	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Public Assessment Reports - evidence of	<p>3. Questions for the Department of Health and Aged Care regarding ability of the vaccines to prevent transmission. The Public Assessment Reports (PARs) for the three genetic covid vaccines did not contain evidence that they were tested for their</p>	Written	6/11/2023

			vaccines to prevent transmission	<p>effects on transmission. Yet the Federal Department of Health did not publicly disagree with mandating of the vaccines (either through state, territory, or employer mandates) for those in the population who were not at high risk from COVID-19</p> <p>3.1. What was known about the lack of ability of these vaccines to prevent transmission, and when was this made known?</p> <p>3.2. Also, in particular, what information was supplied to National Cabinet or to health or government officials about the absence of testing or other evidence for the effects of the covid 19 vaccines on transmission; and when was this made available to them?</p>		
SQ23-002235	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Quality assurance tests on vaccines	<p>75. The TGA claim to investigate adverse events when, in reality, they gaslight people who have suffered adverse events. The TGA has not provided any evidence as to what studies they have now done to prove the vaccines did not cause adverse events reported to the TGA. Instead, they rely on short term studies conducted by the companies who produce the vaccine, a conflict of interest in itself. Why is the TGA refusing to conduct proper quality assurance tests?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002208	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Preventive Health / ACDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will the interim ACDC commence operations on 1 January 2024?</li> <li>• Which of the Department's current divisions will become part of the interim ACDC at the commencement of its operations?</li> <li>• How many staff (ASL and headcount) will the interim ACDC have at commencement?</li> <li>• What functions will the ACDC have at commencement?</li> <li>• The May Budget allocated \$90 to implement new functions and expand existing functions. What are the new functions that are being added and what functions will be expanded under the new ACDC?</li> <li>• Has work commenced on drafting the legislation that will establish the permanent ACDC?</li> </ul>	Written	8/11/2023



				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there an update on where the permanent ACDC will be located?</li> <li>• Has an implementation plan for the National Preventive Health Strategy? If so, please provide a copy of the implementation plan.</li> <li>• If no, will an implementation plan be developed?</li> <li>• Which departments, agencies and ministerial offices are responsible for delivering the National Preventive Health Strategy?</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002123	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Date/s that the mRNA vaccines were updated on the list of vaccine types	1. On what date/s did the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) update the list of vaccine types on the webpage to include mRNA vaccines.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002110	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	ATAGI recommendations	<p>19. Did ATAGI ask the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI) for advice about whether Covid-19 'vaccines' prevented infection or transmission?</p> <p>20. A study by Rice et al in 2020 said that it is known from SARSCoV-1 that natural immunity is durable and persists for at least 12-17 years. Immunologists have suggested that immunity to SARS-Cov-2 is no different. The human population has encountered and co-existed with a great number of coronaviruses throughout evolution. Most of us have cross-reacting T-cells, B cells and antibodies derived from encounters with common cold coronaviruses that can recognise SARS-CoV-2. Given this knowledge, why did ATAGI force people who had Covid to get vaccinated?</p> <p>21. The TGA Pfizer Nonclinical report said that one study found that</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>among people who had recovered from Covid-19, 100% had S protein-specific CD4+ T cells in the circulation and 70% had S protein-specific CD8+ T cells in the circulation (Grifoni et al. 2020). Why is ATAGI mandating vaccines to people who have had Covid given natural immunity already provides strong protection from Covid-19?</p> <p>22. Given that Pfizer has acknowledged the risk of myocarditis from its vaccine, will ATAGI recommend that companies and governments withdraw vaccine mandates due to the unknown risk of the vaccines? <a href="https://www.pfizer.com/news/press-release/press-release-detail/pfizer-amends-us-government-paxlovid-supply-agreement-and">https://www.pfizer.com/news/press-release/press-release-detail/pfizer-amends-us-government-paxlovid-supply-agreement-and</a></p>		
SQ23-002087	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Tracking of long covid and long vaccine injury	4. How do medical professionals know the difference between long Covid and long vaccine injury? If the person has had both the vaccine and the virus, the existence of the proline amino acid insertion at 986 and 987 in the mRNA would be a marker for a spike protein produced by the vaccine, wouldn't it? Surely PCR tests can differentiate between virus and vaccine spike proteins due to the proline marker, and if so, why doesn't the Health Department track Covid or long Covid from the virus and those who caught Covid or long Covid from the vaccine?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-001966	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Thalidomide survivors funding allocation	Senator STEELE-JOHN: Thank you. I want to move to the allocation of funds from the various support schemes. Australia apportioned \$49.9 million for support to survivors. I note that this is less than many countries allocated to start with proportionally. It is lower than Canada, for instance. That is in a context where there are more registered survivors in Australia than there are in Canada. How much has been allocated and distributed to survivors?	84	26/10/2023

				<p>Ms Davis: Funding of \$44.88 million over four years from 2020-21 was allocated to implement the recommendations of the Senate inquiry. To date-</p> <p>Ms Goodchild: The annual payment has had a payment of \$3.7 million of that allocation. The lump sum has had an allocation of \$4 million. There has been \$10.4 million allocated to the extraordinary assistance fund. The health care assistance fund was allocated \$3.2 million. The thalidomide support system was allocated \$1.6 million. There has been \$600,000 spent on the national site of recognition.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Thank you. They are the allocations.</p> <p>Ms Davis: That is the total funding that has been spent.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Distributed to date?</p> <p>Ms Davis: Correct.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Would you be able to table those figures for us?</p> <p>Ms Davis: Yes.</p>		
SQ23-001937	National Health and Medical Research Council	Linda Reynolds	National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and the FIND Trial	<p>National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and the FIND Trial</p> <p>19. The Assessing the feasibility of an intervention for DSCATT (FIND trial) has the potential to cause psychological harm to patients suffering from illness attributed to ticks. The FIND trial also has the potential to cause medical harm to patients if its case definition of DSCATT and findings are used inappropriately. To note, potential harms of the FIND trial arise from the following issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The FIND trial is based on untested, unproven psychological triggers that have only been reported in one paper, have not been replicated, and are not accepted by either patient or scientific advisory groups.</li> </ul>	Written	17/10/2023

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The FIND trial is a psychological adjunct therapy, funded when there has been no funding allocated for exploration of primary treatments.</li> <li>• The FIND trial is utilising a similar psychological treatment to one shown to harm patients when used for another medically/diagnostically unexplored disease (ME/CFS).</li> <li>• The UK National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) states that there is the potential for harm when it [CBT] is inappropriately delivered and recommends that only practitioners appropriately trained and experienced in CBT for ME/CFS should deliver CBT to ME/CFS patients, under clinical supervision of someone with expertise in CBT for ME/CFS. Extrapolating, the same potential for harm would apply for delivery of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) to DSCATT patients.</li> <li>• The FIND trial is not using psychologists who are experienced in treating patients suffering from chronic illness attributed to ticks.</li> <li>• There has been no acknowledgement of potential for harm and, hence, no measures taken to avert potential harm.</li> <li>• There has been no insight into the psychological damage to patients caused by choosing to fund a psychological adjunct treatment over further investment into research on understanding the physiologic disease and how to treat that.</li> </ul> <p>a. How will the harm caused by the FIND trial be assessed?</p> <p>b. Who will be responsible for dealing with harm caused by the FIND trial?</p> <p>c. Why does the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) not have proper and appropriate oversight of the projects it funds, to eliminate risks of potential harms?</p>		
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SQ23-001936	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	<p>Debilitating Symptom Complexes Attributed to Ticks (DSCATT) and the FIND Trial</p> <p>17. The label Debilitating Symptom Complexes Attributed to Ticks (DSCATT) is described as a diagnostic label by Kanaan et al. (2022) and used as a diagnostic label in research, for example, by the government-funded Feasibility of an intervention for DSCATT (FIND) trial. However, the Clinical Pathway states that 'DSCATT is not a diagnosable disease or a clinical diagnosis, rather it is a term used to describe symptoms of a chronic debilitating illness, often associated with a tick bite.'</p> <p>Why is the label 'DSCATT' being used in research and clinical settings when it is not a diagnosis in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) 11 or the Diagnostic and Statistics Manual (DSM) 5, and when there is ongoing disputation about its legitimacy within patient, advocacy, and international scientific groups?</p> <p>18. Kanaan et al. (2022) conclude that 'tick bites may act as either an infective trigger or, potentially, through fear or anticipation of infection, as a psychological trigger.' While 'there are currently no recognised diagnostic tests or treatments for this condition (DSCATT) in Australia' (Assessing the feasibility of an intervention for DSCATT -</p>	Written	17/10/2023	

			<p>FIND trial), and research on infective causes remains in progress:</p> <p>a. What is the rationale for funding the FIND trial? Outline in detail the scientific rationale for prioritising the seeking of evidence of a psychiatric aetiology over a physiological infection, and prioritising psychological acceptance over appropriate medical intervention. Has the government funded a similar trial for treatment of Australian patients suffering from long COVID, triggered by acute COVID infection? Are long COVID patients suspected of being psychologically triggered by 'fear or anticipation' of lengthy infection?</p> <p>b. When should we expect the study that re-investigates the patients from the Kanaan et al. (2022) retrospective study and the FIND trial with a comprehensive examination of infective triggers?</p> <p>c. It would be advantageous for both research projects for all patients in the FIND trial to be automatically included in the CSIRO biomarker study. Is this already in progress or, if not, can it be initiated? If not, why not?</p> <p>Question 17 &amp; 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Government Department of Health Debilitating Symptom Complexes Attributed to Ticks (DSCATT) Clinical Pathway FINAL CLINICAL PATHWAY October 2020  <a href="https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/07/debilitating-symptomcomplexes-attributed-to-ticks-dscatt-clinical-pathway.pdf">https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/07/debilitating-symptomcomplexes-attributed-to-ticks-dscatt-clinical-pathway.pdf</a></li> <li>• Schnall J, Oliver G, Braat S, Macdonell R, Gibney KB, Kanaan RA. Characterising DSCATT: A case series of Australian patients with debilitating symptom complexes attributed to ticks. Australian &amp;</li> </ul>		
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SQ23-001935	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)	<p>16. The DSCATT Clinical Pathway states: In Australia, the National Serology Reference Laboratory (NRL) review of serological assays to diagnose Lyme disease determined the tests used by accredited laboratories to diagnose Lyme disease had equivalent reliability to tests used in overseas laboratories. International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) mutual recognition arrangement (MRA) signatories agree to accept the results of each other's accredited conformity assessment bodies under the ILAC MRA, giving those results international recognition.</p> <p>a. The quality management aspects of the National Pathology Accreditation Advisory Council (NPAAC) requirements are based on the international standard AS ISO 15189 Standard for Medical Laboratories. If overseas laboratories are signatories to the ILAC MRA (therefore achieving AS ISO 15189), what is the scientific foundation of disallowing their laboratory results from being accepted by Australian GPs, infectious diseases specialists, and health authorities?</p> <p>b. What is required to fulfil our International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) mutual recognition arrangement commitment in appropriately recognising international ISO15189 accredited laboratories?</p>	Written	17/10/2023

				<p>c. Must all tests used in NATA-accredited laboratories be also accredited by NATA?</p> <p>Question 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Government Department of Health Debilitating Symptom Complexes Attributed to Ticks (DSCATT) Clinical Pathway FINAL CLINICAL PATHWAY October 2020 <a href="https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/07/debilitating-symptomcomplexes-attributed-to-ticks-dscatt-clinical-pathway.pdf">https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/07/debilitating-symptomcomplexes-attributed-to-ticks-dscatt-clinical-pathway.pdf</a></li> <li>• Best SJ, Tschaepel MI, Wilson KM. Investigation of the performance of serological assays used for Lyme disease testing in Australia. PLoS One. 2019 Apr 29;14(4):e0214402. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0214402. PMID: 31034492; PMCID: PMC6488061. <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6488061/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6488061/</a></li> <li>• International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ILAC MRA) <a href="https://ilac.org/ilac-mra-and-signatories/">https://ilac.org/ilac-mra-and-signatories/</a> (Accessed 20/08/2023).</li> <li>• Royal College of Pathologists of Australia webpage: Lab Accreditation <a href="https://www.rcpa.edu.au/Patients/Lab-Accreditation">https://www.rcpa.edu.au/Patients/Lab-Accreditation</a> (Accessed 20/08/2023).</li> </ul>		
SQ23-001934	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Use of prophylactic antibiotics	<p>15. The DSCATT Clinical Pathway states: While the recommendation from 15 of the 16 international guidelines was no serology testing in the case of EM suspicion due to early serology not being sensitive enough (40 per cent to 60 per cent) to confirm Lyme diagnosis at the EM stage, in Australia, where Lyme disease is not endemic diagnostic testing is recommended. The Department of Health 2023 publication Guidance Note for medical practitioners and hospitals - Overseas-</p>	Written	17/10/2023



				<p>acquired tick-borne diseases: Lyme disease includes a description and photographs of EM rashes. Why do patients presenting with an EM rash not receive prophylactic antibiotics, especially when they have travelled in an endemic area overseas?</p> <p>Question 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Government Department of Health Debilitating Symptom Complexes Attributed to Ticks (DSCATT) Clinical Pathway FINAL CLINICAL PATHWAY October 2020  <a href="https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/07/debilitating-symptomcomplexes-attributed-to-ticks-dscatt-clinical-pathway.pdf">https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/07/debilitating-symptomcomplexes-attributed-to-ticks-dscatt-clinical-pathway.pdf</a> Guidance Note for medical practitioners and hospitals - Overseas-acquired tick-borne diseases: Lyme disease  <a href="https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-01/overseasacquired-tick-borne-diseases-lyme-disease.pdf">https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-01/overseasacquired-tick-borne-diseases-lyme-disease.pdf</a></li> </ul>		
SQ23-001932	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Testing for Babesia species in Australia	<p>13. The Department of Health webpage What we are doing about tick bite-associated illnesses lists Babesiosis under overseas-acquired tick-borne diseases. The Australian Rickettsial Reference Laboratory (ARRL), in its information about Babesia species, states that 'these agents have been reported from Australia.'</p> <p>a. The ARRL tests for Babesia microti, using an Indirect Fluorescent Antibody (IFA) test. Is this test funded under Medicare? If not, why not? How many Babesiosis tests does the ARRL process on average per month or annually? How many tests are positive per month or annually for acute infection and past exposure?</p> <p>b. A search of laboratory test manuals shows that few laboratories test for Babesia. Could a list of laboratories testing for Babesia nationally be provided. How many tests are positive annually for</p>	Written	17/10/2023

				<p>acute infection and past exposure? Do these laboratories have antibody tests and other tests capable of detecting international Babesia species, such as B. duncani and B. divergens?</p> <p>Question 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Health webpage What we are doing about tick bite-associated illnesses <a href="https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/dscatt/what-we-do">https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/dscatt/what-we-do</a> (Accessed 20/08/2023).</li> <li>• Australian Rickettsial Reference Laboratory <a href="https://www.rickettsialab.org.au/tests-performed">https://www.rickettsialab.org.au/tests-performed</a> (Accessed 20/08/2023).</li> </ul>		
SQ23-001930	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	<p>Obligation and acknowledgement of suffering for symptoms attributed to ticks</p>	<p>10. Professor Kelly said, 'Myself, specifically, and the Department in general, do recognise that these are real issues for real people ... and cause[s] real suffering' (10 November 2022 Supplementary budget estimates). In the 2016 Ministerial Statement which accompanied the Australian Government's response to the Senate Inquiry Final Report, the Minister for Health said, 'we have a national obligation to help patients with debilitating symptom complexes attributed to ticks.'</p> <p>a. What is the justification for acknowledging patient suffering at the same time as blocking moves to lessen that suffering? For example, the Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA) refuses to list tickborne diseases as notifiable, and the government refuses epidemiological studies beyond the limited versions incorporated in funded research.</p> <p>b. Will the government instigate a sero-epidemiologic program of recording positive test results for tick-borne diseases in Australia? If yes, when? If not, why not? Patients need positive results to be</p>	Written	17/10/2023

				<p>acknowledged, not just their illness and suffering.</p> <p>c. Will the government instigate laboratory monitoring of test requests for Lyme disease, Relapsing Fever and any type of borreliosis? Collignon et al. (2016) were given access to the results of a private laboratory which received, at that time, approximately 250 Lyme disease test referrals each month, totalling 5,628 tests over a 23-month period of the study. An evidence-base formed from medical informatics data and data analysis is a solid evidence-base. Why is the government reluctant to gather real patient test data, hence stalling progress?</p> <p>Reference to QoNs - Question 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter J Collignon, Gary D Lum and Jennifer MB Robson Does Lyme disease exist in Australia? Med J Aust 2016; 205 (9): 413-417.    doi: 10.5694/mja16.00824</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2016/205/9/does-lyme-disease-exist-australia">https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2016/205/9/does-lyme-disease-exist-australia</a></p>		
SQ23-001929	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Barriers to collecting epidemiological data	9. What are the barriers to collecting epidemiological data right now?	Written	17/10/2023
SQ23-001928	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	DSATT Clinical Pathways	<p>7. Do you have any data at all on patients under the DSCATT label? Do you have any data on patients who present to Emergency Departments nationwide with tick bites? If not, why not?</p> <p>8. Stewart et al. (2017), a resource used in creating the DSCATT Clinical Pathway, state: 'As a potential public health threat, rickettsial infections should be a notifiable disease in Australia, with active</p>	Written	17/10/2023

				<p>surveillance systems in place to determine longitudinal trends ... Human and animal serological surveillance and notification systems will be essential for providing up to date and accurate data, facilitating improved public health strategies.' Why do the Clinical Pathway and the government accept this paper and research as a credible source, but ignore its epidemiological recommendations?</p> <p>Reference for QoN - Question 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stewart A, Armstrong M, Graves S, Hajkovicz K. Rickettsia australis and Queensland Tick Typhus: A Rickettsial Spotted Fever Group Infection in Australia. Am J Trop Med Hyg. 2017 Jul;97(1):24-29. doi: 10.4269/ajtmh.16-0915. PMID: 28719297; PMCID: PMC5508907. <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5508907/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5508907/</a></li> </ul>		
SQ23-001927	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	CSIRO not featured on CSIRO website and link to CSIRO on Department of Health and Aged Care website	<p>6. The only information about the CSIRO research is on the Department of Health and Aged Care website DSCATT pages. Why is there not a link directly to the CSIRO website, and why is this important research on tickborne diseases with the potential to affect human health, and pathogens found in tick vectors, not featured on the CSIRO website, as is other research the CSIRO is conducting, to be easily found by the general public?</p> <p>Reference for QoN - Question 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/dscatt/what-we-do">https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/dscatt/what-we-do</a></li> </ul>	Written	17/10/2023
SQ23-001926	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Research on novel tick species	<p>5. The four aims of the CSIRO body of research funded by the additional \$2.347 million focus on validating DSCATT microRNA biomarkers, isolating Australian Borrelia bacteria, developing assays to test for human exposure to Australian Borrelia bacteria and identifying the range of ticks and wildlife that can harbour Australian</p>	Written	17/10/2023

			<p>Borrelia bacteria (February 2023 Supplementary budget estimates - SQ23-000061). What work is in progress on pathogenesis of novel pathogens other than Australian Borrelia? If none, why?</p> <p>a. The CSIRO Tick Survey identified novel Theileria sp., Hepatozoon sp. and Trypanosoma sp. What has been found about the pathogenesis of these novel species and their impact on humans?</p> <p>b. Mathews et al. (2021) describe recently identified rickettsia species: Rickettsia gravesii, Koala rickettsia, Candidatus Rickettsia tasmanensis and R. antechini. What work has progressed on pathogenesis of these novel Rickettsia species and their potential impact on human health?</p> <p>c. In 2007, Rickettsia honei subsp. marmionii was identified and the associated rickettsiosis named Australian Spotted Fever. Mathews et al. (2021) state that: 'This subspecies has also been isolated from the blood of chronically ill patients.' Unsworth et al. (2008) found that: 'The significantly higher proportion of chronically unwell patients that were seropositive for rickettsia suggests that exposure to rickettsiae may be causally related to their chronic conditions. It is unclear if the underlying rickettsiaemia is (partially) responsible for the patients' chronic ailments or simply a reactivation of a latent infection caused by immunosuppression generated from the chronic condition itself or the treatment thereof.' Unsworth et al (2008) state that 'bacterial diseases such as tuberculosis, syphilis, brucellosis, Q-Fever and ... typhus ... are known to cause latent infections using yet to be defined mechanisms,' and '... it is well known that an infectious disease may lead to chronic infection and chronic illness ... it is reasonable to speculate that spotted fever group (SFG) rickettsia may also be able to cause a chronic infection</p>		
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			<p>or be associated with a chronic illness.'</p> <p>i. Does the CSIRO biomarker project isolate rickettsia and rickettsiaemia?</p> <p>ii. 'DSCATT does not refer to patients diagnosed with a known Australian tick-borne illness' (February 2023 Supplementary budget estimates - SQ23-000061). Are chronically ill patients with a rickettsia diagnosis or rickettsiaemia removed from the DSCATT label, as they have medically possible latent/chronic illness, with unexplored mechanisms?</p> <p>iii. The possibility of latent, reactivated and chronic rickettsia was established fifteen years ago. What research is in progress focusing on mechanisms of latent, reactivated and chronic rickettsial infections?</p> <p>iv. What research is in progress focusing on whether chronically ill patients who eventually clear rickettsial antibodies but remain ill may still have residual, latent infection?</p> <p>v. Do NATA-accredited laboratory tests for rickettsial infections include a test for Australian Spotted Fever? If not, why not, when it was identified in 2007 and identified as a possible causal pathogen in chronic illness in 2008?</p> <p>Reference for QoN - Question 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathews KO, Phalen D, Norris JM, Stenos J, Toribio JA, Wood N, Graves S, Sheehy PA, Nguyen C, Bosward KL. Serological Evidence of Exposure to Spotted Fever Group and Typhus Group Rickettsiae in Australian Wildlife Rehabilitators. Pathogens. 2021 Jun 12;10(6):745.</li> </ul>		
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SQ23-001925	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Borrelia taylori	4. Borrelia taylori was identified in 2017.  a. Could you provide detailed information of work undertaken to identify B. taylori in patients with illness attributed to ticks, especially in the context of medicine, as opposed to research?  b. How would a patient with recent onset of illness after a tick-bite be screened to ensure that B. taylori is not the pathogenic cause of illness.  c. If no test exists, why not, after six years?  d. The overarching recommendation made by the 2016 Senate Inquiry Committee was need for urgency. The CSIRO's published research results will not be available until at least 2025 and any potential translational medicine even later. Leaving aside the controversial DSCATT Clinical Pathway, what help has been offered to patients suffering from illness attributed to ticks by the Department of Health and by doctors in the last seven years, since the Senate Inquiry?  Reference for QoN - Question 4	Written	17/10/2023

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SQ23-001924	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	<p>Lyme disease research by CSIRO and Murdoch University</p>	<p>Lyme Disease: Research and epidemiology</p> <p>1. The 'Troublesome Ticks' Murdoch University research team identified the endemic Borrelia tachyglossi. The CSIRO Tick Survey identified Borrelia sp. HB, a novel hard tick-borne relapsing fever Borrelia species identified in H. bancrofti ticks.</p> <p>a. Acknowledging that CSIRO research remains in progress until June 2024, to date, have either of these novel Borrelia species or other endemic Borrelia been identified in Australian patients or study controls in current CSIRO biomarker or test development research or the 'Troublesome Ticks' Murdoch University research?</p> <p>b. I refer to question on notice: SQ23-000204</p> <p>Disappointing research outcomes have been implied by Paul Kelly's (Chief Medical Officer) remarks in Senate estimates earlier this year. Could you elaborate on Professor Kelly's statements that 'we really have not found anything very specific that we can grab onto to say there is a clue that we could create a new treatment or even a diagnostic test, unfortunately, in Australia' (16 February 2023 Supplementary budget estimates) and 'there is currently no evidence linking an endemic Australian Borrelia as the cause of DSCATT or any</p>	Written	17/10/2023



				<p>other human tick-borne disease in Australia' (February 2023 Supplementary budget estimates - SQ23-000204)?</p> <p>References for QoN - Question 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gofton, A.W., Blasdel, K.R., Taylor, C., Banks, P.B., Michie, M., Roy-Dufresne, E. et al. (2022) Metatranscriptomic profiling reveals diverse tick-borne bacteria, protozoans and viruses in ticks and wildlife from Australia. <i>Transboundary and Emerging Diseases</i>, 69(5), e2389–e2407. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1111/tbed.14581">https://doi.org/10.1111/tbed.14581</a></li> </ul> <p>2. Could a list of pathogens found in the CSIRO Tick Survey be provided?</p> <p>3. Could a list of pathogens apparent from the 'Troublesome Ticks' Murdoch University research be provided?</p>		
SQ23-002232	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	SV40 promoter in production of vaccine	71. Was the SV40 promoter used in the production of the Pfizer vaccines? Was it eliminated completely from the final batches? What testing did the TGA do to verify this and can it be provided?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002222	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Covid vaccines used as the placebo in the AZ trial	64. In the AZ trial what was the placebo used? Were other Covid vaccines used as the placebo?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002221	Department of Health	Gerard Rennick	Performance of tests or checks	63. Who performed all bulk holding stability, manufacturing trials, validation (including, but not limited to, method, process and equipment cleaning validation), raw material, in process, bulk	Written	6/11/2023

	and Aged Care		required to assure the quality of the Covid mRNA vaccines	finished product and stability (chemical or microbial) tests or checks required to assure the quality of the Covid mRNA vaccines and tests or checks required by the Specifications and cGMP. Was it the TGA or the sponsors?		
SQ23-002218	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Vaccine and menstrual bleeding	19. Does the new TGA management agree with Professor Skerritt that clots aren't a risk that can cause strokes? I note that the vaccines are associated with clotting especially in women, many of whom have experience heavy menstrual bleeding. 57. Numerous studies and anecdotal feedback have shown the Covid vaccine to cause excessive menstrual bleeding. What sort of drug causes excessive menstrual bleeding and isn't this a sign of clotting?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002214	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Registration of BNT162b2 (mRNA) COVID-19 vaccine	'44. Page 33 of the Product Assessment report says, "The sponsor has submitted the short-term results from the pivotal study to support the provisional registration of BNT162b2 (mRNA) COVID-19 vaccine. The submitted pivotal study has an overall good study design, including representative study population and acceptable statistical considerations. The results from this study have demonstrated that BNT162b2 (mRNA) at 30 µg administered as a 2 dose schedule (21 days apart) achieved a short term vaccine efficacy of 95% against polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-confirmed COVID-19 in subjects = 16 years of age without prior evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection. This was demonstrated in a larger randomised, placebo-controlled Phase III trial, with many subjects being followed up for a median of 2 months post Dose 2. The VE was consistent across age, gender, race and ethnicity demographics. VE was also demonstrated in those with one or more comorbidities. The analysis of tolerability and safety of the vaccine detected short lived, mild to moderate	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>local and systemic reactogenicity, a low incidence of severe or serious events, and no clinically significant safety concerns among participants who were followed for a median of 2 months after the second dose of the vaccine."</p> <p>How can the TGA claim that when less than 1% of both groups in the Pfizer trial caught Covid that the vaccine is 95% efficacious? This is completely misleading, is it not, given the absolute number was statistically insignificant? "</p>		
SQ23-002213	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Definition of "Product" in the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine contract	'43. Does the definition of ""Product"" in the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine contract include the words ""for the prevention of Covid-19""? "	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002200	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Calcitriol warning labels on the Covid vaccine.	32. Is Calcitriol included in any of the Covid vaccines, yes or no? If yes, given some people are hypersensitive to this drug why hasn't a warning label been put on the Covid vaccine?"	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002197	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Breakdown time and duration of mRNA encoded proteins	25. The TGA says that mRNA encoded proteins break down quickly but how did they know this in advance of the rollout given a distribution and degradation study wasn't done? I note the attached study has found spike proteins in the body up to six months after vaccination. <a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/prca.202300048">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/prca.202300048</a>	Written	6/11/2023

SQ23-002194	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Safety trials showing the impact of repeated boosting on the immune system.	22. Does the TGA think that repeated boosting is safe given what is known about original antigenic sin and immune imprinting? Can safety trials showing the impact of repeated boosting on the immune system please be provided?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002173	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Performance of test kits in detecting Covid	10. How does the TGA know that the primers that are commercial in confidence don't cross react with other coronaviruses, particularly with the shared genome of the RdRp, or fails to detect Covid because the primers are designed for a specific spike gene and the spike gene changes rapidly therefore the test could easily fail. Do you have performance assays for every strain of Covid for those primers? If not, who is responsible for auditing whether the test kits perform at all or whether they are detecting another coronavirus altogether?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002150	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Addition of the COVID-19 vaccine to the Australian Immunisation Handbook	21. On what date was Covid-19 added to the Australian Immunisation Handbook as a vaccine preventable disease, noting the webpage doesn't have any history of updates prior to 5th October 2023.	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002134	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Late-onset adverse events and vaccine-associated	12. What period of follow up is the TGA aware of in relation to trial participants who have received newer Covid-19 vaccines, including the Pfizer bi-valent vaccine (Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1). Were clinical trials for these products being followed for a median of at least two months after receiving their final vaccine dose? Does the	Written	3/11/2023

			enhanced respiratory disease	TGA have evidence of a longer follow-up period of 6 months for some trial as is preferred to assess the potential risks of late-onset adverse events and vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory disease?		
SQ23-002130	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Identified vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory disease	11. How many cases of vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory disease have been reported to the TGA or identified by the TGA as a result of or following Covid-19 vaccines?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002129	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Adverse event data following mRNA vaccine	10. Can you please provide all reported adverse event data following mRNA vaccine administration, stratified by age, including the number of doses administered. Please ensure data is provided for 18-30 years and 30-50 year old.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002128	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Regulatory actions in relation to safety issues linked to COVID-19 vaccine	9. Did the TGA initiate any regulatory action in relation to any safety issue linked to a Covid 19 vaccine? If so, what was the safety issue, what action was taken and which vaccines were they linked to?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002116	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Clinical trial and manufacturing of mRNA	6. Is it true that the mRNA manufacturing process used to make the mRNA for the Pfizer "vaccine" clinical trial was different to the mRNA manufacturing process used by Pfizer to produce commercial lots? 7. Is it true that the clinical trial "vaccine" mRNA was manufactured using RT-PCR (real-time polymerase chain reaction) methods but the	Written	6/11/2023

			vaccines used by Pfizer	commercial batches used plasmid DNA and E coli bacteria fermentation?		
SQ23-002109	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Primer sequence information for commercial ly available test kits	8. ""As described in Question Two of SQ23-001071, the Australian Government cannot provide primer sequence information for commercially available test kits as this is commercial in confidence and may be different for each test kit. In addition, the Australian Government does not hold primer sequence information for test kits that have been developed 'inhouse' by different laboratories.'"" If the Covid virus was naturally created, how can the sequence to it be commercial in confidence or patented?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002089	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	DNA and Covid-19 vaccine	1. Can the TGA state what is the acceptable level of residual DNA in the vaccines from the linearised plasmid DNA template for mRNA production? 2. Will acceptable levels of DNA be the same for naked and encapsulated DNA? If so, given DNA degrades faster outside the cell why are the levels the same? 3. Did the TGA carry out tests on every Covid-19 mRNA vaccine batch to ensure that DNA levels were below acceptable levels? Could the TGA please provide the levels of residual DNA for each Pfizer Covid vaccine batch that was used in Australia. What was the acceptable limit of DNA for a batch? 74. Given that high levels of encapsulated DNA have been found in Pfizer batches, will the TGA sue Pfizer for fraud? If not, why not?"	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002051	Department of Health and Aged Care	Alexander Antic	Detection of plasmid DNA and	Regarding the detection of plasmid DNA and SV40 sequence 1. Is the TGA aware of international concern regarding the detection of plasmid DNA in the COVID-19 mRNA Pfizer and Moderna "vaccines"? <a href="https://osf.io/mjc97">https://osf.io/mjc97</a> / <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/publication/369">https://www.researchgate.net/publication/369</a>	Written	3/11/2023

			SV40 sequence	<p>967228 Sequencing of bivalent Moderna and Pfizer mRNA vaccines reveals nanogram to microgram quantities of expression vector dsDNA per dose</p> <p>2. Has the TGA investigated the possible contamination of Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines once it was reported that DNA contamination levels were possible 18-70 times higher than the limits set by the FDA and the European Medicines Agency (EMA)?</p> <p>3. Did the TGA conduct its own independent analysis to determine the level of contamination of DNA or did it depend on information supplied by the manufacturers?</p> <p>4. Have any batches of COVID-19 vaccine been released to the public with levels of plasmid DNA considered unsafe by international standards?</p> <p>5. What plans does the TGA have to alert the public to the potential contamination of the COVID-19 vaccines so they can be fully informed?</p> <p>6. Did Pfizer alert the drug regulator that the plasmid DNA used to make the mRNA contained the Simian Virus 40 ((SV40) promoter gene sequence?</p> <p>7. If so, when did the TGA know SV40 was used in the Pfizer manufacturing process?</p>		
SQ23-002048	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Pfizer Application Adulteration	<p>2. Health Canada has admitted the Pfizer application revealed that adulteration but did not identify the plasmid as Simian Virus 40 (SV40). Did Pfizer identify SV40 as being present in the product to the TGA, and if not what steps were taken by the TGA to identify the adulteration present in the sequencing of the Pfizer vaccine provided during the application process by Pfizer?</p> <p>3. Some of the adulteration (plasmids) contain viable strands of DNA derived from e-coli bacteria in which the product is grown, is this an accurate statement, and if not, why not?</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				4. Are some of the DNA strands referenced in Q3 encased in lipid nanoparticles?		
SQ23-002047	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	COVID 'vaccines' adulterated with plasmid DNA or similar substance	1. Does the TGA accept the COVID 'vaccines' were adulterated with plasmid DNA or similar substance? Please reply separately in respect of Pfizer, Moderna and Astra Zeneca products.	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-001972	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Indemnity for COVID vaccines	<p>Prof. Lawler: I will also add that taking into consideration the commentary of the first part of your question and the reflection on findings elsewhere, through our pharmacovigilance process we have not identified any safety signals that have been attributed to quality issues.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Would negligent production techniques invalidate the indemnity provided to Pfizer and other manufacturers?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: I'm not convinced that's a matter for the TGA to comment on in terms of indemnity.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Who is?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I think we would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Thank you. If not, who wrote the indemnity that has clearly encouraged the use of risky, novel techniques to grow the vaccine using elements of E. coli bacteria as the medium?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: Recognising the elements of your question, we would take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: But we don't accept the premise. The questions around the indemnity we will take on notice.</p>	92-93	26/10/2023



				<p>...</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I want to make it clear what we're taking on notice.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Would negligent production techniques invalidate the indemnity provided to Pfizer and other manufacturers? If not, who wrote the indemnity that has clearly encouraged the use of risky, novel techniques to grow the vaccine using elements of E. coli bacteria as the medium?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: I may be mistaken, but I think they are exactly the same two questions you've just asked me. We are taking them on notice.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: One is-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: We'll come back to you around the indemnity. I don't know that there's anyone here who can provide further information on that. That was required, as I recall. I don't know if Professor Kelly can add anything here. The indemnity was required in order to ensure we could have a national rollout of the vaccine in an urgent emergency situation.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Required by whom, Minister? Who required the indemnity?</p> <p>Prof. Kelly: It's really commercial-in-confidence.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: So Pfizer requiring an indemnity before they consider a product-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: It's a matter for the former government.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: is commercial-in-confidence?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I don't think anyone here can provide you with any more information on that. I feel that the answer has been provided somewhere in the past. It has come up.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: I don't think it has been asked before, Minister. We're not convinced it was good manufacturing processes. The batches have irregular results and inconsistent results. Would negligent production techniques invalid the indemnity provided to</p>		
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				<p>Pfizer and others?  Mr Comley: We understand the questions. We'll take them on notice.  Senator ROBERTS: Thank you. Professor Lawler seems to think the second question is the same as the first, so I will ask the second one. If they don't invalidate the indemnity, who wrote the indemnity?  Mr Comley: We'll take that on notice. The indemnity was negotiated by the government with the manufacturers at the time.</p>		
SQ23-001963	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) and adverse events	<p>Senator ROBERTS: A program within the NCIRS is AusVaxSafety, which monitors safety signals, meaning adverse events from vaccinations through the body. There is the Adverse Events Following Immunisation Clinical Assessment Network, or AEFI-CAN. How do you come up with all these acronyms? Here we have an organisation which, according to their About Us website page, is Australia's premier vaccine sales advocate. The NCIRS is in charge of recommending if the federal government should add more vaccines to the schedule. That same organisation also monitors for adverse events from the vaccines it promotes. Minister, does that sound like a suitable arrangement to you?  Senator Gallagher: Sorry, Senator Roberts, you will have to repeat that.  Senator ROBERTS: We have an organisation-  Senator Gallagher: Is this ATAGI?  Senator ROBERTS: No, NCIRS. It is in charge of recommending if the federal government should add more vaccines to the schedule. That same organisation also monitors for adverse events from the vaccines it promotes. So it advocates for vaccines and it supposedly monitors for the events.  Senator Gallagher: That is not part of the regulatory framework of government.</p>	80	26/10/2023

				Prof. Kelly: The TGA is the main provider of information about adverse events from vaccination. The NCIRS does run something. It's actually on behalf of NSW Health, as I understand it, but we can place that on notice.		
SQ23-002006	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Child Dental Benefits Scheme	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I have questions about the CDBS. Does CDBS, the Child Dental Benefits Scheme, apply to children who meet Medicare age and welfare requirements and have left school?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: Whether the child is at school or not is not relevant to eligibility. If they meet the age eligibility, and their family is in receipt of family tax benefit, they are eligible for the child benefit schedule.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: So school is not relevant, just to confirm? How many children are using the scheme for the first time? Could you provide us with how many children are using the scheme for the first time? How many are repeat users of the scheme? Would you be able to provide us with this-and this may have to be on notice-a breakdown of private versus public utilisation broken down by state and territory? If you have to take that on notice, that's fine.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: I'll need to take all of those on notice.</p>	29	26/10/2023
SQ23-002007	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Consultation regarding improvement of dental services	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Without school attendance being a factor? In response to a question from my colleague Senator Payman about the department's work to improve dental services, Mr Testa said the department 'relies on expert advice from oral health advisors through states and territories and from dental experts as well as subject matter experts'. Can you please identify who you have consulted with outside of government regarding improvement of dental services in this financial year or calendar year, if it's easier?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: We would certainly have talked to the Australian Dental Association and to all of the states and territories. We have internal</p>	29-30	26/10/2023

				dental advisors. I'd need take on notice beyond that, but certainly all those I've stated.		
SQ23-002101	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Medicare COVID vaccination consults	14. Is the Federal government still paying doctors through Medicare for covid vaccination consults, plus the incentive charges that come with these? If so, how much is being spent per month on paying doctors for Covid vaccination consults? Could this please be broken out monthly since January 2021.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002022	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Differences between recommendation and pricing for medical services	<p>Mr McCabe: Senator, I think the AMA might have made some remarks recently. They do, every November, an update to their recommended pricing guide for medical services. I think they have now made a recommendation that the standard consultation should be billed at just over \$100. I haven't seen the publication yet.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: It's 102.</p> <p>Mr Comley: What I'd say is that's a recommendation from the AMA, not what is actually being charged in GP markets.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Well, indeed, I'd be very keen to understand the relationship between that recommendation and what actually is being charged.</p> <p>Mr McCabe: We have done some historical look-backs across the AMA's recommended price guide versus, to the earlier point, the average full charge for patients over a financial year. Again, to Ms Shakespeare's point, we don't look at it quarter by quarter, but last year the AMA was recommending standard consultations be charged at \$98. The average charge for that financial year was \$80.31.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Okay, so are you believing that's probably about where it's likely to be at the moment in terms of the differential between the recommendation and the actual charge?</p> <p>Mr McCabe: I can't presuppose that, but once we get the data we will be able to confirm that.</p>	51	26/10/2023

SQ23-002133	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Monitoring of data provided by the new 'official' measure of excess deaths released in July 2023	<p>4. Questions for the Department of Health and Aged Care about use and monitoring of data provided by the new 'official' measure of excess deaths released in July 2023</p> <p>On 17th July 2023 the ABS released a new model for excess deaths in Australia (<a href="https://www.abs.gov.au/articles/measuring-australias-excess-mortality-during-covid-19-pandemic-until-first-quarter-2023">https://www.abs.gov.au/articles/measuring-australias-excess-mortality-during-covid-19-pandemic-until-first-quarter-2023</a>). This model includes 95% confidence intervals which provide an upper threshold. In the release, the ABS says: "Prolonged periods (2 or more weeks) where counts exceed thresholds suggest more strongly that the numbers of deaths are above or below normal." The release on 17th July clearly showed that for most of 2022 and 2023 deaths had been above this threshold.</p> <p>4.1. What actions has the Department of Health taken to a) inform the public that this has occurred; b) investigate internally the reasons for these excess deaths; c) allow for independent external investigation of the reasons for the excess deaths?</p> <p>4.2. The latest Provisional Mortality Statistics (27th October 2023) show deaths to 30th September 2023 at a level of 12.1% above baseline. Given that the new official excess mortality statistics do not appear to be being published on a regularly monthly or bimonthly schedule, how does the Department of Health propose to use the new official excess death measure as a safe and rapid way to monitor and act on excess deaths data in Australia?</p> <p>4.3. Has the Department of Health and Aged Care used the detailed data by age band and state/territory that the ABS used to produce this new model (and its forecasts) to examine questions such as: Did lockdowns in particular states and territories at particular times affect the death rate in the locked down populations?; and Did vaccine rollouts in particular age groups in particular states and</p>	Written	6/11/2023
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				territories at particular times affect the death rate in the vaccinated age bands?		
SQ23-002841	Department of Health and Aged Care	Malcolm Roberts	Unexplained deaths and COVID products	<p>8. If the 10,000 unexplained deaths in Australia in 2022 is not the result of adulterated COVID products as you testified last week, what is the cause?</p> <p>9. Please explain what is the causal link between any cause you may have listed in (8) and the resulting deaths?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002132	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Monitoring excess deaths in reported in the Provisional Mortality Statistics in 2022 and 2023	<p>2. Monitoring excess deaths in reported in the Provisional Mortality Statistics in 2022 and 2023</p> <p>On 30th March 2022 the Australian Bureau of Statistics amended its 'baseline' for expected deaths used in its Provisional Mortality Statistics in a manner which would tend to reduce levels of excess deaths. Despite this, actual deaths were almost constantly in excess (and above the baseline range) throughout 2022 and to date have consistently exceeded this range in 2023.</p> <p>2.1. What, if any, monitoring system had the Department of Health put in place at any point (during the years 2022 to date) to trigger some form of action, in the event that the ABS Provisional Mortality Statistics were consistently showing such levels of excess deaths for a number of weeks?</p> <p>2.2. What action was planned in the event that excess deaths were above the previous range for more than a number of weeks?</p> <p>2.3. Was there any level of excess deaths reported in this publication that, ahead of the event, had been designated as being sufficient to trigger either a) a media release explicitly informing the public of the excess; or b) an internal investigation into the causes of the excess deaths or c) an external, independent investigation into the causes of the excess deaths?</p>	Written	6/11/2023

SQ23-002634	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Total number of ASL;</li> <li>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</li> <li>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</li> <li>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</li> <li>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002627	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</li> <li>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</li> <li>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</li> <li>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</li> </ul> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</li> <li>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

			Commissioner	information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ23-002621	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002618	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			<p>campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner</p>	<p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>		
SQ23-002615	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	<p>Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner</p>	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.		
SQ23-002614	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002607	Office of the National Rural Health	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and	3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?	Written	3/11/2023

	Commissioner		Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>		
SQ23-002603	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department? Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide: a. the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Commissioner	How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.		
SQ23-002102	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Defence Health	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I have been made aware that members of Defence Health have experienced extensive problems with Defence Health, including being unable to contact the insurer. When was the Government first advised of issues with Defence Health in relation to these alleged technical issues?</li> <li>2. What are the nature and extent of the problems?</li> <li>3. How many members does Defence Health have?</li> <li>4. How many members have had claims unpaid?</li> <li>5. Do you have data on the quantum of claims unpaid?</li> <li>6. Has the Department been in contact with the Commonwealth Ombudsman regarding the complaints? If so, do you have a breakdown of the nature of the complaints?</li> <li>7. Have any members been unable to access medical procedures due to these issues?</li> <li>8. Have you been advised on when will the issues be resolved?</li> <li>9. What has the Government done to help members or try to resolve issues at Defence Health?</li> <li>10. What was done and when?</li> <li>11. Can the Department give an assurance to members of the solvency and ongoing viability of Defence Health given some of the concerns that are being raised.</li> <li>12. If a member is unable to make contact with Defence Health to pay a premium or add a family member, it will have serious consequences not only for their access to medical care, but also serious tax consequences through the Medicare Levy Surcharge.</li> <li>13. Has the Government taken any action through the Department</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023

				or ATO to provide a grace period for members of Defence Health who have not had their requests actioned?		
SQ23-001999	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Prostheses List Reform Evaluation	<p>Senator RUSTON: The second contract says, 'Activities to Support the Reform of Part B'. The contract was due to conclude on 1 March this year. I assume that it has been concluded.</p> <p>Ms Platona: That is the PwC contract. That has definitely finished. It was for reviewing part B of the Prostheses List, which is tissue product.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Has that been publicly released?</p> <p>Ms Platona: I will find that answer and come back to you. Either it has been, or it will be.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I am keen to understand the deliverables that came out of it and how that work was incorporated.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I am fairly certain that has been published on our consultation hub for the Prostheses List reforms.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: If you could point to where that is, that would be great.</p>	15-16	26/10/2023 3
SQ23-002262	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002091	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Preclinical and animal studies	4. There is no evidence that Pfizer ever did any preclinical or animal studies on Process 2 doses where a linearised plasmid DNA template was used for mRNA production, unlike Process 1 that used a PCR amplified DNA template. Is this correct? If not, can studies carried out prior to the rollout of the vaccine using the Process 2 described above please be provided. I note that I asked Professor Skerritt for these studies previously in estimates.	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002021	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Out of pocket expenses for visiting a GP over past 12 months	<p>"Senator RUSTON: Okay. Could you give us an idea of the trajectory on the out-of-pocket expenses for visiting a GP over the last 12 months?</p> <p>Mr McCabe: Certainly. I'm just trying to find it here. We do an average over the financial year and the most common GP item or the standard item-</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Sorry-you don't actually do month-by-month or quarter-by-quarter changes in the cost of going to a GP? I mean, averaged over 12 months is a fairly opaque descriptor, isn't it?</p> <p>Ms Warner: We group services together, so we have GP non-referred services grouped together and then we group all sorts of other services together as well.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Okay, so you don't have a breakdown? We've obviously got the standard consult, which is what everybody goes to when they're talking about it, because that's sort of the benchmark. So, for a 20-minute consult, for example, you can't tell me what an average out-of-pocket cost is, by month or by quarter, of a standard 20-minute consult?</p> <p>Ms Warner: What I have in front of me is the last financial year.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Over a whole year. Has it always been the case that you've never had that information?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We also have quarterly data. But, because there is</p>	Hansard	26/10/2023

				<p>seasonality in Medicare billings, you compare quarters to the previous same quarter, or we have the annualised statistics.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I'm quite happy about the seasonally-you're comparing-</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: That's why we use the annual figures-to sort of adjust for the season.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: But it also would be useful to understand if there is a trajectory here, which is how you do it if you're actually doing it by smaller increments of analysis. So you can actually provide me quarterly data; it's just that you then aggregate it into yearly data?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We have the annualised figures and we also have quarterly figures, but the best comparison is the previous quarter-the same quarter-because of those seasonality issues. So it's comparing it to the previous year's quarter.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Can you provide that? You can do that? If I asked you for the July quarter in 2022 and the July quarter in 2023, you can provide that data?</p> <p>Mr McCabe: We can provide it, Senator.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Is that able to be provided?</p> <p>Mr McCabe: Yes, it is.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: And do you actually have any idea of the change from, let's say, the April quarter of 2022 to the April quarter of 2023?</p> <p>Mr McCabe: I don't know if we have it here. We'd have to actually go and look that up, Senator.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Okay."</p>		
SQ23-002066	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Bulkbilling Incentive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the Department considered the impact that the state payroll tax issue could have on the effectiveness of the Government's tripling the bulk billing incentive measure?</li> <li>2. Does the Government have any modelling that shows GP bulk billing rates will be increased as a result of this measure?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>3. Of the 11 million Australians for which the bulk billing incentive measure applies to, how many of those Australians does the Department expect will gain access to bulk billed GP appointments as a result of this measure?</p> <p>4. Aside from tripling the bulk billing rate, has the Government implemented any measures to make GP visits more affordable?</p>		
SQ23-002207	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	GP Grants Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide an update on the number of grants that have been provided, broken down by state and territory?</li> <li>• Has the Department commenced its audit into a random sample of grant recipients?</li> <li>• What were the findings of the audit?</li> <li>• Will the result of any audit be made publicly available?</li> <li>• How much does the Department project to spend in total on this grants program?</li> <li>• Have all grants now been assessed and paid?</li> </ul>	Written	8/11/2023
SQ23-002064	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Urgent Care Clinics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Department please provide the following data per operating clinic: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The average hours of opening each week?</li> <li>b. The daily operating hours?</li> <li>c. How many patients are seen by each clinic per week?</li> <li>d. How many patients in total have been seen since establishment?</li> <li>e. How many hours GPs are on site for?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How many urgent care clinics are the Department expecting to be nurse led clinics?</li> <li>3. For each Urgent Care Clinic currently operating, is the Department monitoring attendances at the local Emergency Department/s? If so, can you provide an overview of local ED attendances per clinic, since the clinic has been established?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023



				4. For each clinic not yet operating, can the Department provide an update on progress and a likely timeline for establishment?		
SQ23-001953	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Breastfeeding Voluntary Code	<p>Breastfeeding Voluntary Code</p> <p>1. To inform policy on the marketing of commercial milk formula, as advised by the ACCC in July 2021, when will the Department make public the report on the fourth review of the Marketing in Australia of Infant Formula (MAIF) Agreement, and will there be sufficient time prior to re-authorisation of the MAIF Agreement, noting the current authorisation expires on 31 July 2024?</p> <p>2. Since the last authorisation of the MAIF Agreement (July 2021), on how many occasions has the Department met with representatives and lobbyists of the commercial milk formula, dairy and baby food industries (companies, importers, distributors and suppliers)?</p> <p>a. How many of these meetings were about the marketing of commercial milk formula and baby food products?</p> <p>b. On how many occasions has the Department met with representatives and peak bodies for public health and breastfeeding on these issues?</p>	Written	31/10/2023
SQ23-001956	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Health in my language program	<p>Health in my language program</p> <p>? Has the evaluation of Health in My Language Program been completed? Has the Department made any decisions about continuing that program past June 2024?</p>	Written	31/10/2023
SQ23-001957	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Women's Health Strategy workplan	<p>Women's Health Strategy workplan</p> <p>The Senate Inquiry into Universal Access to Reproductive Healthcare recommended developing an implementation plan for the Women's Health Strategy with clear KPIs and annual reporting.</p> <p>? Has the Department been asked to start work on developing an implementation plan?</p>	Written	31/10/2023

				<p>? What role is the Women's Health Advisory Council playing in that work?</p> <p>? Is funding currently allocated on the basis of National Women's Health Strategy priorities and deliverables? Would clear KPIs help to guide funding allocations?</p> <p>? When will the implementation plan be made public?</p>		
SQ23-001962	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Hours of the Urgent Care Clinics	<p>Senator RUSTON: Of those 33 clinics that are currently up and running, how many are open between 8 am and 10 pm?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: I could work that out for you, but I think it would be quicker to take it on notice, if you are happy. I have the opening hours of each clinic, but I would need to go through them.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Clearly there are some-</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: There are some that do not have the 8 am to 10 pm seven days a week hours. We have been working to make sure that they open to make sure they meet the objective of taking the pressure off the local public hospital emergency departments.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I understand that. I don't mean to be rude, but I have to be a bit quick here because I think the chair is going to wind me up. I would really love to know what the opening hours of the clinics are, and that includes the hours they say they are open on their websites and the like and the actual hours they are open. We know quite clearly that is not always the case. Sometimes the listed hours are not their actual hours they are open. Can you also confirm the hours of the Palmerston Medicare urgent care clinic? My understanding is that it only opens six hours a day. Can you confirm that in the data you come back to me with? In the ACT, you talked earlier with Senator Pocock about the nurse-led walk-in clinics. I would like to understand the difference in the operation of the previously nurse-led walk-in clinics and the UCCs. Is there any change in the services offered? Is there any change in the hours? Is</p>	75	26/10/2023

				<p>there any change in the personnel? Have there been any increased consultations? Is it simply a name change? In the case of the priority primary care clinics in Victoria that were taken over from the Victorian government and funded into UCCs, what is the difference between the operation of those clinics now as to what they were before they were rebranded as UCCs? I am also keen to understand whether there are any other UCCs apart from the ones in the ACT that don't have GPs on site either all of the time or part of the time? Mr Cotterell: I will take all of those things on notice. All of the urgent care clinics are required to meet the nationally agreed operational guidance, which is available publicly. In the ACT, we are adding to the staffing with nurse practitioners for the full hours of opening so that there is prescribing, there is the requesting of pathology and diagnostic imaging available at all of those centres without the patients having to go to hospital. They might need to go to a local pathology provider.</p>		
SQ23-002144	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	TGA training budget over 2022-23 and 2023-24	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the current FTE staff numbers at the TGA? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Is that under or over the authorised cap for the TGA?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Are you able to provide a breakdown of the nature of the roles in the TGA between: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Scientific/Technical</li> <li>b. Management</li> <li>c. Senior Executive Service</li> <li>d. Administration/Support positions?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Do you consider that you have enough people in those key roles to be able to fulfill the mission of the TGA in an efficient and timely fashion? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Is the experience level – ie: skills/knowledge/application – sufficient for each of the above categories?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>b. If not, why not?</p> <p>c. Are you able to recruit those vacancies or the experience level required – if not, why not?</p> <p>4. Are you able to provide us a sense of what the TGA's training budget is over the 2022-23 and 2023-24?</p> <p>a. Can you outline the areas that training was undertaken by the various categories of staff?</p> <p>b. Is that more or less training over those two years?</p>		
SQ23-002074	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Covid-19 Vaccination	<p>1. How many doses of Covid-19 vaccinations does Australia currently have on hand?</p> <p>2. What do the Department of Health consider to be vulnerable categories in terms of the Covid-19 vaccinations?</p> <p>3. Are the current vaccination rates lower than you would like to see?</p> <p>4. Do you believe that the current vaccination rates are acceptable?</p> <p>5. Are you concerned about vulnerable cohorts, like aged care residents, who are due for their vaccination yet have not received one?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002024	Department of Health and Aged Care	Kerryne Liddle	Increasing specialist services for children with harmful sexual behaviours in the NT	<p>Senator LIDDLE: I wanted to ask specifically-and I was told this one was definitely outcome 2. It's in reference to increasing specialist services for children with harmful sexual behaviours in the Northern Territory. It seems like every time I ask about this, it doesn't matter who I ask or which agency, I get this blank look. It's in the budget papers. It's very specific to the Northern Territory. This is about the third time I think I've asked, and now I've been told I've got to come to Health. Does anybody know about this project? It's sitting under 'Other health payments'.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I think this has come up at previous estimates-</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: Yes, I think it came up last time.</p>	56	26/10/2023

				<p>Senator Gallagher: and we did-let us just check on that. I'm sure I was here when it was raised last time. It's a very specific program.</p> <p>CHAIR: I think Mr Comley told Senator Liddle it was outcome 2 this morning.</p> <p>Ms Street: I understand that proposal is actually being managed and administered by the Attorney-General's Department.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I thought that was the evidence last time, actually-the last Health estimates. I actually think it's through an agreement with the Northern Territory.</p> <p>Senator LIDDLE: I've been round and round. So I can quote them and say you've referred me to them?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Did AGD refer you here?</p> <p>Senator LIDDLE: No, I think Social Services referred us here.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: AGD already appeared, I think, earlier in the week. I can see whether there's anything we can do to provide you with a briefing on that, Senator Liddle. I'll undertake to do that.</p> <p>Senator LIDDLE: I can write a letter about that one. That would be terrific.</p>		
SQ23-002264	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002738	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - National Health Funding Body	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002724	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - National Health Funding Body	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002073	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program	<p>1. During the election campaign, Prime Minister Albanese committed to increase the number of genetic and early life conditions that newborns are screened for from around 25 to 80 through the newborn bloodspot screening program. Can the Department please provide an update on the progress of this election commitment?</p> <p>2. What is the current timeline for when all Australian newborns will</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>be screened for 80 conditions, in line with the Government's pre-election commitment?</p> <p>3. On 24 April this year, the Australian Pompe Association expressed 'deep disappointment' at the lack of action to implement the election commitment. Can the Department please provide an update on the inclusion of Pompe Disease in the expanded national newborn bloodspot screening?</p>		
SQ23-002036	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Objective of the PBS advertising campaign	<p>Ms Balmanno: Just to clarify my answer before about photo shoots, I have confirmed that at that point in time in relation to the previous PBS measure where the copayment was reduced to \$30, we were considering doing a photo shoot for primary care and pharmacy, involving real practitioners rather than acting talent, which is often the case, and to have that available for different communications to the sector. We had discussed the idea of doing that with the creative agency. They then did the talent call. We became aware of it. We had not commissioned that piece of work. We became aware of the talent call. We raised it with them. The photo shoot did not go ahead. It was withdrawn. That was the process in relation to that. I will take on notice the extent of correspondence in relation to that.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: They didn't go off, effectively, entirely of their own accord; there had been preliminary discussions in relation to it?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: There had been preliminary discussions about the possibility of doing this in terms of it, but they were not authorised to do it. We had not commissioned the work.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: Clearly there was a miscommunication around whether it was commissioned; they probably would not have gone off on their own accord had they understood that it was not commissioned.</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: That would have to be a question for them, in terms of what their understanding was. We were clear that we had not</p>	26	26/10/2023

				<p>authorised the work.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Is it possible to get a copy of the objectives of that advertising campaign in relation to what the department was seeking to achieve by that?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: The \$30 one?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: I don't have it with me now, but we can get that.</p>		
SQ23-002039	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Medicinal Cannabis and TGO93 amendments	<p>1. What is the yearly total number of medicinal cannabis products available for prescription via TGA access pathways during the period 2016 – 2023?</p> <p>2. Can the TGA please explain when the most recent TGO93 amendments came into effect and that their purpose is?</p> <p>3. Is it true that the TGO93 amendments do not apply to medicinal cannabis products that were released for supply prior to 1 July 2023?</p> <p>4. Prior to 1 July 2023, there has been a mass dumping of medicinal cannabis products onto the Australian market by companies who were reliant on products that do not comply with TGO93. What is the TGA's assessment of product quality and safety risks to patients on the basis of this activity, and how is the TGA responding to this?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002000	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	60 Day Dispensing	<p>Senator Ruston: ... A couple of questions on notice remain outstanding. Question on notice SQ23001909 on the impact assessment on 60-day dispensing, in relation to the changes between the first pass and the second pass of that document, was put on notice and, to the best of my knowledge, we still haven't received an answer to that.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We are happy to check into where that response is</p>	16	26/10/2023



				<p>at the moment.</p> <p>Mr Comley: I was advised that we had replied to all questions on notice bar one for now. There was an issue about whether the website had been updated to have all those numbers, but that was my advice.</p> <p>Mr Lye: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So there is that question on notice, and the other one I was looking for is in relation to strengthening Medicare GP grants, SQ23001754. If you can check whether the answers to those two questions are there, that would be great.</p>		
SQ23-002002	Department of Health and Aged Care	Maria Kovacic	Information Campaign Planning	<p>Senator KOVACIC: You will excuse my confusion with all of this. I guess that confusion would extend to chronically ill Australians and community pharmacists who have to deal with all of these questions as people come in and try to understand why they aren't getting 60-day prescriptions. My local pharmacist, who I saw a couple of weeks ago, was explaining how much time they are spending on this explanation. We spoke of the marketing campaign or the information campaign. Could you tell me a bit about when planning for that campaign began and the cost of that overall campaign?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: The planning for the campaign commenced once the decision of government was made to implement the measure. In terms of it being in market, that commenced on 27 September, and it's planned to run for eight weeks.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: What was the date of the planning start, the actual date, as opposed to when the government decided? Do you have that date?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: I don't have the actual date of the planning start. That is something I could take on notice.</p>	24	26/10/2023

SQ23-002647	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002608	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002661	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Health Funding Body	<p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>		
SQ23-002655	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Health Funding Body	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department? Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>a. the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002652	Office of the National Rural Health	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged	40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr	Written	3/11/2023

	Commissioner		donations to the YES Campaign - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign? b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?		
SQ23-002649	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?  If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002642	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; ii. the number of applications refused; and iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	3/11/2023

			October 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner			
SQ23-002640	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 to 23 October 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including; a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002638	Office of the National Rural Health	Jane Hume	Provision of market	33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a	Written	3/11/2023

	Commissioner		research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.		
SQ23-002632	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July	31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate? a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.	Written	3/11/2023

			2023 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissio ner			
SQ23- 002631	Office of the National Rural Health Commissio ner	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamat ed, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissio ner	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.  30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23- 002629	Office of the National Rural Health	Jane Hume	Current reviews	26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.	Written	3/11/2023

	Commissioner		and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the name of the review;</li> <li>the purpose of the review;</li> <li>the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>the amount spent to date; and</li> <li>the date the review is due to be completed.</li> </ol> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the name of the review;</li> <li>the purpose of the review;</li> <li>the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>the amount spent;</li> <li>the date the review was due to be completed;</li> <li>the date the review was completed;</li> <li>the date the review was provided to the Department;</li> <li>the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</li> <li>the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</li> </ol>		
SQ23-002612	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Office of	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			the National Rural Health Commissio ner			
SQ23-002611	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	List of membershi ps for Commonw ealth inter- departmen tal committees - Office of the National Rural Health Commissio ner	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.  Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002609	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	3/11/2023

			October 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner			
SQ23-002606	Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002681	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			health inter-departmental committees - National Health Funding Body			
SQ23-002676	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - National Health Funding Body	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002672	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	3/11/2023

			Health Funding Body			
SQ23-002669	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - National Health Funding Body	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002666	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - National Health Funding Body	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.		
SQ23-002711	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - National Health Funding Body	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>f. the amount spent to date; and</li> <li>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</li> </ul> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022. Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>f. the amount spent;</li> <li>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</li> <li>h. the date the review was completed;</li> <li>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</li> <li>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</li> <li>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002707	National Health	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

	Funding Body		Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - National Health Funding Body	<p>referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ23-002704	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Health	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Funding Body	<p>year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002700	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			2023 - National Health Funding Body			
SQ23-002696	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Health Funding Body	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002694	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Health	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.	Written	3/11/2023



			Funding Body	19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?		
SQ23-002693	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Health Funding Body	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002692	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of functions;</li> <li>List of attendees;</li> <li>Function venue;</li> <li>Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>Details of any food served;</li> <li>Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and</li> </ol>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>t/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Health Funding Body</p>	<p>vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ23-002688	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	<p>2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - National Health</p>	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <p>i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses</p> <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>Funding Body</p> <p>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"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</li> <li>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</li> <li>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002684	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	<p>List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - National</p> <p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Health Funding Body			
SQ23-001970	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Additional staff and services added to Urgent Care Clinics on 18 October	<p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Finally, Minister Butler made the announcement on 18 October and said that the integration of the urgent care clinics into walk-in centres was effective from that date. I'm interested in what additional staff and services were added on 18 October.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: I would have to take that on notice. I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	92	26/10/2023
SQ23-002065	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	ACT Urgent Care Clinics	<p>1. On the 18th of October, the Federal Government announced with the ACT Government that their Walk-in Centres would become a part of the Urgent Care model. It was also announced that that the Commonwealth government would provide \$7 million dollars in funding to expand the services provided in the ACT's Walk-in Centres. Will the ACT's Urgent Care Centres be able to provide the same services and treatments as other Urgent Care Centres around the country?</p> <p>2. Will the ACT's Urgent Care Centre remain Nurse led as opposed to using GP specialists?</p> <p>a. If so, has the Department of Health and Aged Care provided any advice or modelling on how many patients will be referred to other services as they do not employ a specialist?</p> <p>3. The RACGP president slammed this announcement and said that, "Every other state in Australia has rolled out Urgent care Clinics staffed by highly trained GPs." And that leaving general practitioners out would lead to "inefficiencies, duplication of care and higher</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				costs". Does the Department agree with the RACGP, that this will lead to "inefficiencies, duplication of care and higher costs"?		
SQ23-002029	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Medicare Urgent Clinics Program Evaluation	<p>Senator RUSTON: The evaluation of the Medicare Urgent Care Clinics program. Mr Cotterell, could you tell me what the main objective of this contract is.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: This is in relation to a contract for the evaluation of the Medicare Urgent Care Clinics?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: The government's commitment is to a three-year trial of the clinics. The evaluation is to support the evaluation of that trial. We have engaged the evaluation firm Health Policy Analysis to help conduct that evaluation. It will be a three-year evaluation and there will be a final report in 2026.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Is there any further breakdown of the costs as they relate to this, noting that it is a \$3 million contract?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: The total contract value is \$2.9 million and expenditure to date has been \$581,972.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Will this work be made public?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: Subject to the government agreeing to that.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So you don't have any idea, in terms of the time frames, whether this information is likely to be made public?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: We'll be receiving interim reports each year and giving them to the government for consideration then, including of publication.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: What will be evaluated as part of this work?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: There are some nationally agreed measures of success.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Would you be able to provide those?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: We could provide those on notice. They were agreed with the state and territory governments because the primary objective of this measure is to take pressure off public hospital</p>	8	26/10/2023

				<p>emergency departments, and we need to make sure that we're achieving that objective. There are also some measures about patient experience and patient outcomes: whether patients are connected back to their usual general practice, where they have one, and other measures of integration with the health system.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: It would be great if you could perhaps get those evaluation metrics. Maybe I could pursue a little more information about this, once I have those.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: Okay.</p>		
SQ23-002028	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Contract entry and coverage gap	<p>Senator WATERS: Lovely. I'm glad that you are on it. It's obviously a matter of huge concern to pregnant people as well as the midwives providing that care to them. Who negotiated the insurance such that it had this gap in it? How did you only just discover it last week?</p> <p>Mr McCabe: I'm not sure of the history of who negotiated the insurance arrangement. It is managed as a contract between the department and the insurer. It has been in place for a long time. I think the reason it was discovered was a discussion between the insurer and the college of midwifery trying to clarify how they use the MBS item that you referred to earlier, Senator. I think during those discussions it became apparent that intrapartum care was covered. It is pretty explicitly explained in the policy. I think everyone has been working in good faith. But the policies that cover midwives explicitly explain this exclusion.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. Can you take on notice for me, please, at what point and what date this contract was entered into on behalf of the department or the government and who ticked off on this and whether they realised there was this gap in coverage when securing that contract? Thanks for taking that on notice.</p>	62	26/10/2023

SQ23-002027	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Urgent care clinics and GPs in ACT	<p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: I have some questions about urgent care clinics and primary care more generally. It was brought to my attention last week that there won't be any GPs involved at the urgent care clinics in the ACT. I believe the ACT government requested urgent care clinics funding be provided to the walk-in centres to expand their capacity, adding additional nurse practitioners and advanced practice nurses and physios. ACT GPs have been working under the assumption that there would be a role for GPs in the UCC funding. That is certainly made clear in the operational guidance for urgent care clinics, which says that UCCs will be GP-led.</p> <p>ACT GPs were very reasonably caught by surprise to hear that no GPs would be funded to support walk-in centres through the UCC funding. What happened here? Was this a last-minute decision to exclude GPs?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: No. I'll let officers expand. There have been detailed discussions with the ACT government around the rollout of the urgent care clinics in Canberra. The ACT is unique in the sense that it has a model of nurse-led walk-in centres that are publicly funded. There are extended hours and access to low acuity primary health care that other jurisdictions don't have. Certainly we need to work in partnership with the ACT government. We need to respond to the systems that are in place already and not create, in a sense, a duplicate approach to the low-urgency category 4 and 5 presentations that might end up in the emergency department, which was the reason behind the nurse-led walk-in centres in the first place.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Minister, we've also got the lowest GP to population ratios in the country. Were discussions just with the ACT government, or were there expressions of interest from other interested parties?</p>	60-61	26/10/2023
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			<p>Mr Cotterell: A few things about the government's election commitment. The election commitment was to roll out the urgent care clinics through existing GP clinics through community health centres, which is the approach being taken in the ACT, or Aboriginal community controlled health services. That is the first thing to say.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: So GP-led wasn't in the guidelines?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: I will come to the guidelines. The guidelines envisage that they'll usually be GP-led but have room for different models depending on the circumstances of the local community. As you say, in the ACT, the GP FTE to population ratio is lower than in many other parts of Australia. That was one of the elements considered.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Would it not have been a good idea to say, 'Maybe we need some more GPs in the ACT?'</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: Part of the issue is that we can't magic-up GPs. They need to be already here in order to operate the Medicare based urgent care clinics. The second element is that flexibility was always part of the model. While the operational guidelines say they will generally be GP-led, they also envisage the possibility of other models if all of the elements of the operational guidance can otherwise be met, which is the walk-ins, the free service, the prescribing, the access to pathology and diagnostic imaging. All of those elements are being met through the innovative nurse practitioner-led model in the ACT.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Sure.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: The ACT government consulted with ACT GPs about the approach. It wasn't the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: So the department did no consultation with GPs?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: I will explain how the model is being rolled out. In four jurisdictions, we're rolling the model out through a state or territory government. In the other four, we're rolling it out directly through</p>		
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				<p>primary health networks. Our commissioners-we call them our commissioners because they are commissioning the service- are responsible for consulting with GPs at the local level. In the ACT case, that's what happened.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: So the commissioner in the ACT is the ACT government?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: The ACT government.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: The health minister? Is it the department?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: Yes. It's the department.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: When was the decision made to go through the ACT government rather than essentially go to market, as you have in the other four jurisdictions?</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: Pretty early on.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: It was the PHNs in other jurisdictions.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: I will have to take on notice the exact dates, but the process was that after the election, the government and the confirmation of the funding in the October 2022 budget, we consulted with each jurisdiction about what their preference was for whether they wanted to roll them out or whether we should roll them out through PHNs. In the ACT, they wanted to roll them out.</p>		
SQ23-001965	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Data on visits to individual Urgent Care Clinics	<p>Senator RUSTON: Thank you. I will return to the urgent care clinics. In comments to the Courier-Mail this week, Minister Butler stated that three clinics-Browns Plains, Ipswich and Murrumba Downs-had already seen more than 2,200 patients in the 10 weeks since they had first opened. Even on the most rudimentary maths, that suggests that these three clinics have seen an average of approximately 10 patients every day over 10 weeks. I'm keen to understand if you can confirm and have a record of exactly how many patients have been seen by these three clinics over the past 10 weeks.</p>	81	26/10/2023

				<p>Senator Gallagher: I think across the urgent care centres it is in the order of 54,000 presentations.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: No. I'm interested in these three clinics.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I'm just setting the scene for the committee.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Wasting time.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: No. I'm not trying to waste time. Thank you for your usually rude interjections, that we've been putting up with all day.</p> <p>Mr Cotterell: We don't have with us data on visits to each individual clinic, but we can provide that on notice. We are monitoring closely the number of visits. The minister is right that there have been more than 50,000 visits to the urgent care clinics since they've opened.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON:</p> <p>I'm just keen. The minister has come out with this 2,200 comment this week. I was interested as to where he got that. Can you confirm that? Obviously he has got that information from you. Surely it must be easily accessible. If we can get that back tonight, that would be great.</p>		
SQ23-002717	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	<p>New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - National</p>	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002714	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - National Health Funding Body	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</li> <li>b. a list of the membership;</li> <li>c. the date it was established; and</li> <li>d. its purpose.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002555	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Independent Health	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			and Aged Care Pricing Authority			
SQ23-002554	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002551	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>t/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority</p>	<p>vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions; b. List of attendees; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ23-002244	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	<p>2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Department of Health</p>	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <p>i. External labour hire ii. Consultancy iii. Advertising campaigns iv. Travel v. Legal expenses</p> <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			and Aged Care	<p>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"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</li> <li>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</li> <li>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002003	Department of Health and Aged Care	Maria Kovacic	Creative agency contact with the Departmen	<p>Ms Balmanno: At that time, no. We had done work with the creative agency on a previous PBS campaign related to the reduction in the general co-payment.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: Does this creative agency still have a contract with the department?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: I'd have to double-check. Yes. The agency would still have a contract with government because the contracts for</p>	25	26/10/2023

			t - PBS Campaign	government creative agencies are through a panel managed by the Department of Finance.		
SQ23-002201	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Aspartame in Panadol as a potential carcinogen	33. Does Panadol contain aspartame? If so, is aspartame carcinogenic?"	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002010	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Reproductive Health Inquiry	<p>Senator WATERS: In the reproductive health inquiry we heard that a lot of the more modern contraceptive pills in particular, which have far fewer side effects for many women, were not PBS listed. So if you have the spare dollars you can afford the best treatment, but if you don't you have to suffer side effects. It might be a minority in the greater scope of things, but when it comes to contraception in particular it was making a real impact. I can't see any of your names, but to the lady who just mentioned Bayer, thank you for raising that, because I did have a question on that. There is a shortage of oestrogen patches in Australia at the moment. I've written to Bayer as well about this. I'm glad you have, too. What can government do to stop that shortage and ensure that people can access the treatments they need, in particular these oestrogen patches?</p> <p>Ms Platona: Initiations on shortages start with our colleagues at the TGA, and they will no doubt be happy to elaborate on what they are doing for that particular medicine. When it comes to joint work, TGA and the PBS together, there is a legislated provision-called a serious shortages protocol-that we enact to try to find an alternative supply. They would have more details than I do.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Perhaps on notice you could provide me with a bit more detail about that serious shortages protocol.</p> <p>You mentioned that, in relation to PBAC, the government can waive</p>	34-35	26/10/2023

				<p>fees and charges. Can you also do that in relation to potential PBS listings as an incentive to seek listing on the PBS?</p> <p>Ms Platona: PBS cost recovery covers the entire spectrum of activity from initiation of application, consideration by the committee, and once it has a positive recommendation from the committee the post-listing activities result in an actual listing. All of that is subject to cost recovery, and there are provisions of fees waivers and exceptions on public health need, emergency and so on.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Can you provide me a bit more detail about the scope that's available for the government to do those fee waivers and exemptions and what grounds they can be used for?</p> <p>Ms Platona: So they are prescriptive. They are written in the cost-recovery legislation. Examples would be in terms of time frames of public health emergency, for example, on public health need. There are some provisions on financial viability, and for all of them the criteria are explicit, and each them has to be tested to be able to make a decision. I'm happy to provide more details on what the exact provisions are.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you very much. That would be great. I'm particularly interested in their application to modern contraceptives and to perimenopausal and menopausal treatments. If you could pop that lens on it, that would be very helpful.</p>		
SQ23-002026	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Overseas alternative to Vyvanse to be supplied in Australia	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Thank you. Given that there is a global shortage, what has the federal government done to ensure that Australians, young people and who have recently lowered their doses of Vyvanse are able to get their medication? If you are going through that lowering process, obviously that is something where you need to have a continual supply.</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: Senator, thank you for the question. I absolutely understand the personal and therapeutic impact on individuals of</p>	59	26/10/2023



				<p>discontinuation or interruption of the supply of this medication. We are not in a position to compel suppliers to make commercial decisions in terms of provision or stockpiling of medications. As we have done with Vyvanse and, indeed, other medications that we find to be in shortage, we work closely with the sponsors. We also work closely with jurisdictions and health professionals to ensure that there is limited stockpiling in one area and that there is, as much as possible, appropriate and equitable distribution across the country. I know that this is not specifically your question. Ozempic is a really good example. We encourage the retention of medication for those who specifically need it as opposed to off label prescription. There is a specific issue, obviously, with Vyvanse, given that it is an S8 and there are state and territory based restrictions around that as well. We also work with professional bodies, such as the college of psychiatrists and the college of physicians, around what alternatives may be available.</p> <p>Mr Henderson: We've also approved at the TGA an overseas alternative to be supplied in Australia. That is registered in a comparable overseas regulator. That alternative supply is available as well in 30 milligram.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: What is the name of that?</p> <p>Mr Henderson: I don't have that name on me, but I can provide it.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: If you could get it verified on notice, that would be great.</p>		
SQ23-002740	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - National	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Health Funding Body	encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign? b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?		
SQ23-002739	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - National Health Funding Body	39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?  If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002737	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - National Health Funding Body	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002736	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023

			year - National Health Funding Body			
SQ23-002733	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Freedom of information application s has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Health Funding Body	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; ii. the number of applications refused; and iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002730	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Freedom of information application s has the departmen t/agency received since 1 July 202 to 23	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including; a. the number of applications withdrawn; b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the	Written	3/11/2023

			October 2023 - National Health Funding Body	Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.		
SQ23-002727	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - National Health Funding Body	33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002721	National Health Funding Body	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio	31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?	Written	3/11/2023

			Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Health Funding Body	<p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>		
SQ23-001993	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Work being undertaken for better quality ventilation and filtering of air in aged care facilities	<p>Senator RICE: Acknowledging what Professor Kelly says, you have still got aged care facilities being one of the key areas where COVID outbreaks are continuing to occur, and people are dying of those outbreaks across the community. Can I also ask what work is being done on ensuring better quality ventilation and filtering of air in aged care facilities, if that's being looked at?</p> <p>Mr Lye: It's in our guidelines. In general terms, Senator, yes, ventilation is important, and it's recognised as one of the things that needs to be done into the future for protection against COVID and other respiratory diseases. There is work, as I understand it. I'll turn to my colleagues here about future standards of design and so forth, and that is a key component of that. The answer is yes.</p> <p>Senator RICE: All right. Maybe rather than taking up time now,</p>	120	26/10/2023

				because we're short on time, if you could take on notice what work is being done on that.		
SQ23-002323	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002322	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002321	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Commission	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			n on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ23-002320	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002319	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023

	in Health Care		recent financial year - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care			
SQ23-002318	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>ii. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002317	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the departmen	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			<p>t/agency received since 1 July 202 to 23 October 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety &amp; Quality in Health Care</p>	<p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ23-002316	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	<p>Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a</p>	<p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care			
SQ23-002315	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002314	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002313	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Australian	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ23-002312	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.  Please provide: a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002311	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety	26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.  Please provide: a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>&amp; Quality in Health Care</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</p> <p>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</p>		
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				k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.		
SQ23-002310	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002309	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid,</p>	Written	3/11/2023
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				<p>in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002308	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	<p>Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety &amp; Quality in Health Care</p>	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023



SQ23-002307	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002306	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002305	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002304	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety &amp; Quality in Health Care</p>	<p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ23-002303	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality	Jane Hume	<p>2022-23 October Budget, Savings from</p>	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was</p>	Written	3/11/2023

	in Health Care		External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> </ul>		
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				<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>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-002302	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002301	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.  Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002300	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.  Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002299	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	3/11/2023

			offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care			
SQ23-002298	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002297	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers'	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			offices - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>		
SQ23-002296	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	<p>Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 -</p> <p>Australian Commission on Safety &amp; Quality in Health Care</p>	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002295	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Jane Hume	<p>Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since</p>	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care	<p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?</p>		
SQ23-001955	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Medicare for midwives	<p>Medicare for midwives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When are the outstanding recommendations from the Medicare review of Participating Midwives going to be enacted to ensure item numbers and corresponding rebates ensure high value care for consumers?</li> <li>- When is the issue with insurance for midwives going to be resolved once and for all?</li> <li>- The Woman Centred Care strategy recently was evaluated. What is being done to ensure this maternity strategy is being implemented by the States and the Federal government is playing its part with maternity that is under its jurisdiction?</li> </ul>	Written	31/10/2023
SQ23-002061	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Illegal Tobacco	<p>1. In relation to the proposed changes to the regulatory framework for tobacco control under the Public Health Bill.</p> <p>a. Will the Department implement parallel anti-illicit trade</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>measures?</p> <p>b. If yes, what measures will be implemented?</p> <p>c. If not, why not?</p> <p>2. The Federal Health Minister has committed on several occasions to supporting the enforcement action against illicit tobacco and vaping products. Can the Department provide implementation details on this announcement?</p> <p>3. The illegal market continues to proliferate with increasing levels of community violence. Can the Department provide further clarity around the plans to address the illegal market?</p> <p>4. Can the Department please provide a detailed outline of their understanding of the health implications of vaping?</p>		
SQ23-002880	Department of Health and Aged Care	Linda Reynolds	Total Medicare services bulk billed FY 2021-22 to 2022-23	Please provide the data for the following areas for the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23: Total Medicare services bulk billed	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002015	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Commitment regarding changes to time lines for PBS listing	<p>Senator Gallagher: What you're alleging, I'm saying incorrectly?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: You're saying that I'm saying the sector has-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Is this MedNews article-we've got the article now-the article you were citing from?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: That was one of them.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: One of them?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Are there other articles?</p>	43-44	26/10/2023

			<p>Senator RUSTON: I also have a list of medicines that I'm happy-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I don't know this publication. Is it an industry newsletter, a pharmaceutical newsletter?</p> <p>CHAIR: Are you seeking to table that list? I don't think the secretariat caught that.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I'm keen to understand whether the information contained in the article is correct or not?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I haven't heard of MedNews before. I'm wondering whether it's an industry publication from the pharmaceutical industry. That was my question. I don't know. I haven't seen it.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: It is for industry, yes.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: So, it's the pharmaceutical industry saying they're not pleased with the timeframes that are being worked through for the listing of their products; is that right?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I'm asking you: is it correct or isn't it correct?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: We're happy to work through it. It's a bit hard to read it. It's like the world's worst photocopy. It's a printing problem, not a photocopying problem. We'll see what further we can provide.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Can I get a categorical commitment from the department that there has not been a change in the time lines or the approval-</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: They've given you that.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: They haven't been able to give me this because they've said they don't have it.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: They have. They've given you a commitment that there have been no changes. On the data that isn't yet available, the commitment is to come back and provide that when it's available.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: You just said they've given me a commitment there have been no changes on the data that's not available.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: No. There are two things going on here. You said</p>		
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				they haven't been able to give you any commitment, and in that you included changes and time lines and things like that. There has been a commitment given on that there haven't been any changes. The second question, around timeliness and whether there has been any increase in the length of time waiting for listing, is a matter subject to data that is not yet available and will be coming back. We will work through this industry publication about whether there's anything specifically we can respond to in relation to that.		
SQ23-001960	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	Women's Health Survey	<p>Women's Health Survey</p> <p>The Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care has funded Jean Hailes for Women's Health to conduct the annual National Women's Health Survey since 2017.</p> <p>o What are the KPIs for the survey &amp; how are they measured? How much does this survey cost each year?</p>	Written	31/10/2023
SQ23-002204	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Annual performance plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referring to the Bilateral Agreement between the ACT and the Commonwealth on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o On what date did the ACT provide the Commonwealth with the first annual performance plan, agreed in Annex B on the Agreement?</li> <li>o Please provide a copy of the annual performance report.</li> <li>o Please provide a copy of the Joint Commonwealth-Territory Implementation Plan.</li> <li>o From performance reports the Department has been provided, has the ACT established the universal aftercare support for people who have attempted suicide?</li> <li>o Under the Agreement, there is a commitment for the ACT to undertake a local codesign process to identify system gaps for children and families and unmet need – and to develop a response to them. Has this co-design process occurred and has the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Written	8/11/2023

				Department been provided a report on the outcomes? o If yes, please provide the report.		
SQ23-002251	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a 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	3/11/2023
SQ23-001968	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Indexation of thalidomide payments	Senator STEELE-JOHN: I understand. In real terms, the annual payment is declining year on year given what is happening with inflation now. Given the intention of the scheme was to support survivors, it is a very small number of people in the context of the Australian population and a very small amount of money in the context of the Australian health budget, can the government commit	84	26/10/2023

				<p>to indexing the annual payments with inflation?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I think that's not something we can really comment on as a department. I think it's a matter for government to consider the overall generosity of the scheme.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I will put that question to the minister. Have you considered indexing the annual payments?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I would have to get further information on that, Senator Steele-John.</p>		
SQ23-002016	National Blood Authority	Louise Pratt	National Blood Authority blood supplier LifeBlood	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the National Blood Authority aware their supplier of blood products is currently negotiating a National Enterprise Agreement with close to 1400 nursing staff covering all states and territories?</li> <li>2. What measures have the National Blood Authority undertaken, should negotiations between the union representing nursing staff (the ANMF) and Lifeblood management, deteriorate and lead to forms of Protected Industrial Action?</li> <li>3. What standards does the NBA hold and expect regarding values and the code of conduct from its blood suppliers like Lifeblood?</li> <li>4. What level of detail regarding Lifeblood's enforceable undertaking with the Fair Work Commission have been disclosed to the NBA?</li> <li>5. What process have the NBA put in place, should there be a shortage of blood products in supply as a result of protected industrial action?</li> <li>6. Is the NBA aware of any reviews or reports regarding the internal culture at Lifeblood?</li> </ol>	Written	2/11/2023

SQ23-002082	National Blood Authority	Anne Ruston	National Blood Authority	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regarding the contracting of plasma products by the National Blood Authority, how is this undertaken and what criteria is used to select those companies that are successful?</li> <li>2. What is the term or length of time the NBA enters into these contracts?</li> <li>3. Under the National Fractionation Agreement between the National Blood Authority and CSL Behring – I understand CSL Behring has a significant contract for plasma products. Can the Department please provide details about this contract, including the term or length of the current contract?</li> <li>4. When was the contract with CSL extended and what was the rationale?</li> <li>5. What is the value per year, or over the past term of the CSL contract?</li> <li>6. Is the National Blood Authority Aware that CSL charges the Authority more per gram for IVIg than the cost of imported products – even though CSL gets its plasma for free from Lifeblood. Is there an explanation for this, or has this issue note been raised with the company?</li> <li>7. What is the NBA actively doing to manage contractual arrangements that facilitate value for money and adequate contingency planning, as well as fund and facilitate research that will enhance Australia's sustainable supply of blood products and services?</li> <li>8. Is the NBA working with a range of potential suppliers of blood products so that the taxpayer can be assured that its funds are spent on innovative and better value for money suppliers?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002041	Department of Health	Hollie Hughes	Financial Year Travel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has the department spent on travel this financial year?</li> <li>2. Were they domestic or international?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023

	and Aged Care			3. Could you please provide a list of the flights undertaken, including; a) Dates of travel b) Nights spent at each location, c) Reason for travel d) Cost of each trip e) Number of staff on each trip and APS level?		
SQ23-002257	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Department of Health and Aged Care	33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002009	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Process of reform around listings	Senator RUSTON: I'm keen to understand what has subsequently happened to that. You're talking about a period prior to the current government. I'm quite interested to understand this. You've gone to 2022. We've had more than a year since 2022. We have 2022 to	32	26/10/2023



			<p>under Medicines Australia</p>	<p>2023, and obviously the period this year. I'm keen to understand whether that is still on track in terms of the reduction in the time frame and what is the reduction being seen between the PBAC positive outcome to the conclusion of in-principle agreement. Is the time frame shortened between in-principle agreement and the listing on the PBS?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: So, that's the data we've got here and can give you. We're happy to see whether there's other data that's not yet published or available that we're still working through with Medicines Australia. If we can't provide it to you now, we can provide it when it is available.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Just to be really clear, what I'm trying to understand here is that under the Medicines Australia agreement there was a process of reform around listings. What I would like to know, quite clearly, is obviously after a medication or a treatment has gone through PBAC and received a positive approval there is a series of processes that occur after that until medicines are actually available to a consumer in Australia. I'd like that broken down into those components. There seems to be a confusion particularly on your website, and some of the information you're providing, around whether we're talking about a PBAC positive approval or whether we're talking about the point in time at which in-principle agreement is reached with the company. They're two quite different things. Obviously technicalities exist within those minutes around the requirements to enable the process to continue. What I'd also like to know is that, from the point at which PBAC gives that positive approval, what is the percentage of medications and treatments that actually end up receiving and ending up on the PBS? What are the reasons for withdrawal? How many medications are unable to be negotiated into a positive outcome with the companies after</p>		
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				<p>receiving a PBAC approval outcome? Just as an example of a couple of drugs, my understanding is with progesterone, which has therapeutic uses for infertility, the submission was received in July 2022. The PBAC recommendation was published on 31 January 2023. I'm interested to know where that is.</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We'd be happy to take these questions on notice, particularly about individual medicines. We won't have that level of detail here with us right now.</p>		
SQ23-002093	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	FOI 4558	<p>5. FOI 4558 – why won't the TGA release the results of the qPCR test – a technology used for measuring DNA using PCR.</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002004	Department of Health and Aged Care	Maria Kovacic	Campaign casting call	<p>Senator KOVACIC: For me, it is curious that a commercial organisation under contract to a federal government department would, on a whim, go out and seek a casting call at \$5,000. Could you provide on notice whatever further information you have on that?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: Is there a written communication between the department and the organisation to account for the fact that their commercial partner has gone out and done this, in breach of what would have been a contractual agreement?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: Yes, we can provide that.</p> <p>Senator KOVACIC: Could we have a copy of that letter?</p> <p>Ms Balmanno: Yes, to the extent that the written communication exists.</p>	25	26/10/2023
SQ23-002591	Independent Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most	<p>36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

	Pricing Authority		recent financial year - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority			
SQ23-002592	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002192	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Blood clotting associated with the vaccine	19. Does the new TGA management agree with Professor Skerritt that clots aren't a risk that can cause strokes? I note that the vaccines are associated with clotting especially in women, many of whom have experience heavy menstrual bleeding.	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002543	Independent Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?	Written	3/11/2023

	Pricing Authority		Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.		
SQ23-002550	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>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"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</li> <li>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</li> <li>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002552	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Independence</p>	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			nt Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ23-002559	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-001958	Department of Health and Aged Care	Larissa Waters	2020-2030 Women's Health Strategy - Menopause	<p>Menopause</p> <p>? The 2020-2030 Women's Health Strategy (p46) highlights the need for more research into menopause, as we are at the end of 2023, what has the Department done to meet this objective?</p> <p>The National Action Plan for Endometriosis, launched in 2018, has three major goals: i) awareness and education, ii) clinical management and care, and iii) research. This has driven increased focus, and funding for Endometriosis.</p> <p>Does the Department have any intention to do something similar on peri/menoand release a National Action Plan for Menopause?</p>	Written	31/10/2023
SQ23-002103	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Gender reassignment rules of consent	15. What are the rules for allowing children up to 18 to undergo a sex change. Who is able to give consent – the parent or just the child or both?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-001951	Department of Health and Aged Care	Andrew Bragg	Medicare-funded annual health checks for	<p>In the context of Medicare-funded annual health checks for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders:</p> <p>1. What is the annual aggregated cost of claiming annual health checks?</p> <p>2. What is the annual per capita cost of claiming annual health</p>	Written	27/10/2023

			<p>First Nations Australia</p> <p>checks?</p> <p>3. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are taking advantage of annual health checks?</p> <p>4. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders by State or Territory are taking advantage of annual health checks?</p> <p>5. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in remote communities are taking advantage of annual health checks?</p> <p>6. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in rural communities are taking advantage of annual health checks?</p> <p>7. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in regional communities are taking advantage of annual health checks?</p> <p>8. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in urban and suburban communities are taking advantage of annual health checks?</p> <p>9. What is the annual aggregated cost of follow up from annual health checks?</p> <p>10. What is the annual per capita cost of claiming annual health checks?</p> <p>11. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders secure follow ups because of annual health checks?</p> <p>12. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders by State or Territory are securing follow ups because of annual health checks?</p> <p>13. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in remote communities are securing follow ups because of annual health checks?</p> <p>14. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in rural communities are securing follow ups because of annual health checks?</p> <p>15. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in regional communities are securing follow ups because of annual health checks?</p>		
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SQ23-002105	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Pirfenidone	1. I understand Pirfenidone, also known as Esbriet, used to treat Pulmonary Fibrosis, has been taken off the PBS and now costs approximately \$3000 per month. Why was this medication removed from the PBS?	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002156	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	The Australian Constitution granting the Commonwealth Parliament legislative power to enact laws sufficiently connected to various heads of power	<p>9. The Australian Constitution grants the Commonwealth Parliament legislative power to enact laws sufficiently connected to various heads of power, including "insurance" (s 51(xxiv)) and "medical and dental services (not amounting to civil conscription)" (s 51(xxiiiA)). There has been limited litigation addressing these heads of power and the law is complex and unsettled. Has the Department looked at the potential unintended consequences with this proposal?</p> <p>10. Does the department have any concerns this proposal to outlaw sponsors charging above the benefit could result in sponsors removing products from the market?</p> <p>11. Does the department have concerns this could further delay access to innovation since sponsors won't be able to differentiate on price?</p> <p>12. Does the department have concern if the benefit is set too low this will lead to undersupply on products in the market and or reduce clinician choice?</p> <p>13. Does the department have concerns that device companies with superior products from earning a premium for the high quality devices for patients will be denied access?</p> <p>14. Can the Department explain the difference between a benefit setting mechanism and a price setting mechanism?</p> <p>15. Is the current PL a benefit or price setting mechanism?</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>16. Has the Department consulted with Treasury, or PMC about the proposed changes to the regulatory mechanism as it relates to the PL turning from a minimum to a maximum benefit setting mechanism?</p> <p>17. This is a significant change. Is this consistent with the Cabinet authority of the PL Reform?</p> <p>18. Do you consider this change requires a re-assessment of the RIS? If not, why not?</p>		
SQ23-002538	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority</p>	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department? Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>a. the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002539	Independent Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

	Pricing Authority		portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>		
SQ23-002540	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002547	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002548	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002549	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			health taskforces - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority			
SQ23-002553	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002263	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002562	Independent Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commissio	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential</p>	Written	3/11/2023

	Pricing Authority		n referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ23-002565	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Independent Health and Aged	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022. Please provide:</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Care Pricing Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>f. the amount spent;</li> <li>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</li> <li>h. the date the review was completed;</li> <li>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</li> <li>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</li> <li>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002568	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	<p>List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees</p> <p>-</p> <p>Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority</p>	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</li> <li>b. a list of the membership;</li> <li>c. the date it was established; and</li> <li>d. its purpose.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002571	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	<p>New entities created, wound up,</p>	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.		
SQ23-002574	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Independent Health and Aged	31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate? a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.	Written	3/11/2023



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SQ23-002577	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Total number of ASL;</li> <li>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</li> <li>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</li> <li>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</li> <li>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002580	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Independent	<p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			nt Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority			
SQ23-002593	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? a. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week? v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week? b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees? c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002596	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?  If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002154	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Conflict of Interest for Australian Industrial Chemicals Introductio	30. Please provide a list of all conflicts of interests declared by Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme employees for the period between January 2020 and May 2023 all subordinate branches and divisions. This includes past and present employees for that time period.	Written	6/11/2023

			n Scheme employees			
SQ23-002243	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002152	Department of Health and Aged Care	Ralph Babet	Conflict of Interest/disclosure for Department of Health and Aged	<p>23. How many disclosures or conflicts of interest were made by employees of the department of health and aged care in 2020 and 2021?</p> <p>24. Please provide a list of all conflicts of interests declared by Department of Health and Aged Care employees for the period between January 2020 and May 2023 under the Health Products Regulation Group (HPRG) and all subordinate branches and divisions. This includes past and present employees for that time period.</p> <p>25. Please provide a list of all conflicts of interests declared by Department of Health and Aged Care employees for the period between January 2020 and May 2023 under the Chief Medical Officer group and all subordinate branches and divisions. This includes past and present employees for that time period.</p> <p>26. Please provide a list of all conflicts of interests declared by Department of Health and Aged Care employees for the period between January 2020 and May 2023 under the Health Strategy, First</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>Nations &amp; Sport and all subordinate branches and divisions. This includes past and present employees for that time period.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of all conflicts of interests declared by Department of Health and Aged Care employees for the period between January 2020 and May 2023 under the Primary &amp; Community Care and all subordinate branches and divisions. This includes past and present employees for that time period.</p> <p>28. Please provide a list of all conflicts of interests declared by Department of Health and Aged Care employees for the period between January 2020 and May 2023 under the and all subordinate branches and divisions. This includes past and present employees for that time period.</p>		
SQ23-002541	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority</p>	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002587	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			received since 1 July 202 to 23 October 2023 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982; e. the number of applications subject to internal review; f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC; g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT; h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.		
SQ23-002590	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; ii. the number of applications refused; and iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002597	Independent Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged	40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr	Written	3/11/2023

	Pricing Authority		donations to the YES Campaign - Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority	Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign? b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?		
SQ23-002247	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Department of Health and Aged Care	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.  17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.  19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002266	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 -	1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??  If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?  Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.  If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:	Written	3/11/2023

			Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?</p>		
SQ23-002267	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission</p>	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002268	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison</p>	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission</p>	<p>department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>		
SQ23-002269	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission</p>	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002270	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	<p>New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister</p>	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission			
SQ23-002271	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002272	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			- Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission			
SQ23-002273	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.  Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002274	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses -	12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.  a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?  b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:  i. External labour hire  ii. Consultancy	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission</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 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</p>		
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				<p>area and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-002275	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety</p>	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Commission	<p>2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002276	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety</p>	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Commission	<p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ23-002278	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission</p>	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002280	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October</p>	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissio n</p>	<p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p>		
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				<p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002281	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission</p>	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>	Written	3/11/2023



SQ23-002282	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>f. the amount spent to date; and</li> <li>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</li> </ul> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
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				<p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</p> <p>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</p> <p>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p>		
SQ23-002277	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002284	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	New entities created,	29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022?	Written	3/11/2023

			wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>		
SQ23-002285	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002286	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002287	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth	<p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a</p> <p>commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Information and Advertising Campaign - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission			
SQ23-002288	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 to 23 October 2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ23-002289	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>ii. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002290	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Aged	<p>36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Care Quality and Safety Commission			
SQ23-002291	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002292	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? a. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ23-002293	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002294	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?</p>	Written	3/11/2023



SQ23-002283	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</li> <li>b. a list of the membership;</li> <li>c. the date it was established; and</li> <li>d. its purpose.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002279	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Aged Care Quality and Safety	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002239	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers- Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002245	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

			26 October 2023 - Department of Health and Aged Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002653	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	<p>Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care</p>	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</li> <li>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002651	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	<p>ChatGPT on internal networks - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care</p>	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.		
SQ23-002650	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002648	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Office of	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023

			the Inspector- General of Aged Care			
SQ23- 002646	Office of the Inspector- General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Office of the Inspector- General of Aged Care	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23- 002645	Office of the Inspector- General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applicati ons has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a breakdown including;  a. the number of applications by Minister,  i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;  ii. the number of applications refused; and  iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	3/11/2023

			Inspector- General of Aged Care			
SQ23- 002641	Office of the Inspector- General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Freedom of information application s has the departmen t/agency received since 1 July 202 to 23 October 2023 - Office of the Inspector- General of Aged Care	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.		
SQ23-002639	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?  Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002637	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Office of	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.  Please provide: a. Total number of ASL;	Written	3/11/2023

			the Inspector- General of Aged Care	<p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>		
SQ23-002636	Office of the Inspector- General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Inspector-	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	3/11/2023



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SQ23-002635	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002633	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - Office of the Inspector-	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p> <p>c. the date it was established; and</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			General of Aged Care	d. its purpose.		
SQ23-002628	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</p> <p>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</p> <p>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p>		
SQ23-002626	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 -	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ23-002625	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Inspector-	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>General of Aged Care</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
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SQ23-002623	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002622	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002620	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002619	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Inspector-	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			General of Aged Care	<p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ23-002617	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			<p>26 October 2023 - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ23-002605	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	<p>2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and</p> <p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care</p>	<p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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</p>		
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				<p>issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</li> <li>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</li> <li>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002604	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth	11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	3/11/2023

			taskforces - Office of the Inspector- General of Aged Care	Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.		
SQ23-002602	Office of the Inspector- General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	List of membershi ps for Commonw ealth inter- departmen tal committees - Office of the Inspector- General of Aged Care	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.  Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002601	Office of the Inspector- General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Office of the Inspector-	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.  Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002600	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002599	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.  6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>		
SQ23-002598	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	<p>Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care</p>	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.		
SQ23-002595	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002594	Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 -	<p>Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care	<p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?</p>		
SQ23-002589	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - National Blood Authority	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?</p>	Written	3/11/2023



SQ23-002588	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - National Blood Authority	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002586	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - National Blood Authority	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002585	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - National Blood Authority	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002584	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - National Blood Authority	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002583	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a breakdown including;  a. the number of applications by Minister,  i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;	Written	3/11/2023

			October 2023 - National Blood Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. the number of applications refused; and</li> <li>iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002582	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 202 to 23 October 2023 - National Blood Authority</p>	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</li> <li>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</li> <li>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</li> <li>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</li> <li>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</li> <li>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</li> <li>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</li> <li>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

				i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.		
SQ23-002581	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - National Blood Authority	33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?  Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002579	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - National Blood Authority	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.  Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>		
SQ23-002578	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Blood Authority</p>	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002576	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	<p>New entities created,</p>	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - National Blood Authority	<p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>		
SQ23-002575	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - National Blood Authority	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p> <p>c. the date it was established; and</p> <p>d. its purpose.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002573	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - National Blood Authority</p> <p>a. the name of the review;  b. the purpose of the review;  c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);  d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);  e. the budgeted cost of the review;  f. the amount spent to date; and  g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;  b. the purpose of the review;  c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);  d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);  e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p>		
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				<p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</p> <p>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</p> <p>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p>		
SQ23-002572	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - National Blood Authority</p>	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p>	Written	3/11/2023



				<p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ23-002570	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Blood Authority</p>	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002569	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			2023/24 to date - National Blood Authority	Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased		
SQ23-002567	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Blood Authority	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002566	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Blood Authority	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?		
SQ23-002564	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Blood Authority	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.		
SQ23-002563	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Blood Authority	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ23-002561	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	<p>2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p>	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <p>i. External labour hire</p> <p>ii. Consultancy</p> <p>iii. Advertising campaigns</p> <p>iv. Travel</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>v. Legal expenses</p> <p>c. Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to?</p> <p>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates?</p> <p>e. Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <p>i. External labour hire</p> <p>ii. Consultancy</p> <p>iii. Advertising campaigns</p> <p>iv. Travel</p> <p>v. Legal expenses</p>		
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				<p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-002560	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - National Blood Authority	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002558	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			committees - National Blood Authority			
SQ23-002557	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - National Blood Authority	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.  Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002556	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Blood Authority	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002546	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/A	5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>agency head with Ministers - National Blood Authority</p>	<p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>		
SQ23-002545	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - National Blood Authority</p>	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>		
SQ23-002544	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	<p>Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Blood Authority</p>	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002542	National Blood Authority	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Blood Authority	<p>Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002532	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES	40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do	Written	3/11/2023

			Campaign - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?</p>		
SQ23-002531	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002529	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>Flexible work arrangement</p> <p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>		
SQ23-002528	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Australian Sports Foundation	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002527	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Australian	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002525	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>ii. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002522	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 202 to 23 October 2023 - Australian	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Sports Foundation	<p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ23-002520	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	<p>Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Australian</p>	<p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	3/11/2023



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SQ23-002519	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002517	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports Foundation	b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.		
SQ23-002516	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002514	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			committees - Australian Sports Foundation	<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>		
SQ23-002513	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>f. the amount spent;</li> <li>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</li> <li>h. the date the review was completed;</li> <li>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</li> <li>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</li> <li>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002511	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</li> <li>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports Foundation</p>	<p>information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ23-002510	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	<p>Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October</p>	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>2023 - Australian Sports Foundation</p>	<p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p>		
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SQ23-002509	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002507	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 -	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Australian Sports Foundation	Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.		
SQ23-002506	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports Foundation	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.  17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.  19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002504	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports Foundation	15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?  Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.	Written	3/11/2023



				<p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ23-002503	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to</p>	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>26 October 2023 - Australian Sports Foundation</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ23-002502	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	<p>2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and</p> <p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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</p>		
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				<p>issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</li> <li>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</li> <li>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002500	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth	11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	3/11/2023

			taskforces - Australian Sports Foundation	Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.		
SQ23-002499	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Australian Sports Foundation	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.  Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002497	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Sports Foundation	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.  Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002496	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?	Written	3/11/2023

			offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports Foundation	Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.		
SQ23-002495	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002493	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison	3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Australian Sports Foundation</p>	<p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>		
SQ23-002492	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	<p>Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26</p>	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			October 2023 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>		
SQ23-002490	Australian Sports Foundation	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports Foundation	<p>Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide: the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of</p>	Written	3/11/2023



				<p>briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?</p>		
SQ23-002439	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Sports Commission</p>	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p> <p>List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002480	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - Australian Sports Commission - Australian Sports Commission</p>	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002479	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Sports Commission	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002478	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Sports Commission	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002476	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Australian Sports Commission	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002475	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Australian Sports Commission	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002474	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a breakdown including;  a. the number of applications by Minister,	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports Commission</p>	<p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>ii. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>		
SQ23-002473	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2022 to 23 October 2023 - Australian Sports Commission</p>	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>		
SQ23-002467	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Australian Sports Commission</p>	<p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002466	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July</p>	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			2023 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>		
SQ23-002465	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002464	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022?</p> <p>Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002463	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - Australian Sports Commission	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the interdepartmental committee;</p> <p>b. a list of the membership;</p> <p>c. the date it was established; and</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				d. its purpose.		
SQ23-002461	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p> <p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent to date; and</p> <p>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</p> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. the name of the review;</p>	Written	3/11/2023



				<p>b. the purpose of the review;</p> <p>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</p> <p>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</p> <p>f. the amount spent;</p> <p>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</p> <p>h. the date the review was completed;</p> <p>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</p> <p>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</p> <p>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p>		
SQ23-002460	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 -	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</p> <p>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Australian Sports Commission	<p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ23-002458	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>Commission</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
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SQ23-002451	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date - Australian Sports Commission	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002450	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002449	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002448	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>		
SQ23-002447	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	<p>Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October</p>	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

			2023 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <p>a. List of functions;</p> <p>b. List of attendees;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
SQ23-002446	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>from Advertising , Travel and Legal Expenses - Australian Sports Commission</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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</p>		
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				<p>following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</li> <li>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</li> <li>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002443	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces -	11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.	Written	3/11/2023

			Australian Sports Commission	Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.		
SQ23-002441	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Australian Sports Commission	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.  Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002437	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002427	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Australian Sports Commission	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002425	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Australian	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Sports Commission	<p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>		
SQ23-002424	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Commission	If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment		
SQ23-002423	Australian Sports Commission	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Sports Commission	<p>Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002377	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - Australian Digital Health Agency	40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign? b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002375	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - Australian Digital Health Agency	39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network? If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002374	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - Australian Digital Health Agency	38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? a. Please provide a breakdown including; i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week? v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week? b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?	Written	3/11/2023

				c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.		
SQ23-002372	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - Australian Digital Health Agency	37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002371	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - Australian Digital Health Agency	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002369	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister,	Written	3/11/2023

			office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</li> <li>ii. the number of applications refused; and</li> <li>iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002368	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 202 to 23 October 2023 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</li> <li>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</li> <li>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</li> <li>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</li> <li>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</li> <li>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</li> <li>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</li> <li>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court;</li> </ul> <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023



SQ23-002367	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - Australian Digital Health Agency	33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002366	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Australian Digital Health Agency	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023. Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and	Written	3/11/2023

				e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.		
SQ23-002365	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002364	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			2022 - Australian Digital Health Agency			
SQ23-002363	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth interdepartmental committees - Australian Digital Health Agency	28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. Please provide: a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and d. its purpose.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002362	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Digital	26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide: a. the name of the review; b. the purpose of the review; c. the name or names of the reviewer(s); d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e. the budgeted cost of the review; f. the amount spent to date; and g. the date the review is due to be completed.  27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the	Written	3/11/2023

			Health Agency	<p>department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>f. the amount spent;</li> <li>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</li> <li>h. the date the review was completed;</li> <li>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</li> <li>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</li> <li>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002361	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	<p>Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023</p> <p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</li> <li>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</li> <li>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</li> <li>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</li> </ul> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</li> <li>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023	

				comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.		
SQ23-002360	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002359	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	<p>Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October - Australian Digital Health Agency</p>	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002358	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	<p>Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial</p>	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Digital Health Agency			
SQ23-002357	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Digital Health Agency	16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002356	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Digital	15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted. 18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?	Written	3/11/2023

			Health Agency	Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.		
SQ23-002354	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul> <p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002353	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget,	12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.	Written	3/11/2023



			<p>Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising , Travel and Legal Expenses - Australian Digital Health Agency</p>	<p>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</p> <p>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <p>f. Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to</p>		
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				<p>determine the Departments identification of the contracts.</p> <p>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</p> <p>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</p> <p>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</p>		
SQ23-002352	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002351	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002350	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002349	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002348	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Ministers - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>		
SQ23-002347	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	<p>Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Australian Digital Health Agency</p>	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002346	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Digital Health Agency	<p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>		
SQ23-002344	Australian Digital Health Agency	Jane Hume	<p>Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Digital Health Agency</p>	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister??</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.?</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002076	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Health Workforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The last medical workforce report released by the Department of Health is from 2018, which leaves a significant vacuum in workforce planning. Does the Department have a schedule of medical or health workforce reports it intends producing to guide future policy and workforce decisions?</li> <li>2. Will the Government commit to developing a national comprehensive workforce strategy for the entire care sector?</li> <li>3. Are there more vacancies for internships in rural and regional hospitals than there are in urban hospitals?</li> <li>4. Can you provide updated data on the number of health vacancies across Australia?</li> <li>5. What is the modelling on the shortfall in health workforce needed to fill current vacancies, including GPs, nurses and other medical practitioners?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002072	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Payroll Tax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On the 26th of April this year, Minister Butler was asked about whether he had concerns about State and Territory Governments imposing payroll tax on GP clinics. The Minister said that "any additional costs to general practice is going to be a concern for them and for me." Does the Department agree with this statement?</li> <li>2. Has the Department raised any concerns with state counterparts that a GP payroll tax, especially a retrospective tax, will seriously harm the GP sector?</li> <li>3. Have you done any modelling on the possible impacts of a payroll tax on the Medicare system? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When was this modelling completed?</li> <li>b. Has it been shared with State and Territory governments or any stakeholders?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Should pay-roll taxes be implemented, do you expect this to increase the price of seeing a doctor?</li> <li>5. Will any costs be passed on to patients?</li> </ol>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>6. Have you heard anecdotal reports that Clinics are decoupling from Medicare and bulkbilling and instead privately billing patients because they claim they can't afford otherwise?</p> <p>7. Just taking one state as an example, but of course this is a widespread concern, are you aware that some General Practices have already increased their fees in Canberra following the ACT Governments decision to only provide an exemption from payroll tax if they reach a targeted bulk billing rate of 65%?</p> <p>a. Are you concerned that this approach from the ACT Government is restricting the viability of primary care?</p> <p>8. Has anyone from the government or Department of Health and Aged Care spoke with the ACT Government or Ministers prior to their announcement of only providing an exemption for GPs if they achieve a 65% bulk billing rate?</p> <p>a. Can you tell me what advice was provided and who by?</p>		
SQ23-002080	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Formaldehyde Exposure Review by Safe Work Australia	<p>1. Is the Department aware that Safe Work Australia is completing a review of the exposure limits for Formaldehyde?</p> <p>2. As I understand, formalin, formaldehyde mixed with water, is used in every cancer diagnosis and there is no substitute for formalin in pathology for diagnosing cancer? Is this correct?</p> <p>3. Is the Department aware that Safe Work Australia is undertaking a review of the exposure levels of formaldehyde, along with over 400 other chemicals, and are seeking to reduce the exposure levels from 1.0 ppm to 0.3 ppm without consultation?</p> <p>4. Can the Department advise why a review is needed on the exposure limits for Formaldehyde? Is there any evidence to suggest a review is needed, and if so, what is that evidence?</p> <p>5. What are the global exposure standards in other OECD countries?</p> <p>6. If this review goes ahead by SWA and the exposure levels from SWA are implemented at 0.3ppm, does the Department know if the</p>	Written	6/11/2023

				<p>pathology sector can actually meet these new low requirements?</p> <p>7. Why has no impact analysis been undertaken on this by the office of impact assessment?</p> <p>8. Has there been any consultation with the sector, or any input from the sector, on this review/any potential changes to exposure levels?</p> <p>9. It is my understanding that the world's best practice, top of the line cutting benches that pathologists use to dissect and diagnose cancer, that come from Italy, are not certified to this new exposure level of 0.3ppm? So how will the sector meet these new levels?</p> <p>10. Has the Department modelled the impact of implementing this new exposure level on cancer diagnosis in Australia?</p> <p>11. Will it delay or even at some pathology labs, stop the diagnosis process?</p>		
SQ23-002020	Department of Health and Aged Care	David Pocock	Accrual adjustments for PBS	<p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Sure. So it's not unusual in a seven-week period to have something go from a projected \$89 million to \$1.1 billion?</p> <p>Mr Comley: Senator, Mr Hicks is probably best placed to answer that question.</p> <p>Mr Hicks: Senator, there's a bit of a-I think what I'd like to do is come back a touch later this afternoon and describe the accrual cash split as it relates to this. The accrual cash difference is its own story that we need to just sort of step through for you. But I don't have a step-by-step that nails that.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Sure. But can I just clarify: the \$89 million at budget time was the forecast of what you thought PBS payments would be?</p> <p>Mr Hicks: The forecast on the budget side would be-</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: So the accrual adjustments for the PBS went from \$89 million at budget time to \$1.1 billion on 30 June in your annual report. I'm just trying to work out why is there such a</p>	49	26/10/2023



				<p>big discrepancy.</p> <p>Mr Hicks: Yes. So the discrepancy in terms of the relationship between cash and accrual is something that we'll come back to. As it relates to the estimate variation is a different piece. I think what I'd like to do is just come back, step through that and make the link, if that's okay.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCOCK: Sure. Thank you.</p>		
SQ23-002011	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Applications for new pharmacies	<p>Senator RUSTON: Secretary, before the break Senator Urquhart was asking questions about the bulkbilling incentive. I was wondering whether that's appropriate in outcome 2 or outcome 1.</p> <p>Mr Comley: Outcome 2.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I have three lines of questioning. Can I also follow up on some answers that you gave to Senator Urquhart in relation to applications for new pharmacies. You said there were 48; is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I did.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Of those applications, how many have been awarded?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I do have the approval number so far. If I just go back to those tables-18.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: So 18 out of 48?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: So far for that period in 2023.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: How many of the 18 that were awarded are for opioid dosing clinics that previously happened?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: I don't have that data.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Would it be possible to get that?</p> <p>Ms Shakespeare: We can take that on notice for you.</p>	37	26/10/2023
SQ23-002069	Department of Health	Anne Ruston	Vaping/Illicit Tobacco	<p>1. Can the Department provide a timeframe for when the public health information campaign to discourage Australians from taking</p>	Written	6/11/2023

	and Aged Care		<p>up vaping and smoking will be developed and launched?</p> <p>2. Is this strategy harmonised between Commonwealth and State public health departments?</p> <p>3. Could the Department detail any additional funding or resources provided to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to support ABF's enforcement activities?</p> <p>4. Can you elaborate on the specific outcomes anticipated from this added support?</p> <p>5. Given the increasing challenge in addressing the illicit distribution of Nicotine Vaping Products, particularly on retail and online platforms, and the necessity for an effectively harmonised and impactful enforcement response across states, can the Department please outline the planned measures to address illicit distribution?</p> <p>6. What punishments will be used for distributing illicit Vaping Products?</p> <p>7. What key performance indicators will be used to gauge the success of the Minister's proposed enforcement strategy against the illicit Nicotine Vaping Products market?</p> <p>8. Is the Department aware of the recent acceleration in the growth of the illicit tobacco market and the recent media reports of the escalation in violence among rival organised crime groups?</p> <p>9. Does the Department provide regular briefings to the Minister on this matter?</p> <p>10. Has the Department briefed other Departments on this matter?</p> <p>11. Without preempting the outcomes of the Committee's Inquiry into the Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products Bill) 2023 – what responsibility will the Department take for enforcement of these new laws, beyond what they've taken so far under the existing legislation?</p> <p>12. What is the status of the working group and the National Response to Vaping, and have state and territory health ministers</p>		
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				<p>received any draft legislation to extend the operation of the Therapeutic Goods Act to restrict the importation, manufacture, and supply of all vapes?</p> <p>13. The Health Ministers Meeting Communique from September 2023 stated that all Health Ministers agreed that the involvement of police law enforcement agencies would be critical, and that a meeting of health and police Ministers should be scheduled as soon as practical. Has that meeting taken place?</p> <p>14. Which state and territory officials is the TGA planning to make responsible for enforcement of the Therapeutic Goods Act?</p>		
SQ23-002175	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Inspector General	<p>1. I note the Inspector General's progress report makes comment on the Support at Home program and specifically states it "is still subject to further policy development and is yet to be fully funded." (page 10). When is funding intended to be provided for this program?</p> <p>2. I also note the Inspector General was very clear in his commentary around stakeholder engagement – as he stated "Almost all stressed the need for greater engagement, expressing uncertainty around the Government's approach for implementation. Several highlighted the delays in implementing Support at Home, and made calls for clear timelines for delivery." How is the Government responding to this?</p> <p>3. Is the department aware of 'uncertainty around the Government's approach for implementation'?</p> <p>4. Does the Department agree with the Inspector General that stakeholders are in need of greater engagement?</p> <p>5. What is the Government doing in regard to producing an implementation timeframe for the support at home program?</p>	Written	6/11/2023
SQ23-002042	Australian Radiation Protection	Barbara Pocock	Advice provided to	In October 2022 advice was provided to the ARPANSA CEO by the ARPANSA Radia?? (Radiation) Health and Safety Council on	Written	3/11/2023

	and Nuclear Safety Agency		ARPANSA CEO by Radiation Health and Safety Council advice on regulatory principles for nuclear submarines	regulatory principles for nuclear submarines. How has ARPANSA responded to the issues raised in the Radiation Health and Safety Council advice?		
SQ23-001984	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	Conflict of interest with workforce suppliers	<p>Senator RICE: Who are the workforce suppliers?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: There were four of them. We took the decision to reduce the number of suppliers to three at the beginning of this financial year. The four we had initially were RSM, HDAA, SAI Global and KPMG. We have now continued with three of those four suppliers by dropping off SAI Global.</p> <p>Senator RICE: I obviously know of KPMG. Who are RSM and HDAA?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: The best description I can offer of those organisations is that they are workforce suppliers.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Have any of these companies worked for or run aged-care facilities?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Certainly not as far as I'm aware. But if you're reaching for the potential for conflict of interest-</p> <p>Senator RICE: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Anderson: We have a very rigorous process operating at multiple levels. The tendering included provisions in the requirements to declare conflicts of interest. Before we allocate a site audit to one of these suppliers, we require them to routinely declare interest and then specifically declare whether they have any interests in relation</p>	111	26/10/2023

				<p>to the provider. There have been circumstances where they have declared an interest and we have not given them the site audit and directed it to one of the other suppliers.</p> <p>Senator RICE: What interests have they declared?</p> <p>Ms Anderson:</p> <p>I couldn't go to specifics. Generally, it would be that they have worked for that provider at some time in the past.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Could you provide on notice those conflicts of interest that have been declared?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Yes.</p>		
SQ23-001985	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	Criteria for choosing workforce providers	<p>Senator RICE: You went through an open tender process. How did you decide which of these workforce providers to contract? What were the criteria that they were chosen under?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Senator, I would be pleased to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Do any of them have any specialised knowledge of aged care?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I would be happier checking back to look at the specific requirements. They were extensive. We had a team of people on the evaluation panel who spent weeks on this. It was a very thorough process. We had legal advisers, probity advisers and financial advisers.</p>	111	26/10/2023
SQ23-001986	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	Number of workforce suppliers that ACQSC followed up with and rejected	<p>Senator RICE: It was reported in the Guardian that the commission created a dedicate quality assurance team to support contractors.</p> <p>Ms Anderson: That is correct. We also have a quality assurance team running across all of our quality assessment and monitoring processes.</p> <p>Senator RICE: The report said that it underestimated the complexities, volume and standards of work required in report preparation and gathering documented evidence required by the</p>	111-112	26/10/2023

			<p>their initial audit</p>	<p>commission to make a decision on compliance. How do you respond to that claim?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: It is true. We have had occasion to work closely with these workforce suppliers to ensure that they understood exactly what we required of them. I think that the public purse needs to be efficiently spent, and we were determined, and continue to be determined, to get the best possible quality from them. There have been instances where we have declined to accept one of their reports and have required that they undertake further work on it in order to meet our quality benchmarks.</p> <p>Senator RICE: How many audits have the third party providers conducted?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: They undertook just over 1,000 in 2022-23. The target is significantly lower this year at around 600.</p> <p>Senator RICE: On what I've got here, it was out of a total of 1,457. This was 970. That is just over 1,000 out of how many of your audits?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: That figure sounds about right, Senator. I'm not sure that I can move to that quickly enough.</p> <p>Senator RICE: How many of those did you then have to follow up and say that you needed them to do more work and you rejected their initial audit?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: A small proportion. If you want the precise number, I can give it to you on notice, Senator.</p>		
SQ23-001987	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	<p>Wages and conditions of employees employed by</p>	<p>Senator RICE: What is the extra cost, through employing the teams through these workforce suppliers, compared with if you had the capacity to do it yourself?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: We were asked that question by Mr Tune when he was undertaking the independent capability review. We looked at it closely. At the time we were responding to that question, the costs were broadly equivalent.</p>	112-113	26/10/2023

			workforce suppliers	<p>Senator RICE: But you are obviously paying a premium of some sort to the organisations to be employing the staff to do it. You are saying that their management costs are cheaper than your management costs would have been? Are the staff paid the same as if they had been employed by the commission?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I'm unaware of their-</p> <p>Senator RICE: You don't know?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: No. They are employed by these workforce suppliers.</p> <p>Senator RICE: And you don't know whether their wages and conditions are the same as what they would have been if they had been employed by the commission?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I don't know the specifics. I'm happy to look into that more closely if that's something you want me to follow up.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Yes. Take that on notice, please.</p>		
SQ23-001988	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	Extra cost in establishing a quality assurance team	<p>Senator RICE:...Was it an extra cost to establish the quality assurance team, or was it initially envisaged to be within the scope of the project?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: It is the case that we had to establish a contract management team. That obviously was a cost that we hadn't incurred previously. The quality assurance processes were an extension, as I said earlier, of what we were already putting into place for our own quality assessors.</p> <p>Senator RICE: What was that extra cost, then, of establishing that team?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I'm happy to take that on notice.</p>	113	26/10/2023
SQ23-001989	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	Length of the quality assessor	<p>Senator RICE: Are you going to continue to work with these outsourced teams?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Well, as I say, we've already reduced the suppliers from four to three. We have standing orders that expire at the end of</p>	113	26/10/2023

			<p>training program</p>	<p>this financial year. At the moment, we are reviewing the plans as to whether we will continue to need them ongoing. Using this additional workforce allows us to use our quality assessors within the commission on risk based work. We are very keen to do more of that as it has become available to us by virtue of having the expanded workforce.</p> <p>Senator RICE: When will you make a decision as to whether you continue to have an outsourced workforce?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Some commercial considerations will come into play. I expect that we will be determining that towards the end of the first quarter next year, so quarter 3 of financial year 2023-24.</p> <p>Senator RICE: What sort of training do safety auditors have to do?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I would be happy to provide a program on notice. The quality assessor training program has been reviewed fairly extensively in the last little while. It is a composite of technical skills and theoretical skills, a broad understanding of things like administrative law but also what an auditor should look for-the basis on which evidence is discovered and evaluated and then put into a report in order for a quality assessor to conclude whether a service is compliant or not compliant with a particular standard or requirement.</p> <p>Senator RICE: How long is the training? What is the length and type of training that is required?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I know the answer that would have applied about six months ago. I would prefer to check my understanding before I answer. It was eight weeks, but I'm just not sure because we've moved it. There's now also a field component. It's a much stronger program than it was before.</p>		
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SQ23-001990	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	Work conditions of auditors	<p>Senator RICE: What type of people? What is the background of the type of people? Do they have particular qualifications before they do this training?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: No. That's interesting. We have attracted a number of clinically qualified individuals, some of whom make fine auditors and some of whom don't have that instinct. We've had people who have worked in fisheries and in road transport. They have made fine auditors.</p> <p>Senator RICE: If they are employed as an auditor by the commission, is that an ongoing role?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: It can be, but it does not have to be.</p> <p>Senator RICE: So the auditors employed by the commission, are they a mixture, then-</p> <p>Ms Anderson: They are.</p> <p>Senator RICE: of ongoing permanent staff and contract positions?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: We have significantly reduced the number of contractor positions in alignment with the government's expectations that government agencies do that. We used to have 25 to 30 per cent contractors. That has been at least halved, if not more than that. The balance are ongoing or non-ongoing. They are public servants, but they have a limited or finite engagement with us.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Obviously those people who are employed by your employment firms are not public servants?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator RICE: And they're not ongoing positions?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: I couldn't speak for those workforce suppliers, Senator.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Can you find that out? I would have thought due diligence of the work conditions that those people are employed under would be something that the commission would need to know.</p>	113-114	26/10/2023
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SQ23-001991	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Janet Rice	<p>Number of auditors employed by the Commission and employed by external providers</p>	<p>Senator RICE: Could you also take on notice the number of auditors employed by the commission and the numbers employed by the companies that you are engaging?</p> <p>Ms Anderson: Yes. I'm happy to, Senator.</p>	114	26/10/2023
SQ23-002882	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	<p>Increase or decrease in that number of PAS staffing level</p>	<p>Senator RUSTON: What is the current APS staffing level at the Department of Health and Aged Care?</p> <p>Mr Wann: Our budgeted staffing level is currently 5,671. That has been increasing gradually.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: How does that compare, year on year, for the last five years? Are we seeing a significant increase or decrease in that number?</p> <p>Mr Wann: We have seen progressive increases—I can get those numbers for you—over the last few years, mainly in relation to the work that needs to be done. Particularly over COVID there was a very rapid increase.</p> <p>Another major piece of work is in aged-care transformation, in response to the royal commission findings. Those two together led to a significant increase, and there is a long tail to</p>	9	26/10/2023

				<p>that. So it is a healthy ASL at the moment.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Is there any ability for you to define the one-off impacts on the ASL of COVID and the aged-care reform process?</p> <p>Mr Wann: To take that away?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Since the start of COVID we have seen a 47 per cent increase in departmental staffing levels. One would have expected there to be a significant increase during COVID. I accept that there will be an increase as a result of the aged-care reforms. There is a 234 per cent increase in the number of people who are working at the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission; so there would be a significant increase in ASL there.</p> <p>But given that we are coming off the tail of the intensity of COVID, where is the shift? What is the base level of staffing at the department and what can be attributed to COVID? How much of that COVID increase is no longer required because we are in a status quo situation? How much applies to the reforms being undertaken in aged care?</p> <p>Mr Wann: We could disaggregate, taking out the impacts of those measures. Some of them will have a tail.</p> <p>Aged-care appropriation has jumped significantly from five years ago, when it was \$17 billion or \$18 billion a year; now it is \$34 billion. A stepped increase will be maintained in aged care. Even in relation to COVID it will come off.</p>		
SQ23-002891	Department of Health	Anne Ruston	60-Day Dispensing	<p>Senator RUSTON: You can do it this afternoon or whenever the outcome about 60-day dispensing comes up.</p> <p>I would be keen to understand, of the percentage of scripts—the</p>	17	26/10/2023

	and Aged Care			200,000 that the minister just referred to that have been written since this came in on 1 September—how many of the people who receive those scripts actually get two-for-the-price-of-one medications? Ms Shakespeare: We will see what we can provide. We will have to go back to the data held, which comes in to us from Services Australia, to work through how long that will take to extract.		
SQ23-002883	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Voice to Parliament letter - Advertisement	Senator RUSTON: In getting some information back: were the signatories to the letter aware of the broad-scale advertising campaign that was going to be applied to their agreement to be a party to this document? Senator Gallagher: I will see if we can provide further information about that.	20-21	26/10/2023
SQ23-002884	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Impact assessment for cost at pharmacy for co-payment	Senator RUSTON: Could you please provide that. I have read the impact assessment from beginning to end, several times, and I can say that I have never seen anything in there that would show me any modelling at all. Ms Shakespeare: We will get you a copy of the impact assessment. Senator RUSTON: If so, could you provide the modelling that was the basis on which you provided that so-called information. You are saying that it is in the impact assessment.	22	26/10/2023
SQ23-002885	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Comments made by GPs on investment in Medicare	Senator Gallagher: Well, I can speak from the government's decision-making point of view. This was about a significant investment into primary care and into Medicare bulk billing in the acknowledgement that what we were hearing back was that was under pressure and we didn't want to see—we wanted to act quickly. We didn't want to see particularly those vulnerable Australians—who would	51	26/10/2023

				<p>essentially, if bulk billing rates deteriorated, miss out on access to health care. We see it very much as an investment in Medicare. We hope that it incentivises—and believe it will—GPs themselves who, I think, in response to the investment by government, have acknowledged that it is a game changer as far as they're concerned around incentives for bulk billing.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Who said that, Minister?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher:</p> <p>I think it was a GP body. I'll see if I can find it. But there was definitely a group that came out—</p> <p>Mr McCabe: It was either the AMA or the RACGP.</p>		
SQ23-002889	Department of Health and Aged Care	Jordon Steele-John	Medicine shortages - Vyvanse	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I'll go now to Vyvanse. I'll come now to the shortage of ADHD medications. Professor, many people have reached out to me deeply concerned about the shortage of ADHD medications and that those shortages are getting worse. Is it correct that the 30 milligram Vyvanse is on the medicine shortage list?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: It is correct that there is a current shortage of 30 milligram capsules of Vyvanse. That is expected currently to resolve on 31 December. An anticipated shortage of Vyvanse 20 milligrams was resolved on 9 October. In fact, that shortage did not eventuate. Other strengths of Vyvanse are not expected to be affected. The shortage itself is global and due to manufacturing issues. We're working closely with the sponsor, as we do with all shortages, and health professionals to expedite deliveries to Australia and to manually allocate stock to ensure equitable supply and to prevent stockpiling. The sponsor, Takeda Pharmaceuticals, sent a letter to prescribers and pharmacists on 10 August 2023 with information about the shortage; advice to limit new initiations to ease demand</p>	58-59	26/10/2023

				<p>where possible and to enable, thereby, maintenance of Vyvanse for patients who are already established on that therapy; and to provide contact details for health care professionals to contact Takeda directly for information as required.Senator STEELE-JOHN: Thank you. Just to make sure we have that correctly, the 30 milligram tablet is on the shortage list and is expected, you said, I think, to be resolved by 31 December?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: That's right, Senator.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Does that mean that on 31 December there will no longer be a shortage?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: We expect the shortage to resolve by 31 December. It may be earlier than that. I will highlight that there can sometimes be some supply chain challenges to restoring universal and homogenous supply across the country.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: How long has it been on the list?</p> <p>Prof. Lawler: We have on the medicine shortage database, which is a publicly accessible database, that the supply impact dates have been from 7 August to 31 December 2023 for the 30 milligram tablets. That's my understanding. If there's any correction to that, I can certainly provide it.</p>		
SQ23-002890	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Urgent Care Clinic Program	<p>Senator Gallagher: We're very proud of the urgent care clinic program. So 33 are open out of 58. The minister has been consistent before the election and this year that the clinics would open from July 2023, with all being open by the end of the year. We are on track to do that. In terms of hours of operation, in implementing the commitments, we've had to work within the system and with the resources available. In some instances, where there are staff shortages for the reasons that everyone on this committee is clearly aware of, some of those urgent care clinics will be open for reduced</p>	81-82	26/10/2023

				<p>hours. That will be part of an initial arrangement to get them open as soon as possible, with an agreement that when hours can be extended, they will be. We will keep working with PHNs and state and territory governments on delivering this new model of care. I know you are really hoping that they fail, Senator Ruston, but the early advice is that they are going very well. They are being well received. There have been over 50,000 presentations across the clinics that are open. They are definitely meeting a need across the country. Nearly one-third of patients have been under 15 years of age, which we knew would be a target group. Nearly one-third of visits have taken place on weekends. On weekdays, more than one in five visits has taken place after 6 o'clock, which is exactly the area we were trying to reach. We are providing access to affordable and, in this case, free health care out of hours for low acuity presentations that don't need to present to emergency departments. It's a new program and a new way of providing care. From my assessment, after being a health minister I think for almost eight years, I would say it's going incredibly well.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: We look forward to the data provided by the department to see whether that's actually the case.</p>		
SQ23-002886	Department of Health and Aged Care	Janet Rice	Reasons Miles Morgan was selected to do the contact for Meal on Wheels	<p>Senator RICE: Can you give me any details that you are able to give me, please, about why Miles Morgan was selected to do the contract and any evaluation you have done over the period of the contract? Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Herald: Yes.</p>	99	26/10/2023

SQ23-002887	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	CSL and Sonice Healthcare Payments	16. How much does the government pay to CSL and Sonic Healthcare for various government health related contracts for the 12 months ending 30th June 2023, 30th June 2022, 30th June 2021 and 30th June 2020.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002888	Department of Health and Aged Care	Gerard Rennick	Warranty in Covid-19 vaccine	62. Does Pfizer provide a warranty in the Covid-19 vaccine contract with the Australian Government that the product has been manufactured in material accordance with current Good Manufacturing Practices?	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002892	Department of Health and Aged Care	Anne Ruston	Response to Senator Ruston's letter to the Department of Health and Aged Care	<p>Senator RUSTON: Do you think it's likely to be available? Regarding some of the information in there, I was hoping to be able to save time by reading the information and then prosecuting the issue. Do you have any idea of whether we're likely to see that information?</p> <p>Mr Comley: It's a matter for the minister's office at the moment.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Minister, is there any chance that you may be able to facilitate that?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I'll see if there's anything that I can do. I was aware that there had been a letter written, but I wasn't aware of where the response was, so I'll see what I can do.</p>	13-14	26/10/2023
SQ23-002946	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign - National Sports Tribunal	<p>40. It was reported in the The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.</p> <p>a. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign?</p> <p>b. Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or</p>	Written	3/11/2023



				encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?		
SQ23-002945	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	ChatGPT on internal networks - National Sports Tribunal	<p>39. Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network?</p> <p>If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data?</p> <p>a. Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002944	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Flexible work arrangement - National Sports Tribunal	<p>38. How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>i. The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week?</p> <p>ii. The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week?</p> <p>iii. The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week?</p> <p>iv. The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week?</p> <p>v. The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week?</p> <p>b. What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees?</p> <p>c. Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002943	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year - National	<p>37. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002942	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year - National Sports Tribunal	36. For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002941	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Sports Tribunal	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; ii. the number of applications refused; and iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002940	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Freedom of information application	34. How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown of the number including;	Written	3/11/2023

			s has the department/agency received since 1 July 202 to 23 October 2023 - National Sports Tribunal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the number of applications withdrawn;</li> <li>b. the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</li> <li>c. the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</li> <li>d. the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</li> <li>e. the number of applications subject to internal review;</li> <li>f. the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</li> <li>g. the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</li> <li>h. the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</li> <li>i. the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002939	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Provision of market research to any Ministers Office in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign - National	<p>33. Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign? Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002938	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Total number of ASL;</li> <li>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</li> <li>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</li> <li>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</li> <li>e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002937	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National	<p>31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</li> <li>b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

			Sports Tribunal			
SQ23-002936	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	New entities created, wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>29. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>30. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002935	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - National Sports Tribunal	<p>28. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the name of the interdepartmental committee;</li> <li>a list of the membership;</li> <li>the date it was established; and</li> <li>its purpose.</li> </ol> <p>10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002934	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Current reviews and completed reviews since 1 July 2022 to 26 October 2023 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>26. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting. Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>f. the amount spent to date; and</li> <li>g. the date the review is due to be completed.</li> </ul> <p>27. Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022. Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name of the review;</li> <li>b. the purpose of the review;</li> <li>c. the name or names of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>d. the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s);</li> <li>e. the budgeted cost of the review;</li> <li>f. the amount spent;</li> <li>g. the date the review was due to be completed;</li> <li>h. the date the review was completed;</li> <li>i. the date the review was provided to the Department;</li> <li>j. the date the review was provided to the Minister; and</li> <li>k. the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002933	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals	<p>24. In relation to department/agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare?</li> <li>b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>and claims in current financial year to 26 October 2023 - National Sports Tribunal</p>	<p>and the circumstances surrounding the claim.</p> <p>c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?</p> <p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ23-002932	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	<p>Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Sports Tribunal</p>	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002931	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National	<p>22. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs.</p> <p>Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased</p>	Written	3/11/2023



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SQ23-002930	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002929	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002928	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002927	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Expenditure on any functions or official receptions (etc) hosted by the Department/Agency or Ministers/Assistant	<p>13. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ol>	Written	3/11/2023

			Ministers in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - National Sports Tribunal	<p>14. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions;</li> <li>b. List of attendees;</li> <li>c. Function venue;</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>e. Details of any food served;</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002926	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses - National Sports Tribunal	<p>12. In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate?</li> <li>b. Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> </li> <li>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?</li> <li>d. Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be</li> </ul>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>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"> <li>i. External labour hire</li> <li>ii. Consultancy</li> <li>iii. Advertising campaigns</li> <li>iv. Travel</li> <li>v. Legal expenses</li> </ul> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target?</li> <li>ii. Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target?</li> <li>iii. If so, why and was it approved?</li> </ul>		
SQ23-002925	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth taskforces - National Sports Tribunal	<p>11. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership.</p> <p>Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002924	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	List of memberships for Commonwealth inter-departmental committees - National Sports Tribunal	10. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership.  Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002923	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - National Sports Tribunal	9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.  Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002922	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October	8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?  Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written	3/11/2023

			2023 - National Sports Tribunal			
SQ23-002921	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - National Sports Tribunal	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002920	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - National Sports Tribunal	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>		
SQ23-002919	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	<p>Hospitality provided to portfolio Ministers' offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - National Sports Tribunal</p>	<p>2. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices?</p> <p>Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality.</p> <p>Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002918	National Sports Tribunal	Jane Hume	<p>Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 – National Sports Tribunal</p>	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department? Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>a. the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief.</p> <p>How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ23-002909	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	<p>Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator</p>	<p>35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a. the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>ii. the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002904	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	<p>Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Office of the Gene</p>	<p>32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a. Total number of ASL;</p> <p>b. Total number of FTE by APS classification;</p> <p>c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p> <p>d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and</p>	Written	3/11/2023



			Technology Regulator	e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.		
SQ23-002903	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate? a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002902	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial year to 26	24. In relation to department/agency: a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare? b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim. c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims? d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many	Written	3/11/2023

			October 2023 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ23-002901	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid,</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002900	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	<p>Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator</p>	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002899	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Travel costs for financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>16. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>17. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation.</p> <p>19. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002898	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002897	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Paper usage from Australian producers and overseas - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>9. Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers.</p> <p>Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002896	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002895	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			with Ministers	<p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>		
SQ23-002894	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	<p>Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator</p>	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002893	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Jane Hume	<p>Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since</p>	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department?</p> <p>Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Office of the Gene Technology Regulator</p>	<p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide:</p> <p>a. the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.</p>		
SQ23-002917	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	<p>Furniture, fixtures or fittings upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme</p>	<p>15. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted.</p> <p>18. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.		
SQ23-002916	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Freedom of information applications has the Ministers office received since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	35. How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023? Please provide a breakdown including; a. the number of applications by Minister, i. the number of applications that are yet to be decided; ii. the number of applications refused; and iii. the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002915	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023 - Australian Industrial Chemicals	32. Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.  Please provide: a. Total number of ASL; b. Total number of FTE by APS classification; c. the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d. the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and	Written	3/11/2023



			Introduction Scheme	e. The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.		
SQ23-002914	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Requests from portfolio Minister's offices seeking data or information by electorate since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	31. Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate? a. Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided. b. Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002913	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Comcare and Fair Work Commission referrals and claims in current financial	24. In relation to department/agency: a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare? b. Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim. c. What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims?	Written	3/11/2023

			<p>year to 26 October 2023 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme</p>	<p>d. Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?</p> <p>25. In relation to the department/agency:</p> <p>a. In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p>b. Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.</p>		
SQ23-002912	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	<p>Use of departmental/agency credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme</p>	<p>In relation to departmental use of credit cards:</p> <p>a. How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff?</p> <p>b. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for?</p> <p>c. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>d. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>e. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>f. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>g. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all</p>	Written	3/11/2023

				<p>those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>h. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>i. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>j. Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy.</p> <p>k. Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023</p>		
SQ23-002911	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	<p>Total expenditure on media monitoring, advertising and campaigns financial year 2023/24 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Industrial Chemicals</p>	<p>20. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>21. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date?</p> <p>Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

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SQ23-002910	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	New policy proposals provided to portfolio Minister offices since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>8. How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002908	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Meetings between Secretary/Agency head with Ministers - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>5. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.</p>	Written	3/11/2023

SQ23-002907	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Departmental staff and Departmental Liaison Officer's allocated to portfolio Ministers' offices - Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	<p>3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p> <p>4. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer?</p> <p>Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister.</p> <p>Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.</p>	Written	3/11/2023
SQ23-002906	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme	Jane Hume	Provision and turnaround of Ministerial Briefs since 1 July 2023 to 26 October 2023 - Australian Industrial Chemicals	<p>1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister?</p> <p>If so, when was this advice provided to the Department? Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement.</p> <p>If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide: a. the previous turnaround requirement; and the date the change was requested.</p> <p>7. How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each</p>	Written	3/11/2023

			Introduction Scheme	Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief. How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.		
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