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1	SQ22-000324	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anthony Chisholm	NBN Co - Regional Residential and Business fibre	<p>Senator CHISHOLM: Okay. I'll try and give you specifics that might be helpful. The government response to the Regional Telecommunications Review says: These upgrades are forecast to benefit around 950,000 households and 455,000 businesses in regional Australia, as well as resulting in a \$1.5 billion uplift to regional GDP.</p> <p>This suggests that 1.4 million of the two million premises in the fibre-to-the-node overbuild footprint are in the regions. Is that accurate?</p> <p>Mr Williams: I don't have those precise numbers off the top of my head.</p> <p>Mr Rue: It's less than that. Katherine, would you have a view?</p> <p>Ms Dyer: No, I would need to get further detail as well.</p> <p>Mr Rue: It wouldn't be 1.4 million, though.</p> <p>Mr Williams: I doubt it.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: This is the problem. I'm happy for you to take it on notice, but I don't really want you to stick to the time frames that chair has set for responses to questions on notice. Is that something you could come back to me on earlier?</p>	107
2	SQ22-000427	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	Department advice on Mobile Black Spot Program election commitment	<p>Senator URQUHART: Did the department provide advice on a pathway to achieve the commitment?</p> <p>Mr Paterson: I'm trying to cast my mind back to the commitment, which I believe was 2019. I would have to check what advice we provided at the time.</p>	72-73
3	SQ22-000426	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	Mobile Black Spot Program election commitment	<p>Senator URQUHART: Did the department ever receive any instructions from the re-elected government to deliver a plan or roadmap to achieve that election commitment?</p> <p>Mr Paterson: Not a plan against that election commitment per se. I would have to check, but it would have been referenced in our briefings around different program rounds, outcomes and so forth over a period of time. So not a specific plan relating to the one million square kilometres commitment but general planning around increasing mobile coverage through the program activity.</p>	72

4	SQ22-000381	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	Mobile Black Spot Program - Optus	<p>Senator URQUHART: Has a commercial contract between a mobile carrier and neutral host provider been signed yet?</p> <p>Mr Smurthwaite: It's my understanding they've signed with Optus.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: How many more are you expecting to sign?</p> <p>Mr Smurthwaite: It is a trial of the new technology, so, at the first principles level, it's quite important that the technology be tested before there's likely to be an extension beyond the single operator.</p> <p>Mr Paterson: Under the program, I believe we only have the one trial, which is seven sites. That's the one Mr Smurthwaite's referring to.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Is that all with Optus?</p> <p>Mr Smurthwaite: Optus is the delivery partner, yes. Senator URQUHART: I suppose my question would be: what's actually happening and is it going anywhere?</p> <p>Mr Smurthwaite: They did some site design quite recently. They've been on site and doing the detailed site design work, but, if your question is whether the towers have been constructed yet, the answer is no.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Is there an expected date for construction?</p> <p>Mr Smurthwaite: I would have to take that on notice, I'm sorry. I know that 23 June is the close date, where we're expecting services to be operating, but I'd have to check for you.</p>	74
5	SQ22-000423	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Sarah Hanson-Young	COVID support for arts and creatives	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Could we have a figure? Perhaps, Dr Arnott, you're best placed to do this. Based on this rationale from Mr Atkinson, the figure in the 2025-26 financial year of total expenses for the program is \$744 million. Can we have that total figure for 2019-20 and 2018-19 so we can compare them?</p> <p>Dr Arnott: The table that you are referring to on page 80 includes all of the administrative operational funding. There's other funding that is allocated to capital and departmental that also gets included. So the total that Mr Atkinson gave you before of \$841 million this year doesn't match up to this table. It's calculated across different parts of the budget, but it is the right number. You just asked what the amount was in 2019-20?</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Atkinson: Senator Hanson-Young asked for 2018-19 and 2019-20. I have the figures that have the totality. In 2018-19 it was \$730 million versus the 2025-26 number that includes all the other things, which is \$776.8 million.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: You're saying those other things are included in that \$730 million figure from 2018-19?</p> <p>Mr Atkinson: That's like with like.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: What about 2019-20?</p>	75

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6	SQ22-000382	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	Creative Economy Taskforce	<p>Dr Arnott: It doesn't, no. The members of the taskforce are paid a sitting fee for each meeting, but they don't make any funding decisions.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: What is that sitting fee? Are there 12 members?</p> <p>Dr Arnott: Yes, 12. The sitting fee is set by the Remuneration Tribunal. I don't have the exact number with me, but I can give you that on notice.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: My understanding is that the members who were announced on 22 August are: Rachel Healy, who is the chair, and John Barrington, Greta Bradman, Adrian Collette, Ly Cunxin, Ian Kew, Fiona Menzies, Barbara Moore, Alison Page, Paul Piticco, Dan Rosen and Chris Saines.</p> <p>Dr Arnott: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: And you said they were paid a sitting fee. What is that?</p> <p>Dr Arnott: It's set by the Remuneration Tribunal. It's a standard fee that part-time office holders get. I don't have the exact figures with me.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Are you able to get that for me?</p> <p>Dr Arnott: Yes.</p>	83
7	SQ22-000383	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	Creative Economy Taskforce - sitting fee	<p>Senator URQUHART: And under their terms of reference, is there a number of sitting days per year, or is it determined on the workload?</p> <p>Dr Arnott: No; it's to meet regularly.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Just meet regularly, so there's no limit either way?</p> <p>Dr Arnott: No.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Do they only get paid that sitting fee when they sit?</p> <p>Dr Arnott: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: They've met 11 times since 25 June 2020?</p> <p>Dr Arnott: Yes.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Will you come back to me with the fee?</p> <p>Dr Arnott: Yes.</p>	83-84
8	SQ22-000384	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development	Anne Urquhart	5G Innovation Initiative - pictures on department's website	<p>Senator URQUHART: The department's website has a web page for the 5G Innovation Initiative. The web page includes a photograph of two men in a field with what look to be some wind turbines. What are those men doing?</p> <p>Dr Ashurst: I can't remember the exact image, Senator.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: I have a copy of it here but I can't give it to you. One has a hard hat on; the other has something over his eyes.</p>	86

		and Communications			<p>Dr Ashurst: There are some associated with drones. Some of the applications funded under round 1 are using 5G technology to control drones.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: It looks like one of them is wearing VR goggles.</p> <p>Dr Ashurst: Again, 5G technology can be used for VR control as well, so it could be a VR controlled drone. I think, though, these are example images on the website and not necessarily relating directly to specific projects.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Okay. I was worried about that picture, because I didn't know whether you should wear those things outside-could he trip over? Is that picture a stock image?</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: We'll take that on notice and check for you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: I just want to know whether it's a stock image or whether it's an image from the field that represents an actual application under the 5G initiative.</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: Understood. I suspect it is either a picture associated with one of the applicants in some shape or form, or a stock image, but we will confirm for you.</p>	
9	SQ22-000385	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	Andrew Bragg	ABC - money being generated through Spotify	<p>CHAIR: I want to ask you about Spotify. A question on notice asked you how much money the ABC is generating through Spotify. According to you, Spotify accounts for seven per cent of all downloads of ABC podcasts. You've declined to say how much revenue the ABC is deriving from this process, which you say is commercial-in-confidence. I refer you to prior questions I've asked you. In 2020 I asked you about the New Daily, which is an organisation you had a commercial arrangement with. You did say at that stage that the revenue was less than \$70,000. So you were prepared to put a broad number on revenue with the New Daily. Will you do the same for Spotify?</p> <p>Ms Kleyn: If we can take that on notice, we can certainly look at that for you, yes.</p>	96
10	SQ22-000430	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	Andrew Bragg	ABC - Advice provided by the ABC to Ms Zemiro's production company	<p>CHAIR: Mr McMurtrie, I'd like you to respond on notice with whatever information you've provided to that particular production company, because it's not just any production company; it's a production company which is producing for the ABC a show which uses the person's name in the title of the show and is regularly viewed on ABC and its platform, so it's not as if it's some production company which is totally divorced from the ABC's brands and programming. So I would like to see exactly what you have done to try to improve the situation here and safeguard the ABC's reputation. I'd be grateful for whatever you could provide on notice.</p> <p>Mr McMurtrie: Certainly.</p>	96-97

11	SQ22-000431	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	Alexander Antic	ABC - ABC Kids content clarification	<p>Senator ANTIC: I've just got one more question. I want to quickly touch on an article by the ABC Kids website under the early education section. It talks about how childhood educators should:</p> <p>Encourage discussions about differences with children, including gender, race, culture, disability and sexuality. This includes books with people of ethnicities, et cetera, et cetera. This is effectively adult content. What is it that the ABC thinks is necessary to teach children about these fairly adult concepts? Does the ABC have an agenda in terms of indoctrination into these sorts of lifestyles of our children?</p> <p>Mr McMurtrie: Senator, the ABC certainly doesn't have an agenda to indoctrinate children. We put a lot of thought into the content that we put before children. Children are capable of dealing with sometimes challenging concepts. But to give you a detailed response, I would need to take a look at the content.</p> <p>Senator ANTIC: We think it's okay to teach children about adult concepts like sexuality?</p> <p>Mr McMurtrie: I think-</p> <p>CHAIR: Alright, thank you.</p> <p>Senator ANTIC: No, let's look at the answer.</p> <p>CHAIR: I think he's just making a comment.</p> <p>Senator ANTIC: No, that was a question.</p> <p>Mr McMurtrie: My answer is that I would need to look at the content more closely and give you a more considered response. Issues of identity are complex. I think children are capable of engaging on those issues, provided that the content is presented in a sensitive and age-appropriate way.</p>	97-98
12	SQ22-000386	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	Anne Urquhart	ABC - Four Corners program - 'The Great Awakening: a family divided by QAnon'	<p>Senator URQUHART: The ABC Four Corners program 'The Great Awakening: a family divided by QAnon' went to air on 14 June 2021. The program explored the long friendship between the Prime Minister of Australia, Scott Morrison, and a QAnon adherent who believes the conspiracy theory that a global satanic paedophile cult has infiltrated the highest levels of government, the media and Hollywood. Did the ABC receive any complaints, formal or informal, from the Prime Minister or his office about this program?</p> <p>Mr McMurtrie: I don't think so, but I will need to check that and come back to you.</p>	98
13	SQ22-000387	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	Anne Urquhart	ABC - outstanding FOI requests	<p>Senator URQUHART: [...]. Today Guardian Australia reported that, after a two-year freedom of information battle against Guardian Australia, the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner has ordered the Prime Minister's office to search through Scott Morrison's mobile phone for text messages with prominent QAnon conspiracy proponent Tim Stewart. Does the ABC have any outstanding FOI requests or questions in with the Prime Minister's office or the Prime</p>	98

					Minister in relation to his communication with Tim Stewart? Mr McMurtrie: I'm afraid I'll have to take that one on notice as well.	
14	SQ22-000388	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	Anne Urquhart	ABC - funding for international broadcasting	Senator URQUHART: Okay. Does all of your funding for international broadcasting come from DFAT, or is it from some general budget allocation? Ms Kleyn: We have very specific funding from DFAT for specific outcomes. But we would allocate some of our general funding as well, for certain services. Senator URQUHART: Are you able to provide a breakdown of that. Ms Kleyn: Absolutely, on notice, yes.	98
15	SQ22-000429	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	Anne Urquhart	ABC - General FOI requests outstanding with PMO	Senator URQUHART: More broadly, does the ABC have any outstanding FOI requests in with the Prime Minister's office that are taking a long time to be returned-for example, in relation to other programs? Mr McMurtrie: Again, I'll need to take that on notice.	98
16	SQ22-000390	Office of the eSafety Commissioner	Anne Urquhart	eSafety - amount of marketing and advertising in annual budget	Senator URQUHART: Thank you. Ms Inman Grant, how much does eSafety apportion for marketing and advertising out of your annual budget? Ms Inman Grant: We don't have an advertising budget. I will turn over- Senator URQUHART: So none? Zero? Ms Inman Grant: We haven't been given an advertising budget, unfortunately. We have tried to squeeze some marketing funding, and we got communications funding. Maria Vassiliadis, do you want to provide any further detail? Ms Vassiliadis: We have a very small budget for our media and communications. As our commissioner said, any advertising dollar spent is in relation to social media. Again, that's a very small amount, but we can provide you more precise figures on notice.	114
17	SQ22-000391	Office of the eSafety Commissioner	Anne Urquhart	eSafety - number of eSafety personnel employed for outreach education-type functions	Senator URQUHART: Right. How many eSafety personnel are employed for outreach education-type functions? Ms Trotter: Can we get back to you with the accurate figures for that, please? Senator URQUHART: Yes. Can you give me a ballpark? Ms Trotter: There's about 10 in the program-in the team that we call education and training-but there are other people who provide training across other teams as well.	115
18	SQ22-000428	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	Campaigns between 2015 and 2019	Senator URQUHART: You've talked about three funding campaigns: May 2019-20, 2021-22 and 2022-23. I think my question was: what had been run since 2015? Were there any between 2015 and the spend in 2019-20? Mr Windeyer: I don't think there were in that earlier period. There was awareness raising and outreach work done by the eSafety Commission itself, but I don't think there were campaigns running in that early period. I am almost 100 per cent sure of that. We'll double-check it.	4

19	SQ22-000393	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	Copy of the evaluation report for the 2012-20 ad campaign	<p>Senator URQUHART: What did that evaluation examine and what did it find?</p> <p>Ms Charles: I've got some top-line results that I can run through. I don't have a copy of the evaluation report.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Are you able to provide that evaluation report?</p> <p>Ms Charles: I'll take that on notice and see what I've got on file. My understanding is that according to the evaluation we got higher-than-expected results in terms of website hits. The eSafety website experienced a large amount of visitors, and it averaged about 60,000 visitors per month throughout the campaign period.</p>	4-May
20	SQ22-000394	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	Criteria for measuring the effectiveness of ad campaign	<p>Ms Charles: I think there are different factors at play here. The Start the Chat campaign had a different target audience. The Start the Chat campaign was about talking to parents to get them to talk to their children about online safety. The current campaign is targeted at women, and it-</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: I'm just interested in the evaluation of the 2019-20 at the moment.</p> <p>Ms Charles: We also got a large percentage of recall-around 34 per cent of people recalling the ad, which is above standard industry benchmarks. In terms of recognition, it was high for this campaign. So overall, it had a positive impact. It improved awareness levels and improved access to information on the eSafety website.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Overall, would you say that the campaign was effective?</p> <p>Ms Charles: According to the evaluation report and the results I've seen, yes.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: What was the criteria for measuring that effectiveness?</p> <p>Ms Charles: I'll have to take that on notice. I don't have the list of the [inaudible]</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Is that outlined in that evaluation report?</p> <p>Ms Charles: I'm sure it will be.</p>	5
21	SQ22-000395	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	Detailed media buy and implementation plan of ad campaign	<p>Ms Charles: And it was connected to the Keeping our Children Safe Online package at the time.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Did those ads reach regional New South Wales?</p> <p>Ms Charles: It was a national campaign and as such regional got access to the campaign materials.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Can you tell me through what media that reached into far New South Wales?</p> <p>Ms Charles: That early campaign was in television, press, radio, outdoor, digital, social and search.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Are you able to table the detailed media buy and implementation plan?</p> <p>Ms Charles: I can take that on notice, yes.</p>	5

22	SQ22-000396	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	Start the chat campaign and the cyberbullying scheme	Senator URQUHART: Did the 'start the chat' campaign mention the availability of the cyberbullying scheme? Ms Charles: I would have to take that on notice. I wouldn't know. I would have to take that on notice and look that up.	5
23	SQ22-000425	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	Focus of 2019 campaign	Senator URQUHART: Was that the new cyberbullying scheme for children, or was it the 'start the chat'? What was the focus of the 2019 campaign?	5
24	SQ22-000397	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	Start the Chat campaign - copy of the creative	Senator URQUHART: Can you tell me what the creative was for the campaign, if you're able to provide a copy of maybe [inaudible] Ms Charles: I could provide a copy. I could table a copy. Absolutely.	6
25	SQ22-000398	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	ANAO review of 2019 campaign	Senator URQUHART: Thank you. I understand that the ANAO did a review of the 2019 campaign. Is that correct? Ms Charles: I wasn't in the department at the time but I could look that up. Mr Windeyer: I'm not sure. We can take that on notice. Senator URQUHART: Okay. If you could take that on notice.	6
26	SQ22-000399	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	ANAO review results	Senator URQUHART: [...]. I have some questions-just a couple-my understanding is that the ANAO did do a review of that. Can you tell me on notice what the ANAO found in relation to that campaign. And did the ANAO review of the campaign inform the current 2022 campaign in any way? If it did, how? Ms Charles: I can take that on notice. A copy of the ANAO report will be on their website. I can recall that report and 'start the chat' being in there. I just don't know the details. I'll come back to you on that.	6
27	SQ22-000400	Department of Infrastructure, Transport,	Anne Urquhart	Detailed breakdown of the adviser schedule	Senator URQUHART: I understand. But I'm interested in whether it informed any view about the current 2022 campaign. In relation to the current 2022 campaign, are these ads reaching regional New South Wales?	6

		Regional Development and Communications			<p>Ms Charles: Again, this is a national campaign, and yes, it does extend into regional areas. It has gone into metro markets in addition to regional markets including, for example, northern New South Wales and southern New South Wales, Victoria and regional areas in other states.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Again, what's the media on that? Is it TV, radio?</p> <p>Ms Charles: It is TV and radio. The media spend for this campaign was \$2.2 million in the budget.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Are you able to give me a more detailed breakdown of the adviser schedule, placement dates-you've given the spend-and basically the media implementation plan?</p> <p>Ms Charles: Yes, I could take that on notice. At last estimates we did provide and table the media plan and the creative for this campaign</p>	
28	SQ22-000401	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	2019 Campaign - cyberbullying scheme	<p>Senator URQUHART: I asked earlier about the 2019 campaign that was directed at parents and carers, but you are not sure if it mentioned the cyberbullying scheme?</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: Without seeing that, without refreshing my memory-</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Are you able to come back today with whether or not that campaign mentioned the cyberbullying scheme?</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: If we can find details of the campaign, yes, we would be happy to.</p>	7
29	SQ22-000402	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anthony Chisholm	List of organisations included in the regional telecommunications review	<p>Senator CHISHOLM: What about the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network?</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: I think you will find that they participated in the review process itself. I don't think they were consulted between the receipt of the review and the preparation of the government response. I'm looking to my colleagues to see whether that's correct. We can check that on notice for you.</p> <p>Mr Paterson: What might be useful, Senator, is that I can take on notice the list of organisations that were written to in order to ask whether they had any initiatives that they wanted to identify. Off the top of my head I can't recall whether that particular organisation was consulted in terms of the response. Obviously they were consulted during the conduct of the review. Again, I can't be certain, but I think they put in a submission as well.</p>	12
30	SQ22-000403	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	Details of international travel undertaken by departmental staff	<p>Senator URQUHART: I've got a few questions around travel. Maybe I could do those while we're for somebody to come to the table to answer Senator Chisholm's questions. Can you tell me, Mr Windeyer or Mr Atkinson, what international travel has been undertaken by department of communications staff in the last six months and for what purpose?</p> <p>Mr Atkinson: We answered a question on notice about that as a standard. I would have to take that on notice. Across the entire department?</p>	12

					<p>Senator URQUHART: Yes. By the department of communications staff.</p> <p>Mr Atkinson: I imagine there have been trips for multiple work purposes.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Can you tell me the names of the people who have travelled, where they have travelled to and what the cost of that travel was?</p> <p>Mr Atkinson: On notice, yes.</p>	
31	SQ22-000446	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	International travel in the last 6 months	<p>Senator URQUHART: More specifically, did staff from the department attend the Mobile World Congress 2022 in Barcelona in person?</p> <p>Mr Atkinson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Is this the first time it has been possible to attend events in person because of COVID-19 travel restrictions?</p> <p>Mr Atkinson: No. There has been other overseas travel. We have other overseas obligations as members of international forums and those sorts of things.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: In the last six months?</p> <p>Mr Atkinson: I would have to check, but yes, I think so.</p>	12
32	SQ22-000404	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	International travel - International Telecommunications	<p>Senator URQUHART: In terms of the world congress in Barcelona, can you tell me the names of who travelled?</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: What was the length of the travel?</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: We will get this for you on notice, but the travel included Mobile World Congress in Barcelona and then going to London to talk to counterpart officers in the UK government, and then Geneva for International Telecommunication Union work. I think it was a couple of work days in each location, but we'll include that as part of the details on notice.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: And the cost of that travel?</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: That will be included as well.</p>	Dec-13
33	SQ22-000405	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anne Urquhart	International travel to the International Civil Aviation Organisation in Montreal	<p>Mr Atkinson: It's just the international organisation piece. The key other travel was to ICAO, the International Civil Aviation Organisation in Montreal.</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: Just on the communications portfolio side, you asked when international travel started again. I will check this on notice, but there was a stage where certainly those international organisations we participate in, namely the International Telecommunication Union, the Universal Postal Union, ICANN with respect to domain names, and associated regional bodies, so the Australia Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, for example-there was certainly a stage during COVID where they flipped to doing remote work, but then they have progressively moved back to having meetings in person. The practical issue for member countries is that in many instances the voting rules of those forums require you to attend in person.</p>	13

34	SQ22-000406	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Anthony Chisholm	Comparable data on home access to the internet for non-Indigenous people	<p>Senator CHISHOLM: Yes. The PM&C website says the following in relation to recommendation 17: Nationally in 2014-15, 73.5 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and over accessed the internet in their home ... There are no comparable data on home access to the internet for non-Indigenous people. This means that estimating a trajectory to achieve parity is not currently possible. Does the department agree with this statement that there is no comparable data on home access to the internet for non-Indigenous people? Mr Windeyer: I think we'd need to have a look at exactly what the PM&C site is measuring to work out whether we've got a perfect point of comparison. Whilst there are ranges of data sources and information that talk about the number of Australians or even the number of households with access to the internet, I'm not aware off the top of my head of a data source that talks about the number of non-Indigenous. We've got information on all of Australia. The Indigenous policy area, by the sound of things, may have information there talking specifically with respect to Indigenous. I'm just not sure off the top of my head of a data source that actually splits out connection across Australia by Indigenous and non-Indigenous, but we'll check that on notice for you.</p>	13
35	SQ22-000421	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	Nick McKim	ABC - Contact with Senator Eric Abetz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For each calendar year since and including 2009, on how many occasions did Senator Eric Abetz make contact of any sort with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)? • For each occasion in which Senator Abetz made any contact with the ABC, please provide any information the ABC has regarding that contact 	Written
36	SQ22-000422	Special Broadcasting Service Corporation	Nick McKim	SBS - contact with Senator Eric Abetz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For each calendar year since and including 2009, on how many occasions did Senator Eric Abetz make contact of any sort with the Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)? • For each occasion in which Senator Abetz made any contact with the SBS, please provide any information the SBS has regarding that contact 	Written