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1	1	Bilyk	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	AASB/AuASB	Written	1-Nov
2	8	Ketter	ABS Funding and Census	1. The ABS has sustained a general decline in funding for some time now. Referring to chart one in the Forward Work Program. Can you briefly tell us what the offsets and property savings are in note 2? 2. In the Forward Work Program you state “The ABS necessarily needs to make choices about what we do and what we cannot do within the resources we receive”. Can you please detail what data sets are being considered for user funding, reductions, and/or abolition? 3. What surveys and/ or services has ABS had to cease due to funding and/ or staffing restrictions in the past 5 years? 4. How many organisations participated in the ABS request for comment to seek a temporary workforce? 5. Why did the ABS withdraw its Planned Procurement ABS2018.172 for a “Temporary Workforce Solution 2021 Census”, and replace it with ABS2018.600 “Sourcing 2021 Census Temporary Workforce”. 6. Did the ABS change its planned procurement method for the 2021 census temporary workforce? Why? 7. The overall budget is projected to be some $247 million less in 2021 than was allocated for the 2016 census – how is it expected that ABS will deliver a successful census when crucial resources are being axed? 8. Is the ABS considering privatising and outsourcing the delivery of the 2021 Census?	ABS	Written	2-Nov

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3	6	Ketter	New Car Sales Statistic	1. What is the benefit of new car sales data – is it an economic indicator, like consumer confidence etc.? 2. Where does the ABS get its new car sales data from? 3. Did the ABS collect its own data in the past? Why and when did this change, and was it related to the decline in budget funding? 4. Recent media reports allege that – quoting a SmartCompany article here – “that some auto dealers are pre-reporting the sales of vehicles before they find a buyer to keep up with sales quotas. The existence of so-called ‘cyber-car’ phenomena — given this name because the sales exist on a computer only — was confirmed by the ACCC last month in an undertaking with Volkswagen Australia”. Is the ABS aware of these reports? 5. Has the ABS sought information from car dealerships, the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries, or the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission about these issues? If so, which bodies and when? 6. Is the ABS concerned that new car sales data does not accurately reflect real car sales?	ABS	Written	2-Nov
4	1	Bilyk	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	ABS	Written	1-Nov
5	1	Ketter	Subscription to product safety alerts	Senator KETTER: How many people have subscribed to the product safety alerts distribution list? Mr Grimwade: I don't have that figure precisely, so I might take that on notice, but it would be I think in the tens of thousands. But I should note that we are aware that 3.62 million consumers have accessed the ismyairbagsafe.com.au website, and through that process over half a million consumers have had a vehicle identified as having an affected airbag.	ACCC/AER	8/9	25-Oct
6	1	Ketter	Faulty Takata replacements	Senator KETTER: But, where it has happened, if a driver is injured, in the course of driving a vehicle as a result of a faulty replacement, is the Commonwealth liable? Mr Grimwade: I don't have an answer to that question. I might have to take that on notice. The fact is that there's much greater risk of an older Takata inflator misdeploying than a new Takata inflator. The best evidence that the Commonwealth has received, from the pre-eminent expert in the world—Dr Harold Blomquist—and supported by numerous expert studies, is that the minimum safe life of a Takata inflator is six years and, frankly, they're the worst of the worst inflators. The more modern Takata inflators may present a risk much later on than that, and that risk itself is only going to present in the most hot and humid environment as well.	ACCC/AER	9	25-Oct

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7	3	Ketter	Investigations into Ethan Affordable Housing Pty Ltd and Quantum Housing Group	In reference to the ACCC investigation into Quantum Housing Group Pty Ltd and previous estimates answer to a question on notice advising the investigation was expected to be finalised in the third quarter of 2018: 1. Has the investigation been finalised? 2. What was the outcome of that investigation? Has the ACCC identified any breaches of any company or consumer law that may result in action again Quantum Housing Group? What are those breaches? 3. What actions are being considered by the ACCC in relation to any identified breaches?	ACCC/AER	Written	2-Nov
8	4	Ketter	Unfair contract terms	1. The ACCC will be able to use mandatory information gathering powers – section 155 notices – in relation to Unfair Contract Terms as part of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Australian Consumer Law Review) Bill 2018. Making UCTs illegal would be the other way of ensuring the ACCC could use such notices. Are there other reasons to make UCTs illegal other that information gathering? What are they? 2. Can you briefly describe the penalty regime as it applies to UCTs? If UCTs are illegal, does that automatically allow the ACCC to pursue penalties? 3. Stakeholders raise UCT thresholds as an issue. Is there any upcoming review into business-to-business UCTs? When is it, and will the ACCC be making representations? 4. Will they be released publicly?	ACCC/AER	Written	2-Nov
9	1	Bilyk	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	ACCC/AER	Written	1-Nov
10	6	Ketter	Ministerial responsibility	1. The ACNC has been the responsibility of six different ministers in the last five years, from the perspective of a regulator, is that kind of turnover regrettable? 2. Has the Commissioner and the new Assistant Minister, Senator Seselja, met since his appointment to discuss the priorities for Australian charities and not-for-profits 3. If 'No' Has the Commissioner sought to meet with Senator Seselja? 4. If 'Yes'- Did the Commissioner or he initiate that conversation? 5. What has the Commissioner flagged, or will flag for Senator Seselja as the most pressing piece of work to be done for the sector? 6. Did he have his own plans? What did he flag as his primary focus while he has responsibility for the ACNC?	ACNC	Written	2-Nov

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11	3	Ketter	Five Year Review Report	1. It's nearly two months since the government released the final report from the mandated five-year review of the ACNC's legislation. Has the Commissioner and Senator Seselja discussed a time table for the government to respond to the report? 2. Did the Commissioner have clear expectations about the process that would follow on from the recommendations coming out of that five-year review? 3. Are those processes proceeding in the manner that had been expected?	ACNC	Written	2-Nov
12	1	Ketter	ACNC Website	The ACNC has recently been celebrating the launch of a new website design – in particular, the charity entries now include visualisations of the major income and expenditure components. Where did this idea come from and what's the principle behind it?	ACNC	Written	2-Nov
13	4	Ketter	IT Upgrade	1. Original tenders for the IT upgrade suggested the scope of work must be fnished by 30 June 2018, can you explain the three month delay? 2. The project had already begun when you became commissioner, did you make any changes to the scope of the project you inherited? 3. What was the name of the company that won the tender? 4. Can you provide specifics of all costs outside contracting and third parties involved in the data and IT upgrade for ACNC records and websites?	ACNC	Written	2-Nov
14	1	Ketter	Overview of political purpose correspondence	Can you provide a (table form or other view) an overview of all political purpose correspondence to registered charities from the ACNC in the last 12 months	ACNC	Written	2-Nov
15	1	Bilyk	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	ACNC	Written	1-Nov
16	1	Ketter	Trustee arrangements	Senator KETTER: Is this a case that you're looking at? And would you agree that these arrangements seem to have been strucken away in a way that on face value prioritises the interests of the NAB over members of the fund? Mrs Rowell: There is a range of matters coming out of the royal commission in relation to the NULIS case, and I would put it in the same category as the other cases that I've talked about where we are looking at all of the information that has come through and analysing our understanding of it, how it might differ from what we understood before and what the further steps are. This would be one of the matters that would be canvassed as part of that. Senator KETTER: Was APRA aware of this agreement before the royal commission? Mrs Rowell: I'm not sure we specifically were—no. Senator KETTER: Can you take that on notice? Mrs Rowell: Yes.	APRA	34	25-Oct

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17	1	Ketter	APRA reporting standards	Senator KETTER: Can you confirm that the structure of this agreement, where there's no specific fee charged to the member or the trustee, would not be recorded as an investment expense under the current APRA reporting standards? Mrs Rowell: I would need to take that question on notice. I'm not familiar with the particular arrangement. Today I don't have the details of that particular arrangement in front of me. We will take that on notice. I would say, though, that we are aware that there are gaps in our expense reporting and we would like to close those gaps. Some of it requires legislation through parliament to get the expense looked through provision so that we can then undertake our consultation to get more granular reporting of a number of items. Senator KETTER: The agreement, when you look at it, expresses the client margin as the RBA, OCR, minus 50 basis points per annum. It's not expressed as a fee; it's expressed as a client margin. You'll come back to us on that.	APRA	34	25-Oct
18	1	Ketter	Fee caps	Senator KETTER: You identified legislation that's coming before us. Can you tell us whether these types of arrangements would be captured under the fee caps in the protecting superannuation package bill? Mrs Rowell: I'd need to take that on notice. Senator KETTER: As a matter of principle, do you think they should be? Mrs Rowell: As a matter of principle, the intention of the fee caps is to cover all of the fees that are charged to members. As I'm sitting here at the moment, trying to understand how those costs and fees flow through, I can't give you an answer as to whether they should. We'll take that on notice.	APRA	35	25-Oct

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19	7	Whish-Wilson	‘Competition champion’ in the financial system	The Final Report of Productivity Commission’s inquiry into Competition in the Financial System stated: In the absence of a competition advocate in the financial system, the role of juggling competition and financial stability falls mainly to APRA… 1. Does APRA agree with this statement? 2. How does APRA play the role of ‘competition champion’ in the financial system? 3. What powers does APRA have to ensure competition in the financial system? 4. What powers has APRA exercised to ensure competition in the financial system? 5. How many resources does APRA have dedicated to ensuring competition in the financial system? The RBA October 2018 Financial Stability Review states: The CFR [Council of Financial Regulators] considered the final report of the PC [Productivity Commission’s] inquiry into competition in the Australian financial system. Discussions focused on the recommendations related to the CFR – for instance, the inclusion of a ‘competition champion’ on the CFR and the release of CFR minutes – along with initial consideration of the PC’s other recommendations. CFR members supported the current composition of the CFR and arrangements for regular engagement with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). They noted that the Treasury effectively played the role of ‘competition champion’. They also noted that the establishment of the ACCC’s Financial Services Unit had increased the level of engagement between individual CFR agencies and the ACCC on financial sector competition issues. 6. Does APRA agree with this statement? The Final Report of Productivity Commission’s inquiry into Competition in the Financial System recommended:	APRA	Written	2-Nov
20	5	Whish-Wilson	Prudential setting that incentivise mortgage lending	One of Key Points in the Final Report of the Productivity Commission’s inquiry into Competition in the Financial System was: More nuance in the design of APRA’s prudential measures — both in risk weightings and in directions to authorised deposit-taking institutions — is essential to lessen market power and address an imbalance that has emerged in lending between businesses and housing. 1. Does APRA agree with this finding? 2. When designing prudential measures, does APRA take into account what incentive would be provided for mortgage lending? 3. Has APRA analysed the impact prudential measures, and mortgage risk weights in particular, have had on banks’ lending preferences, and their preference for mortgage lending in particular? 4. Has APRA analysed the impact prudential measures, and mortgage risk weights in particular, have had on house price growth? The Productivity Commission recommended (16.1) a standardised approach to mortgage risk weights for small business lending: 5. Does APRA agree with this recommendation?	APRA	Written	2-Nov

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21	7	Whish-Wilson	Targeted reviews and mortgage risk weights	In respect of the request by APRA in 2016 that the major banks undertake an audit of their data policies, procedures and controls relating to mortgage lending: 1. Were the findings of these reviews communicated to other financial regulators? 2. Were the findings of these reviews discussed at the Council of Financial Regulators? 3. What was the regulatory response to the findings of these reviews? The targeted reviews (released by the Royal Commission) detail substantial shortcomings with the lending standards of the major banks: 4. Has APRA estimated the value of home loans that have been issued by the major banks as a result of their shortcomings in lending standards? In other words, how much more did the major banks lend as a result of their substandard approach to mortgage lending? 5. Has APRA analysed the length of time over which there were shortcomings with the lending standards of the major banks? In other words, how long were the practises uncovered by the targeted views going on; and are they still going on? 6. In light of the findings of the targeted reviews, has APRA reconsidered whether the major banks meet the requirement to have a ‘strong and sophisticated risk management framework and capacity’ in order to be approved to use an internal risk based (IRB) approach to mortgage capital? 7. In Westpac’s recent admission that it wrongly assess 10,500 home loans, has APRA reconsidered whether Westpac meets the requirement to have a ‘strong and sophisticated risk management framework and capacity’ in order to be IRB approved?	APRA	Written	2-Nov
22	2	Ketter	Private Health Insurance	In each state/territory and Commonwealth electorate: 1. How many people are covered by private health insurance? a. Of these, how many have hospital cover? b. Of these, how many have extras cover? c. Of these, how many have combined cover? 2. How many private health insurance policies are held? a. Of these, how many are hospital policies? b. Of these, how many are extras policies? c. Of these, how many are combined policies?	APRA	Written	2-Nov
23	1	Bilyk	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	APRA	Written	1-Nov

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24	2	Abetz	GetUp	Senator ABETZ: Are you able to disclose what the deficiencies were? Mr Price: I don't have that information to hand. Senator ABETZ: Can you take that on notice. Mr Price: Yes; I'm happy to. Senator ABETZ: Thank you, Mr Price. The second lot of documents that were filed were the ones that have the handwritten markings on the documentation—is that correct? Mr Price: I haven't personally reviewed them myself. Senator ABETZ: Alright. So, do the revisions relate to GetUp's constitution include retracting the false representation that it is in fact a charitable purpose? Mr Price: I'd like to actually take that on notice. That matter hasn't been raised with me previously. Senator ABETZ: Right, because I have raised previously that they inserted in, I think, 2015 into their objects that they were a charitable purpose in pursuing progressive politics. But, for charitable purposes, they are not registered as a charity, and I have criticised this on a number of occasions as potentially misleading the public. I believe that now that has been deleted. Mr Price: Perhaps if I can make one comment: the nature of a company's constitution is effectively simply a contract between the company and its members, and so it has in many senses no greater regulatory importance than that. So, it's not possible for an outsider to attack it or enforce it. Nonetheless, I'll take the matter you raised on notice.	ASIC	116	24-Oct
25	4	Abetz	GetUp's records	Senator ABETZ: But GetUp! was saying it was so transparent and wonderful and that everybody ought to follow their example, then of course deliberately did not, I would suggest, have its list of members. Then, when challenged about it, it has now changed its constitution to no longer require that of themselves. But can I ask: given that it was in the constitution, how long does GetUp! have to maintain its records, and could people request an inspection of the records, as it was required prior to the change on 19 July this year? Mr Price: Section 173 of the Corporations Act—I mentioned the Corporations Act has some requirements around member registers—requires that a company must allow any person to inspect a register, such as a register of members. In answer to your question, that register of members needs to extend over the last seven years, from my understanding. That is section 169. Senator ABETZ: Any member of the public can— Mr Price: There are restrictions about who can inspect company registers, and those restrictions were actually put in place by parliament. It wasn't so long ago. It was in response to concerns that people, such as a gentleman by the name of David Tweed, were inspecting company registers and then using that information to make low-ball offers to people to buy their shares in circumstances—but, yes, people can— Senator ABETZ: But, with a company such as this there are no fears to be bought, as I understand it. Mr Price: No. That's right. Perhaps I'll take that on notice, because it is a company limited by guarantee. So it's not the typical shareholder situation. I'm also cognisant that there were those changes that were put in recently, so I would like to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: Thank you. Did the changes also include abolishing the category of ordinary members? Mr Price: As far as the constitutional amendments went? Senator ABETZ: Yes.	ASIC	117/118	24-Oct

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26	1	Patrick	Royal Commission	Senator PATRICK: I'm just looking at the royal commission executive summary, and I recall reading this on the day. It says: When misconduct was revealed, it either went unpunished or the consequences did not meet the seriousness of what had been done. The conduct regulator, ASIC, rarely went to court to seek public denunciation of and punishment for misconduct. It went on to say some other things, and there was a point in there that stood out to me, which was: Passing some new law to say, again, 'Do not do that', would add an extra layer of legal complexity to an already complex regulatory regime. I have here the explanatory memorandum to the bill that was introduced, and perhaps I will ask you about that. But in response to the first point I made about his view about the regulator—and I know you're new to the role, Mr Shipton, but you have been there since, is it January or February? Mr Shipton: February. Senator PATRICK: February. Can you tell me what you have done since that time? And maybe just keep it short for today, and perhaps provide more detail on notice. Is there something you can provide this committee that shows that things have changed between when you started and now? Mr Shipton: The first thing that we did when I arrived is look at and change our governance processes, how we make decisions, because I actually— Senator PATRICK: I'm really talking about outcomes. I'm trying to get the metrics here— Mr Shipton: The process is important for the outcomes, and that process then led to delivering a number of months ago a strategic plan to the government about the outcome of accelerating our enforcement activity and that's what we're doing. We are now accelerating. We are moving cases through the processes faster because we have more resources and more funding. We have also started a new supervisory approach in relation to the large financial institutions, the big four and AMP. We have an onsite supervisory program which is the first of its kind in Australia. That is a new	ASIC	121/122	24-Oct

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27	1	Patrick	directions and powers	Senator PATRICK: I'll just move to my last question, if that's okay, which relates to what Justice Hayne said about how new laws might actually make things more complex. I'm just looking at the explanatory memorandum here. Without prejudice to my position on the bill—we haven't looked at it, and we will look at it with an open mind. Question 1: perhaps a minute or so on whether you think that this is perhaps at odds with what Justice Hayne has suggested in the context that it is creating new laws. And secondly—and it's really in relation to the directions power that we talked about—will I find the appropriate checks and balances? Because whenever we give a power, we like to make sure there's a proper check on it. Mr Shipton: I will ask Deputy Chair Crennan to supplement, but I want to be very careful that we're not passing commentary about whether a bill does or does not meet a standard or whether it passes an observation made in the royal commission. I'd like to separate the discussion, if I may, by just making the point that we believe that these penalties are not new laws. They are technically new laws, but they're not creating new obligations. What they are doing is giving us tools to enable effective administration and provide effective deterrents for existing laws, for existing regulations. But I'll ask Mr Crennan to supplement. Mr Crennan: There's not much more to say except that it's really a combination of two things. It's adding penalty provisions to sections that didn't have any, so that's giving us scope, which is very important from our perspective. It's also an increase—it's three things really—of penalties across the board, which effects more powerful regulation. And, thirdly, it's adding civil penalty provisions to sections that hitherto only had criminal sanctions, which have a higher burden of proof. So it's improving the landscape of litigation outcomes and relief that we can pursue. So it's not making it more complex; it's actually making it more attractive. Senator PATRICK: Okay, so that frames out nicely as they walk away. Ms Armour: Importantly, we'll have a disgorgement-of-profits remedy. Senator PATRICK: You didn't answer the question about checks and balances	ASIC	123	24-Oct
28	1	McAllister	Thorn Australia	Senator McALLISTER: I have some quite fact-based questioning that I want to talk to you about, and there's not a great deal of it. If we could move through it relatively quickly, I think the opposition senators would be in a position to conclude our questioning quite quickly. I wanted to ask you about the enforceable undertaking that you entered into with Thorn Australia, which is the business that owns Radio Rentals and Rentlo Reinvented. I understand that, as part of that, Radio Rentals admitted to breaching the National Consumer Credit Protection Act four times in each of over 275,000 consumer leases that it entered into over the three years between 2012 and 2015, which is quite a large scale of unlawful activity. Of the 275,000 consumers, each of whom were subject to four breaches of the National Consumer Credit Protection Act, how many will receive compensation from Thorn? Mr Saadat: I think we might have to take that on notice. The remediation program that's associated with that outcome requires about $6.1 million in refunds to consumers as well as another $13.8 million in refunds for consumers who overpaid their accounts. I don't have in front of me the number of consumers who will be receiving a refund, but I can take that on notice and come back to you with that information.	ASIC	123	24-Oct
29	1	McAllister	Discussions with ASIC	Senator McALLISTER: Have any government ministers, their officers or anyone from Treasury discussed the content of this enforceable undertaking with ASIC? Mr Saadat: Not that I'm aware of, but I can take that on notice.	ASIC	124	24-Oct

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30	2	McAllister	Malouf Group	Senator McALLISTER: Let's start with Malouf, because we can do them in sequence. In the Federal Court proceedings against Malouf Group, how did ASIC arrive at a figure of $1.1 million for consumer remediation payments as part of the enforceable undertaking? Mr Saadat: I will have to take that on notice, Senator. Senator McALLISTER: What was the total estimated consumer detriment as a result of Malouf Group's unconscionable conduct and false and misleading representations, which I note that they admitted to? Mr Saadat: Sorry, I'll have to take that on notice as well.	ASIC	124	24-Oct
31	2	McAllister	Spaceship advertising campaign	Senator McALLISTER: Thank you. I just have a couple of questions. I understand that there was a $12,600 infringement notice to Spaceship Financial Services in relation to marketing statements that you believed were misleading. Mr Mullaly: Sorry, I missed the last part. Senator McALLISTER: I understand that the infringement notice related to misleading advertising. Wednesday, 24 October 2018 Senate Page 125 ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE Mr Mullaly: Yes, misleading representations. Senator McALLISTER: Did ASIC require Spaceship to offer compensation to consumers as a result of that misleading advertising campaign? Mr Mullaly: I would have to take that on notice, but I'm not sure that we did. I would have to confirm that. Senator McALLISTER: But Spaceship did benefit from the campaign. It would have received payments as a consequence— Mr Mullaly: Well, potentially it did. One would think that the purpose that it engaged in it was to attract more members. We were concerned about it. I'm not sure that we'd had any indication of any loss to consumers. I'm not sure that we had any indication of widespread complaint by members of the fund or other consumers. Senator McALLISTER: Did you prepare an estimate of the benefit that Spaceship obtained through the advertising campaign? Mr Mullaly: I would have to take that on notice. Senator McALLISTER: Okay. Chair, that's it for me. Thank you for your answers.	ASIC	125	24-Oct
32	3	Patrick	ASIC Statutory, ASIC Referrals and ASIC Initiated prosecutions	1. QON 784 on the Senate Notice paper asked a series of questions about the use of ASIC statutory powers covering FY16/17 and prior years. Please update this answer for FY 17/18. 2. Please provide the number of ASIC referrals to the CDPP over the past four financial years (irrespective of whether a prosecution resulted or not). 3. Please provide the number of successful ASIC initiated prosecutions over the past four financial years.	ASIC	Written	2-Nov

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33	6	Whish-Wilson	Stakeholder events	On 25 September 2018, ASIC held a stakeholder event in Hobart: 1. Can you provide the full invitation list for this event? 2. Can you provide the full attendee list for this event? 3. Have ASIC held similar events in other states? Can you provide the date and location of these other events; the full invitation list for each of these events; and the full attendee list for each of these events? 4. What is individual cost of each of these events, including staff travel and accommodation, catering, venue hire, etc? 5. What is the total cost of all of these events, including staff travel and accommodation, catering, venue hire, etc? 6. Has ASIC assessed the success of these events? In other words, how did these events help ASIC achieve its objectives?	ASIC	Written	2-Nov
34	12	Ketter	Initial Coin Offerings	1. What is ASIC's anticipated dollar figure of capital raising by ICOs in [illegible]? 2. What is ASIC's anticipated dollar figure of capital raising by ICOs in 2025? 3. How many people were involved in setting up the ICO watchdog? a. And how many current FTE are working on the watchdog? b. And how many current FTE are working on ICO related work? 4. Can ASIC please provide three or more case examples illustrating the application of Chapter 6D (financial products / fundraising) of the Corporations Act 2001 to potential ICOs or examples from within the ICO sector? 5. Can ASIC please provide detail of the work has been completed by the ICO regulatory watchdog? 6. How much did it cost to set the ICO regulatory watchdog up? 7. What level of priority does the ICO regulatory watchdog have within ASIC at the moment? 8. Can ASIC please provide an update on the ICO sector in Australia including: a. how many corporations operating? b. how many corporations operating here but are registered overseas? c. how quickly in the sector growing? d. how quickly is the Australian registered sector growing? e. What are the barriers for corporations registering an ICO in Australia compared to in another jurisdiction? f. How can these barriers be overcome? 9. Can ASIC provide details of its engagement with the sector? Where geographically is this engagement coming from? 10. How does ASICs ICO regime compare to those overseas? 11. Can ASIC provide a detailed explanation as to whether or not ICOs are a financial product or service? If this has not been decided can ASIC provide details of when it will make a call on this and using what indicators? 12. Can ASIC provide a detailed explanation of the risks anticipated in relation to ICOs at this point in time and what is ASIC doing to mitigate	ASIC	Written	2-Nov

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35	7	Ketter	Sandbox Update	1. Can ASIC please provide the number of fintechs that have used the Sandbox to date? 2. Can ASIC please provide the target number of fintechs to use the Sandbox? 3. Can ASIC please provide a definition or anticipated successful Sandbox scheme including: a. Targets for how many fintechs using the Sandbox b. Targets for how many fintechs going to market after using the Sandbox 4. Can ASIC please provide the number of fintechs currently using the sandbox? 5. Can ASIC please provide the number of fintechs that have gone on to set up other companies or commercialised off the back of using the Sandbox? 6. Can ASIC please provide the feedback received from the sector regarding the sandbox? 7. Can ASIC please provide the number of fintechs an assessment of how sandbox use in Australia compares to the sandbox in the UK?	ASIC	Written	2-Nov
36	9	Ketter	Blockchain Taskforce	1. Can ASIC please state who currently heads the Blockchain Taskforce within ASIC? 2. Can ASIC please state what work has been completed by the Blockchain Taskforce to date? 3. Can ASIC please state what work is currently being undertaken by the Blockchain Taskforce? 4. Can ASIC please state what work is planned for the Blockchain Taskforce? 5. Can ASIC please state how does ASIC's work in this space compares to the work being completed in this space overseas? 6. Can ASIC please state whether ASIC identified areas where this technology can be used within government? a. If yes, would ASIC agree that "for every use of blockchain that you would consider today there is a better technology"? 7. Can ASIC please state whether blockchain needs to be standardised? 8. Can ASIC please state which department or agency would be responsible for standardising blockchain in Australia? And whether this would be a role for the taskforce? a. If yes, has this been done? Has it been commenced? When will it be completed? b. If no, who's job would this be? When would it need to be done by? 9. Can ASIC please state how many ASIC employees have been assigned to the taskforce? a. Is this anticipated to expand?	ASIC	Written	2-Nov

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37	1	Bilyk	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	ASIC	Written	1-Nov
38	1	Faruqi	complaints about organisations that provide chaplaincy programs in schools	Schools made a complaint to the tax office regarding this organisation, Scripture Union Queensland? Mr Olesen: I'd have to take that on notice. Senator FARUQI: Could you provide that on notice reasonably quickly, or not? Mr Olesen: I'll check as part of that process, certainly. Senator FARUQI: Could you also provide a list of any other complaints, or any organisations that have made complaints about organisations that provide chaplaincy programs in schools. Mr Olesen: Again, subject to privacy and confidentiality, we're happy to have a look at that.	ATO	63	24-Oct
39	1	Rice	Business register	Senator RICE: How often is the business register updated? Mr Dyce: Unfortunately that's not something I know, but I can take that on notice. I would imagine that, if the status changes, it would be updated quite promptly. Senator RICE: Thank you.	ATO	65	24-Oct
40	1	Keneally	Tabling a letter	Ms Guthrie? Mr Jordan: I will have to take that on notice. I would be happy to, but I don't know what the protocols are. Senator KENEALLY: It's your letter. Surely you can decide. Mr Jordan: I don't know. I always get the general counsel telling me what I can't do. Senator KENEALLY: Maybe you should listen to them. Mr Jordan: I will defer to the general counsel. Mr Todd: We will take it on notice. Senator Cormann: I'm sure you could table your letter, but you can take it on notice. Mr Jordan: I will take it on notice.	ATO	66	24-Oct
41	1	Leyonhjelm	GST on breastfeeding aides	Senator LEYONHJELM: I will take that, thank you. I will also get in the third question, if I can. This is probably answered quite quickly. GST on breastfeeding aides applies and yet you could easily classify breastfeeding aides is either health care or fresh food, which are both GST free. By what authority is determined that they are not GST free? Is it an ATO decision or somebody else makes that decision? Mr Jordan: The person who would know the answer to that is suggesting to me that we take that on notice.	ATO	67	24-Oct

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42	1	Leyonhjelm	Disputed assessment	Senator LEYONHJELM: That didn't answer my question. I know of cases where it has turned out that the taxpayer has been effectively compelled to pay over a disputed assessment, and down the track the ATO actually returned that money to the taxpayer on the basis that it wasn't owed. What's the ATO's policy in relation to how it handles that? Mr Ravanello: I think there are two scenarios that could occur there. This is a situation where there is a dispute active and the dispute is settled in favour of the taxpayer. If the taxpayer had entered a fifty-fifty arrangement—which is an arrangement whereby we reach agreement with the taxpayer to pay 50 per cent of the primary liability that's being disputed—and should the dispute be settled in the taxpayer's favour, that money is refunded and we pay interest. If there were recovery action and we actually recovered the funds from the taxpayer, I would have to take on notice what action we would do there. I am not aware of cases of that nature, so I will take that on notice. Senator LEYONHJELM: That is not the scenario I was thinking of either. What would you do in a situation where you didn't reach a 50-50 agreement with the taxpayer, because the taxpayer said, 'I don't owe any of the money that you are claiming'? Mr Ravanello: In the vast majority of cases, we take no action and wait for the dispute to be heard. As I mentioned earlier, in a small number of cases, where there is risk of dissipation of assets, criminal activity or phoenix, we do take recovery action. So in a small number of cases, we take recovery action. And it is possible, in those cases where we take recovery action, that the dispute could be finalised in the taxpayer's favour. I'm not aware of cases where that has happened and I am happy to take on notice what would happen in such a situation.	ATO	68	24-Oct
43	2	Faruqi	duration of an investigation into a suspected breach of an organisations deductible gift recipient status	What is the typical duration of an investigation into a suspected breach of an organisations deductible gift recipient status? If data is available, what is the average duration?	ATO	Written	1-Nov

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44	8	Cameron	Trade Support Loans	1. Total number of people who have received a Trade Support Loan. Please also provide by state, gender and age group. 2. Total loan amounts received by Trade Support Loan recipients by total, state, gender and age group, for each year of the scheme, and for the full period of the scheme. 3. Total loan amounts repaid by Trade Support Loan recipients by total, state, gender and age group, for each year of the scheme, and for the full period of the scheme. 4. Total of any debt that is in arrears from the Trade Support Loan scheme. 5. The number of Trade Support Loan recipients who also hold other income contingent student debts. 6. How many TSL recipients have commenced repayment of their TSL? a. How much of the total TSL debt been repaid? 7. How many loan recipients have dropped out of their apprenticeship? a. What is the total debt that those people hold? b. How many have commenced repayment of their TSL without having completed their apprenticeship? c. How much is owed, and how much has been repaid by this group? 8. How many loan recipients have completed their apprenticeship or traineeship and have had their debt reduced by 20 per cent? a. What is the total amount that has been 'discounted' due to completion? b. How much is owed by this group?	ATO	Written	2-Nov
45	4	Cameron	VET Student Loans	1. Total loan amounts received by VET Student Loan (VSL) recipients by total, state, gender and age group, for each year of the scheme, and for the full period of the scheme. 2. Total loan amounts repaid by (VSL) recipients by total, state, gender and age group, for each year of the scheme, and for the full period of the scheme. 3. Total of debt that is in arrears from the VSL scheme. 4. The number of VSL recipients who also hold other income contingent student debts.	ATO	Written	2-Nov
46	6	Cameron	VET FEE HELP	1. Total loan amounts received by VET FEE HELP (VFH) recipients by total, state, gender and age group, for each year of the scheme, and for the full period of the scheme. 2. Total loan amounts repaid by VFH recipients by total, state, gender and age group, for each year of the scheme, and for the full period of the scheme. 3. Total of debt that is in arrears from the VFH scheme. 4. The number of VFH recipients who also hold other income contingent student debts. 5. The number of VHF recipients that have reached the income threshold and were required to repay debt in each financial year since the schemes inception. 6. The number of VFH debt holders that currently have their repayments for VFH debts suspended pending investigations into their VFH debt.	ATO	Written	2-Nov

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47	5	Ketter	ATO Management and Processes	1. I refer to a report in the Australian Financial Review on October 17 titled 'Australian Tax Office shake-up puts private sector experts at the helm'. This follows the retirement of second commissioner Neil Olesen. So my questions relate to the make-up of the current senior ATO team. Commissioner, can you confirm that all Commissioner and Second Commissioner positions are held by men, and detail what gender considerations are made in selection processes? 2. As per the AFR report, all these senior positions are filled by ex-private sector employees, with the Commissioner and Mr Hirschorn both from one firm, KPMG. While few would question the need for some private sector experience, can you confirm that no Commissioner or Second Commissioner roles after Mr Olesen's departure are filled by people with extensive public sector experience? Can you explain why this is acceptable? 3. How does the ATO respond to allegations of personal misconduct, including alleged sexual harassment, by senior ATO officials (deputy commissioner level or above)? 4. To your knowledge, have the offices of the Assistant Treasurer and/or former Minister for Revenue and Financial Services, received complaints about the behaviour of any senior ATO officials? Have you engaged with those offices or Ministers about any complaints? 5. Have senior management or elsewhere in the ATO received formal complaints about alleged sexual harassment or misconduct towards women by senior male ATO officials? If so, when were these allegations raised? What was the result of the complaints?	ATO	Written	2-Nov
48	8	Ketter	ATO Second Commissioner of Appeals	1. In relation to the Commissioner's opening statement (that Andrew Mills is an "independent second commissioner") What is meant here by "independent"? 2. Can you identify what legislation makes Mr Mills an independent Second Commissioner? 3. What legislation makes Mr Mills and his line structurally separate and independent? 4. Can you detail what formal consent of an individual taxpayer is required for Mr Mills to discuss their cases with the original auditor? Where is this legislated? 5. How long has the ATO been describing Mr Mills as an "independent second commissioner"? What date did the ATO start? 6. What binds Mr Mills as "independent"? How can taxpayers have an assurance that you are truly independent from the original auditor? 7. How does the "independent second commissioner" role of Mr Mills differ to the independent appeals second commissioner recommendation by the inspector General of Taxation. 8. Can you please table the guidance, internal or external, that details your independence?	ATO	Written	2-Nov

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49	6	Ketter	Multinational Assessments / Taskforce Highlights	1. The recent release of the ATO's Tax Avoidance Taskforce states "Nearly $3 billion in liabilities [has been] raised against large public groups and multinational corporations". In June, ATO figures indicated the figure was around $2.7 billion to 31 May 2018. Is $3 billion the final multinational and large private group figure for these taxpayers raised by the Tax Avoidance Taskforce for 2017-18? 2. The comparable figure in the 2016-17 year was $4 billion. Can you explain the difference between years on the amount collected from large multinationals? 3. In previous correspondence and testimony, the Commissioner of Taxation and tax office officials have said the Multinational Anti Avoidance Law and Diverted Profits Tax were not directly attributable to the revenue figures being cited by the ATO and the Government, but rather the assessments were retrospective to years before those measures came into force. Is the $3 billion figure from multinationals and large private companies directly attributable to the MAAL and/or DPT? 4. Is the $3 billion completely in relation to financial years after the MAAL and DPT came on line, or are the assessments primarily for years prior to the start dates of those laws? Can the ATO provide a breakdown of financial years for which the $3 billion figure's assessments relate to? 5. In the Commissioner's opening address, the Commissioner states the Tax Avoidance Taskforce… [has] already collected more than $5.6 billion in cash". Can you provide a breakdown of what financial years those liabilities relate to, and whether the MAAL and DPT were applicable in each of those financial years? 6. In the 2017-18 Annual report, the Commissioner says taskforce activity resulted in "over $1.3 billion from multinationals and public groups". Can you please provide a breakdown of revenue attributable to multinationals and public groups for each year of Taskforce existence?	ATO	Written	2-Nov
50	5	Ketter	Promoter Penalties	1. The Australian Financial Review (9 October 2018) reports that the Tax Office is examining whether tax promoter penalties can be applied to large accounting firms. Can you briefly describe how promoter penalties work for large cases, including those uncovered by the leaks of documents like the so-called Paradise Papers? 2. Deputy Commission Mr Konza is reported to have said that it appears intermediaries are often being used in tax schemes to exploit legal privilege. Does the ATO have public commentary or guidance on where it believes the boundaries of legal professional privilege versus promoter penalty law lies? Can it please be provided to the committee? 3. Has the ATO made representations to Treasury or Government about potential reforms to Tax Administration or Income Tax laws on strengthening promoter penalty laws and/or clarifying the boundaries of professional legal privilege? 4. In the ATO's view, what reforms to the law need to be taken to ensure the ATO can pursue promoter penalties appropriately? 5. Can the ATO provide its views on where legal professional privilege lays in regards to promoter penalties?	ATO	Written	2-Nov

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51	7	Ketter	Royalties and Services in DPT	1. In response to a question at last Estimates, the ATO stated that no data was available on the number of audits concerns royalty matters. Can you explain why that data isn't available, and if it can be made available in future? If not, why won't the ATO compile this data? 2. Can the ATO please provide an overview and guidance on how transfer pricing rules are applied to royalty payments, particularly Significant Global Entities? 3. Does the ATO have concerns that sometimes royalties can be embedded and effectively hidden? For example, would a shoe company be able to sell a wholesale price shoe into Australia effectively pricing in the trademark of the brand while avoiding any withholding on that royalty? 4. Other parts of income tax law have 'trading stock' provisions. Is there a definition of trading stock that would apply to Significant Global Entities? Is there a need for "look through" provisions to capture royalties embedded in products? 5. Has the ATO engaged in discussions with the Treasury and/or Government about potential integrity measure reforms to ensure royalties are captured appropriately? What type of recommendations? 6. Does the ATO have concerns about particular methodologies for "Arm's Length Pricing" of services and royalties? Which methodologies does the ATO have concerns about and why? 7. Would it be appropriate to have alternative pricing methodologies? For example, thin capitalisation has three tests for the quantum of debt including arms-length.	ATO	Written	2-Nov
52	3	Ketter	Low Value GST on Imports	1. How many businesses have registered for the GST on Low Value Goods that are imported? 2. How much revenue has been collected under the measure to date? 3. Is the government undertaking any compliance or monitoring at all at the border on goods where GST has not been paid?	ATO	Written	2-Nov

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53	7	Ketter	ATO Community Sessions	1. I refer to correspondence provided to the Shadow Assistant Treasurer from the Commissioner, in response to the Shadow Assistant Treasurer raising community member allegations that ATO officials had made editorial comment about Labor's tax policies, including a statement rhetorically asking if you could trust an incoming government to keep its commitments. You note "an independent senior ATO officer has made preliminary enquiries into the matters". Can you please detail what amounts to preliminary enquiries? 2. How does the ATO select an "independent senior ATO officer"? How are they independent and what level of seniority are they? 3. You state in your letter that the "senior officer has also spoken separately to two members of the public who were at the session". Were both or either of those two members of the public involved with the organisation of the community session, or known personally to either ATO official at the session? 4. You write in your letter that the two ATO officers state they "did not make any comment on the opposition's policies" – did the senior official ascertain whether the policies were discussed at all at the session with the ATO officials? Why not? 5. The allegations put to the Commissioner contained quite specific allegations that Labor's policies on negative gearing and capital gains tax, and on refundable excess franking credits, were discussed at the community session. Did the ATO officers deny such a discussion happened at all? What efforts did the so-called independent senior ATO officer make to find out whether these matters were discussed and whether the ATO officers made comment about Labor's policies? 6. Two members of the community were present at the session, and both have stated that the ATO officials fielded questions from those present about Labor's policies. How can you confidently state that the ATO officials did not make any comment on the Opposition's policies? 7. I quote from an email from the second witness to the session wrote in	ATO	Written	2-Nov
54	1	Bilyk	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	ATO	Written	1-Nov

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55	2	Ketter	abolition of the energy supplement	1. Senator KETTER: Can you tell us when the decision was made to no longer proceed with the abolition of the energy supplement? Mr Atkinson: That's part of cabinet's deliberations. Senator KETTER: But it was after budget? Mr Rollings: Yes. Senator KETTER: When was that decision communicated to you? Mr Atkinson: I'd have to take that on notice. I suspect it would be through the normal cabinet minute process. Senator KETTER: So could you take that on notice. Where would the fiscal impact of this be included? Mr Atkinson: The impact was provisioned for in the contingency reserve, so the impact was in there. 2. Senator KETTER: Going back to the energy supplement issue, I'm just interested in what your understanding is of the circumstances that triggered the decision to abolish this measure or to not proceed with this measure? It was done at the same time as the announcement of not proceeding with the company tax cuts for big businesses. Was it always intended that that would happen in the context of the company tax legislation? Mr Atkinson: I'm sorry, we can take it on notice, but I don't have any specific knowledge of when those decisions happened or the decisions of when they would be announced. Senator KETTER: If you could take that on notice, that would be good. Mr Atkinson: Yes.	Budget Policy Division	95/97	24-Oct
56	1	Ketter	Qualifying age for the pension measure	Senator KETTER: Turning to another measure that has been dumped: the proposal to increase the qualifying age for the pension to 70. That was announced on the Today show on 4 September. Were you aware that the Prime Minister would be making this announcement prior to it being taken to cabinet? Mr Atkinson: I'm not sure. We certainly participated in the normal cabinet processes with respect to costing and policy development. I'm not sure about the specific dates of when we knew what. Senator KETTER: Can you take that on notice? Mr Atkinson: Yes.	Budget Policy Division	97	24-Oct

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57	1	Ketter	bilateral school funding agreements	Senator KETTER: Was it Treasury's view on or about 15 September that negotiations on bilateral school-funding agreements would be concluded with all the states and territories by 4 October? Mr Atkinson: It's difficult to tell, with state negotiations, when it will be done. I believe that was our target date at the time. Senator KETTER: I'm asking about Treasury's expectations as to when these agreements would be concluded. Mr Atkinson: It's a negotiation process, so a lot of it depends on the states. Senator KETTER: Sure, but I'm asking: did you have a goal to have these agreements concluded with all the states and territories by 4 October? Mr Atkinson: I think that, at the CFFR meeting, an ambition to do it by a date that sounds about then was expressed by ministers. Senator KETTER: And did you advise the Prime Minister or the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet of your view? Mr Atkinson: I didn't express a view, but I updated the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on the tenor of the conversation at CFFR. Senator KETTER: What about your ambition, to use your word, of having these agreements concluded by 4 October? Mr Atkinson: Sorry, Senator, to clarify: that was not my ambition; the time frame to move quickly was expressed by the state treasurers and the Commonwealth Treasurer. I'm not sure of the date, by the way. Can I take the date on notice? Senator KETTER: Did Treasury share that ambition? Mr Atkinson: We always support the ambitions of the government. Senator KETTER: On 19 September, the Prime Minister gave an answer to a question without notice on why he had cancelled the COAG meeting due to be held on 4 October. In that answer he said: The two items that were going to be addressed at the COAG meeting related to the education funding arrangements which are being pursued by the education ministers' council as well as the Council on Federal Financial Relations, who have advised the premiers, when I spoke to them directly	Budget Policy Division	98	24-Oct
58	2	Keneally	managing historically high levels of government debt	On page 5 of the Corporate Plan, it says that a long-term challenge includes 'managing historically high levels of government debt'. 1. Is that referring to net debt or gross debt? 2. What is meant by 'historically high'?	Budget Policy Division	Written	2-Nov
59	1	Hume	AAA Credit ratings	CHAIR: How long have we had all three agencies with AAA credit ratings? Mr Atkinson: I'll have to check that. The ratings are actually a part of our Macroeconomic Group's responsibilities.	Budget Policy Division	95/96	24-Oct
60	1	Cameron	repaid debt that may be found to be inappropriate and unacceptable	1. Has any student already repaid debt that may be found to be inappropriate and unacceptable? If so for how many students has this been the case? And what is the amount? 2. How much VFH debt in total has been repaid by students?	ATO	Written	14-Nov
61	6	Keneally	Budget roadshows	On page 4 of the Corporate Plan, there is a mention of 'Budget roadshows'. 1. What are these? 2. Who participates in them? 3. What is the message from these roadshows? 4. How many have been held to date? 5. Who attends from the Department? 6. From the Treasurer's office?	Communications and Parliar	Written	2-Nov

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62	4	Faruqi	Budget Impact of transfers to community housing	1. Does the 2018-19 budget account for the impact of on the budget of transfers from public to community housing? Please explain and quantify the projected impact on all Commonwealth assistance and housing programs. 2. How is the Department budgeting for Commonwealth Rent Assistance in the face of transfers from public housing to community housing? Please provide details. 3. Has the Department accounted for growth in the Community Housing sector in general in the future budget forecasts? 4. How many transfers are expected in each State and Territory to occur over the next year, five years and ten years?	Social Policy Division	Written	1-Nov
63	1	Bilyk	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	CGC	Written	1-Nov
64	1	Bilyk	Executive office upgrades	Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, upgraded in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	Chief Financial Officer Divisio	Written	1-Nov
65	1	Bilyk	Facilities upgrades	Were the facilities of any of the Department's premises upgraded in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	Chief Financial Officer Divisio	Written	1-Nov
66	1	Leyonhjelm	GST generated in WA	How much more GST does WA generate compared to their equal per capita share?	Individuals and Indirect Tax	Written	2-Nov

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67	1	Bilyk	Ministerial Functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	Communications and Parliar	Written	1-Nov
68	2	Bilyk	Media monitoring	1. What was the Department's total expenditure on media monitoring in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? 2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all media monitoring contracts in that period please be provided?	Communications and Parliar	Written	1-Nov
69	3	Bilyk	Advertising and information campaigns	1. What was the Department's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? 2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department run in the relevant period? 3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in that period please be provided?	Communications and Parliar	Written	1-Nov
70	3	Bilyk	Promotional merchandise	1. What was the Department's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? 2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided? 3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided?	Communications and Parliar	Written	1-Nov
71	4	Bilyk	Social media influencers	1. What was the Department's total expenditure on social media influencers during the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? 2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department use social media influencers to promote? 3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided? 4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided?	Communications and Parliar	Written	1-Nov
72	1	Keneally	ministerial arrangements and responsibilities for the Treasury portfolio ministers	Are you able to provide the ministerial arrangements and responsibilities for the Treasury portfolio ministers?	Communications and Parliar	Written	2-Nov
73	2	Keneally	Regional Engagement Plan	Also on page 4 of the Corporate Plan, it mentions an annual 'Regional Engagement Plan' which 'embeds structured regional outreach across the department'. 1. What is the Regional Engagement Plan? a. Are you able to provide a copy of that? 2. Can you describe what is meant by 'structured regional outreach'? a. How is it embedded across the department? b. Can you provide details of what regional outreach has occurred?	Communications and Parliar	Written	2-Nov

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74	4	Keneally	Treasury DLO's	How many Treasury DLOs are there in: 1. The Treasurer's office; 2. The Assistant Treasurer's office; and 3. The Assistant Minister for Treasury and Finance's office? 4. What APS or EL classifications are these DLOs?	Communications and Parliar	Written	2-Nov
75	2	Keneally	Senator Seselja website	Senator Seselja is both a Treasury and Finance portfolio minister, correct? Why is it the case that Senator Seselja only has a Finance website, and not a Treasury website?	Communications and Parliar	Written	2-Nov
76	1	Ketter	Historic Contingency examples	Senator KETTER: Can you give me some historic examples of the types of matters that have been dealt with in the contingency— Mr Atkinson: We could probably provide a couple of examples on notice of announcements that had similar characteristics.	Budget Policy Division	101	24-Oct
77	1	Patrick	AEMO	Senator PATRICK: I'm worried about the situation that was allowed to develop prior to the events occurring. It's the fragility of the system that leads to these other instances. AEMO may well then act very reasonably in response to that, but the point I'm making is that in the lead up to that the system clearly didn't have enough reserves. It was fragile, and that needs to be the focus of attention. Ms Groves: The issues around a secure operating state and those instances were all caused by quite specific issues on the day. We can provide you with more detail about those particular matters if you would like. As you've pointed out, there have been fewer instances recently as well. Each of these instances provides the market with information. AEMO takes that information, acts on it promptly and ensures that we learn. So our system is adapting a lot at the moment. As you are aware, there are a lot of changes in the system, and it is important that we have an adaptive system that learns from each instance, adjusts, learns again and adjusts. That's what I think we are seeing. We felt the behaviour and the actions of AEMO, in respect of those, and subsequently in relation to other matters, has been appropriate.	ACCC/AER	11	25-Oct
78	1	Ketter	Royal Commission review	Senator KETTER: I welcome your appointment, Mr Lonsdale; I think that's a positive thing. But, of course, we need to learn the lessons of the royal commission. Senator Keneally has a follow-up question, but can I ask: when do you expect to finalise the review? Mr Lonsdale: We're in the process of doing it. I don't have an end date to give you right now. We can come back to you on that.	APRA	26	25-Oct

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79	3	Farrell	Administration Costs	1. What was the total cost incurred by the Department on new business cards for all Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Ministerial staff following the change of Prime Minister on 24th August 2018, and the subsequent reshuffle of the Government ministry on 28th August 2018 (please include production, design, and printing costs)? 2. What was the total cost incurred by the Department on new letterhead and personalised stationery for all Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Ministerial staff following the change of Prime Minister on 24th August 2018, and the subsequent reshuffle of the Government ministry on 28th August 2018? (please include production, design, and printing costs) 3. What was the total cost incurred by the Department on new electronic equipment (including telephones, ipads, computers, laptops) for all Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Ministerial staff following the change of Prime Minister on 24th August 2018, and the subsequent reshuffle of the Government ministry on 28th August 2018?	Communications and Parliar	Written	5-Nov
80	2	Hume	Corporate regulators	CHAIR: So these are very significant increases in the penalties that will be available to the corporate regulators. How do they compare to international standards? Ms Williamson: I'm not sure. We might have to take that one on notice, but let me just see. Ms O'Rourke: The international regimes really vary in the way they set up the frameworks and penalties associated with them. There was careful mapping done of the Australian ones, both current and proposed, but I think it would be useful to take on notice a more exact consideration of how they match to particularly the UK. CHAIR: Thank you for that, Ms O'Rourke.	Consumer and Corporations	37	24-Oct

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81	1	McAllister	Dates on which advice was provided to the former minister in response to the feedback on the consultation draft?	Senator McALLISTER: I'm conscious that the exposure draft was published for consultation in October last year. It's 10 months ago that that closed. What further policy work is the department doing on the small-amount credit contract reforms following the consultation period? I assume that the Treasury believes more work needs to be undertaken. Ms Williamson: Following the consultation process last year, we did take the feedback from that process and considered amendments that may be needed to the bill. Some of the feedback was relatively technical in nature and that is work that we have progressed, but there's obviously broader feedback that we received about the income caps and some of the impacts that may flow through from some of the changes. That's feedback that we provided in advice to government and the government is considering that advice. Senator McALLISTER: When was that advice provided? Ms Williamson: With the ministerial changes that occurred, I'd have to take on notice the specific date, but we have briefed the Assistant Treasurer on it. It was in September. Sorry, I'd have to take the specific date on notice. Senator McALLISTER: So the most recent advice was in September this year? Ms Williamson: Correct, to the new, incoming minister. Senator McALLISTER: To the new minister. I'm interested in the first piece of advice that was provided after the conclusion of the consultations back in October last year. Ms Williamson: I'm sorry, I don't have the dates on me of specific advice we provided through the course of late last year and early this year, but certainly advice was provided to the former minister. Senator McALLISTER: Can you take on notice the dates on which advice was provided to the former minister in response to the feedback on the consultation draft? Ms Williamson: Certainly.	Consumer and Corporations	37/38	24-Oct
82	1	Ketter	Access to car manufacturer information	Senator KETTER: Have any government ministers sought a Treasury meeting on access to car manufacturer information since the reshuffle under Prime Minister Morrison? Ms Williamson: We have briefed the responsible minister on the issues. Senator KETTER: But no other ministers? Ms Williamson: Not to my knowledge, but could I take that on notice, please?	Consumer and Corporations	42	24-Oct
83	1	Ketter	Labor's tax policies	Senator KETTER: Since the appointment of the new Treasurer, have you been asked by him or his office to provide any advice or analysis of any of Labor's tax policies? Ms Mrakovcic: I can't recall. I will have to take that on notice. Senator KETTER: Okay. If the answer is, yes, could you also advise us which policies and when did the request occur? Ms Mrakovcic: I will take that on notice.	Corporate and International	53	24-Oct

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84	1	Ketter	company tax cuts for business with turnover of over $50 million	Senator KETTER: When was the decision made to drop the company tax cuts for business with turnover of over $50 million? Senator Cormann: In terms of the specific date, I will have to take that on notice. But obviously sometime in the second half of August, when the Senate decided to vote down our initial enterprise tax plan, we gave an indication at the time that we would assess how we might be able to reframe, recalibrate the measure by prioritising small- and medium-sized businesses. The announcement that was subsequently made, and that was subsequently legislated through the parliament, gave effect to that. In terms of the specific date on when the decision was made, it would have been sometime after we made the announcement that we would consider it in the second half of August.	Corporate and International	56	24-Oct
85	1	Ketter	tax cuts for businesses with a turnover of less than $50 million	Senator KETTER: Can you tell me when the decision was made to accelerate the already legislated tax cuts for businesses with a turnover of less than $50 million? Senator Cormann: You have already asked me that question and I have already taken it on notice. Senator KETTER: No, I have asked you about the businesses in excess of $50 million. Senator Cormann: You are suggesting that we made a decision to accelerate the tax cuts for small businesses at a different time than we made the decision to—I don't understand your question. The question that you have just asked is precisely what I understood the previous question to be, but I am quite happy to put on record that I take this question and the previous question on notice, and I am very confident that it was the same question. Senator KETTER: The previous question was in relation dropping tax cuts to companies with a turnover of above $50 million. Senator Cormann: Sure, but the decision not to proceed with corporate tax cuts for businesses with a turnover above $50 million and the decision to accelerate the corporate tax cuts for businesses with a turnover of up to $50 million is one decision. It is the same question.	Corporate and International	59	24-Oct
86	1	Storer	Housing affordability	Senator STORER: Won't this change ultimately create a disincentive for expatriate Australians to sell their homes? Isn't it the aim of the bill to create reduced pressure on housing affordability by having more stock here? Mr McCullough: I'll have to think about that. In the sense that there's a tax-free period, if you like—there's a transitional time—that might actually put some reverse pressure on. That might put some pressure on to reverse before the time period expires. Can I take the rest of the question on notice and think about that, Senator?	Corporate and International	75	24-Oct
87	4	Storer	Capital gains tax changes for expats	(1) What is the rationale for stopping Australians living abroad from claiming the capital gains tax (CGT) exemption when they sell their main residence? (2) What is the justification for calculating CGT from the date Australians living overseas purchased their property, rather than the date they moved overseas? (3) Won’t this change ultimately create a disincentive for expats to sell their homes? (4) How will such a disincentive increase supply and help improve housing affordability?	Corporate and International	Written	2-Nov

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88	5	Ketter	Fast Tracking Corporate Tax Cuts article in the Australian Financial Review	In relation to the article written by Phil Coorey in the Australian Financial Review on 5 September 2018 titled 'PM's $3.6b corporate tax cuts'. 1. Were you made aware of this article by the Treasurer's office? If so, when? 2. Were you asked by the Treasurer's office to aid in a media response to this article? 3. This quote from the article: "It will also allow Labor to claim we are still planning to give billions to millionaires and multinationals but we are keeping the details secret" – are you aware of who would have written that? If so, who was it? 4. Has Treasury done costings in relation to expanding the accelerated depreciation scheme, specifically to increase the threshold from $2 million to $10 million, or expanding the $20,000 write-off cap? If so, when? 5. Have you been consulting the Department of Jobs and Small Business about any small business taxation policies?	Corporate and International	Written	2-Nov
89	1	Ketter	Cooperatives and Mutual sector Bills	Senator KETTER: I have some follow-up questions in relation to the cooperatives and mutuals sector. When do you expect to release the exposure draft legislation for the second tranche of legislation? Ms D Brown: That legislation is being worked on now. Ultimately it will be a decision of government as to when it is released, but we are working on it currently. Senator KETTER: That's the tranche that deals with the new financial instruments for mutual firms to raise capital? Ms D Brown: That's right. There are some significant issues to deal with there, because different coops and mutuals have different constitutions, so we need to navigate around there to try and find the most efficient way of creating a new instrument that would help their sector. Senator KETTER: Do you anticipate the legislation being introduced into parliament before the end of the year? Ms D Brown: We are working on it as quickly as we can, but introducing legislation depends on a lot of factors. Ultimately it is a decision of government. Senator Seselja: I think it is fair to say, though, that the government is keen for this to progress quickly. But obviously we want to make sure we get it right. There is an urgency in government to get going on this, but whether it is possible before Christmas—hopefully, but we wouldn't be able to absolutely commit to that today. Senator KETTER: Is it Treasury's aim to have the two bills either joined together or introduced as cognate bills? Ms D Brown: I would probably have to take that on notice. I am not aware we have given particular thought to that. We are currently progressing them as separate bills. Senator KETTER: So you haven't provided advice to government about that particular issue? Senator Seselja: I think the feedback for the first phase exposure draft is still going. Obviously as part of that process we will take the feedback. If that is	Financial Systems Division	41	24-Oct

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90	7	Whish-Wilson	‘Competition champion’ in the financial system	The RBA October 2018 Financial Stability Review states: The CFR [Council of Financial Regulators] considered the final report of the PC [Productivity Commission’s] inquiry into competition in the Australian financial system. Discussions focused on the recommendations related to the CFR – for instance, the inclusion of a ‘competition champion’ on the CFR and the release of CFR minutes – along with initial consideration of the PC’s other recommendations. CFR members supported the current composition of the CFR and arrangements for regular engagement with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). They noted that the Treasury effectively played the role of ‘competition champion’. They also noted that the establishment of the ACCC’s Financial Services Unit had increased the level of engagement between individual CFR agencies and the ACCC on financial sector competition issues. 1. Does Treasury agree with this statement? 2. How does Treasury play the role of ‘competition champion’ in the financial system? 3. What powers does Treasury have to ensure competition in the financial system? 4. What powers has Treasury exercised to ensure competition in the financial system? 5. How many resources does Treasury have dedicated to ensuring competition in the financial system? The Final Report of Productivity Commission’s inquiry into Competition in the Financial System stated: In the absence of a competition advocate in the financial system, the role of juggling competition and financial stability falls mainly to APRA… 6. Does Treasury agree with this statement? The Final Report of Productivity Commission’s inquiry into Competition in the Financial System recommended: To address gaps in the regulatory architecture related to lack of effective	Financial Systems Division	Written	2-Nov
91	5	Ketter	Hammond Review on Cooperatives and Mutuals	1. The Government has released draft legislation for the first tranche of mutuals reforms stemming from the Hammond review. When does Treasury expect to release exposure draft legislation for the second tranche, which will include the new financial instrument for mutual firms to raise capital? 2. Does Treasury anticipate legislation to be introduced to Parliament before the end of the year? Will legislation be finalised for Government before the end of the year? 3. Is it Treasury’s aim to have the two bills either joined together, or introduced as cognate bills? Has it provided advice to Government on such matters? 4. An embargoed media release from Senator Seselja was distributed to media outlets on the 22nd October 2018. It stated that Treasurer Frydenberg was attending a press conference with Senator Seslja. When did Senator Seselja’s office raise this with the Treasurer? Was the Treasurer aware of this press conference before October 22? 5. Why did the press conference alert state that the Treasurer Josh Frydenberg and Assistant Minister for Treasury and Finance, Senator Zed Seselja would welcome new draft capital-raising legislation for co-ops, mutuals and mutual ADIS, when no such legislation was released for public consultation?	Financial Systems Division	Written	2-Nov

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92	7	Patrick	CKI application date/Public interest immunity	Senator PATRICK: In respect of the CKI, what was the date of the application? Mr Brake: I'll take that on notice. Senator PATRICK: An approximate month? Was it last month, the previous month? Have we passed the original 30 days? Ms D Brown: They entered into the implementation agreement in August. I believe the APA put that on the ASX on notice—I think it was August. We can come back with when the third application then followed. […] Senator PATRICK: I'm going to insist on an answer, and you can advance a public interest immunity claim, or refer back to the minister if you don't. I'll then ask the committee to consider your answer. I know governments don't like to put dates around things because they might be asked to perform and meet performance criteria. It's a simple question: what's the expectation? Is it one month, is it two months, is it three months, is it four months or is it more? Mr Brake: Senator, I'm not sure there's too much that we can add. I think one of the issues is that ultimately it's not a Treasury decision; it's the Treasurer's decision. Senator PATRICK: Sure. Mr Brake: That's why I think we'll have to ask to take it on notice. Senator PATRICK: So the decision goes to the Treasurer. Let's constrain it to when you make a recommendation to the Treasurer. I understand you're not an independent statutory authority, but you provide advice to the Treasurer. When do you expect to provide that advice to the Treasurer? Ms D Brown: If we can take that on notice— Senator PATRICK: The question is: do you know? Does anyone in the room have an understanding of how long it will take? […] Senator PATRICK: Are you aware of any date? Mr Brake: I've got, unfortunately, nothing that I can add to my previous	Foreign Investment Division	44/45/46/49/51	24-Oct
93	1	Bilyk	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	IGT	Written	1-Nov

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94	1	Storer	research and development tax incentive changes	Senator STORER: Okay. I have a question about the bill that is termed the Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Sure Multinationals Pay Their Fair Share of Tax in Australia and Other Measures) Bill 2018, which includes the research and development tax incentive changes. This was flagged, and I asked questions about this in May, post the budget. Now that it's been brought into the parliament, I'm interested in the savings that are purported to be in the amount of $2.4 billion in fiscal balance terms over the forward estimates. As per the review that was done by Mr Bill Ferris and Dr Finkel, which recommended that savings be recycled into direct grants used by top innovation countries such as Germany, Sweden and Israel, why isn't the $2.4 billion that's being saved being recycled into other R&D programs, if the aim is to reform and better focus the R&D grant program? Perhaps that's for the minister to answer. Minister—Mr Bill Ferris, in Dr Finkel's review, recommended that savings made from the reform of the R&D tax incentive program be used in direct grants as per top innovation countries like Germany, Sweden and Israel, but it's been put into consolidated revenue. Senator Cormann: That's not quite right. We made decisions in relation to the R&D tax incentives over a number of budget cycles, and you'll find that over that same period we also made decisions to increase the level of investment in relation to initiatives to promote innovation and indeed as part of our innovation strategy. This is probably not specifically for this portfolio, because it touches on other portfolios, but if you want I can take it on notice and organise a consolidated list of the policy measures with a positive and a negative effect on the budget bottom line in relation to this broad space of research and innovation. Senator STORER: Okay, thank you.	Individuals and Indirect Tax	75	24-Oct
95	1	Rice	Health determination submissions	Senator RICE: When are you expecting that health determination will be made? Ms Purvis-Smith: I couldn't tell you an exact time frame at this point. We're moving as quickly as we can, and the government—it's up to the government, our priorities on when it gets that information, when we get the final approvals, and then to be able to place it into parliament. So I don't have an exact time frame for you, but we are working on it quickly. Senator RICE: And, presumably, if it's a disallowable instrument, there would be the risk that that disallowance could occur after it was implemented. But you'd have to cross that bridge if that occurred—I wouldn't think that it's likely to occur. Do you know how many submissions you received in your request for comments on the draft definition? Ms Purvis-Smith: I may do, I'll see if I have that information to hand—I don't have the information; I can't readily see that information on how many. I can take it on notice for you, Senator, if you would like. Senator RICE: Please take it on notice, that would be good.	Individuals and Indirect Tax	64	24-Oct
96	1	Ketter	Rollout date for Single touch payroll	Senator KETTER: Ms Mrakovcic, are you aware of any representations to change the rollout date for the single touch payroll to small business? Ms Mrakovcic: I am not myself aware of any representations. I am happy to take that on notice. But I would just reiterate what the ATO has said—that it is government policy for it to start in the middle of next year, in July 2019. It is a matter of government policy.	Individuals and Indirect Tax	73	24-Oct

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97	2	Abetz	Tobacco excise	1. Is the Department aware that since the most recent tobacco excise increase went into effect in September, the prices of some cigarettes in my home State of Tasmania have actually fallen? 2. Will the Department examine these price declines to ensure it is satisfied they have not triggered the 'reasonable to suspect [illicit trade]' requirement of the Government's recently enacted Treasury Laws Amendment (Illicit Tobacco Offences) Act 2018?	Individuals and Indirect Tax	Written	25-Oct
98	2	Whish-Wilson	Beneficial ownership register	1. What is the status of the commitment to establish a beneficial ownership register for companies? 2. When will a beneficial ownership register for companies be established?	Consumer and Corporations	Written	2-Nov
99	4	Ketter	Digital taxation	1. In regards to the Treasury discussion paper on digital taxation, can you provide a list of stakeholders Treasury consulted with on the paper, and when? 2. According to a report in the Australian Financial Review on 27 May 2018, which I quote, "the federal government's proposed tax on digital advertising could raise up to $200 million a year". Does Treasury know where that figure came from? 3. Has Treasury provided revenue estimates of new digital taxation measures for the Government? If so, when were they provided to the Government? 4. Has Treasury engaged in legislative drafting of any digital tax measures?	Individuals and Indirect Tax	Written	2-Nov
100	4	Ketter	Beneficial Ownership	1. Treasury's consultation on increasing transparency of the beneficial ownership of companies finished on March 2017. Has Treasury provided advice to Government stemming from this consultation? 2. When did Treasury provide advice to Government about beneficial ownership? 3. Has Treasury engaged in legislative drafting for beneficial ownership as a result of this consultation? 4. When will Treasury release draft legislation on reforms to beneficial ownership?	Consumer and Corporations	Written	2-Nov
101	1	Bilyk	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	Information Services Divisio	Written	1-Nov
102	1	Bilyk	Staff travel	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?	Information Services Divisio	Written	1-Nov

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103	1	Bilyk	Ministerial overseas travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017 please be provided? This list should include the costs of: • Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel; • Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials; • Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed; • Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided; and • Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.	International Policy and Eng	Written	1-Nov
104	2	Keneally	ICT environment that favours a 'one Treasury' approach	On page 11 of the Corporate Plan, it says that 'Treasury will also seek to enable an ICT environment that favours a 'one Treasury' approach, where staff working across groups and geographical locations can seamlessly communicate in the appropriate format in real-time.'	Information Services Divisio	Written	2-Nov
105	3	Keneally	Treasurer's trip to Indonesia for the Annual Meetings of the World Bank, IMF as well as the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting	In relation to the Treasurer's trip to Indonesia for the Annual Meetings of the World Bank, IMF as well as the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting: 1. Did any Treasury employees accompany the Treasurer? If so, how many? 2. Did any of the Treasurer's staff accompany the Treasurer? If so, how many? 3. What was the total cost of the trip for all attendees? Are you able to provide a breakdown into airfares, accommodation, road transport, food and drink, and other incidentals?	International Policy and Eng	Written	2-Nov
106	5	Keneally	Treasurer official overseas trips	Since being appointed Treasurer, can you provide details of all official overseas trips taken by the Treasurer, including: 1. Location, purpose, dates. 2. Did any Treasury employees accompany the Treasurer? If so, how many? 3. Did any of the Treasurer's staff accompany the Treasurer? If so, how many? 4. What was the total cost of the trip for all attendees? Are you able to provide a breakdown into airfares, accommodation, road transport, food and drink, and other incidentals? 5. When are the next World Bank, IMF and G-20 meetings that the Treasurer would be scheduled to go to?	International Policy and Eng	Written	2-Nov
107	4	Keneally	Treasury's overseas posts and overseas operations	1. How many Treasury staff are located at each of Treasury's overseas posts and overseas operations? 2. What is the annual running cost for each of the overseas posts and overseas operations? 3. Are the overseas operations fully funded through Official Development Assistance? If so, how much are those costs? 4. What was the initial start-up cost to establish these overseas posts?	International Policy and Eng	Written	2-Nov

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108	1	Keneally	FOI	Referring to two Treasury Incoming Government Briefs that were released under FOI and are up on the Treasury FOI Disclosure Log website, namely the documents of 15 September 2016 and 21 September 2018. In the document of 15 September 2016, on pages 10 to 12 of the pdf (pages 8 to 10 of the document itself), it clearly states the division of responsibility between ministers. In the document of 21 September 2018, on pages 33 to 37 of the pdf (pages 31 to 35 of the document itself), the same Treasury ministerial arrangements and responsibilities section has been completely redacted. Can you explain why this was the case?	Law Design Office	Written	2-Nov
109	1	Ketter	Terms of Trade	Senator KETTER: Some people have pointed out that the medium term assumes that Australia's terms of trade are going to be about 40 to 50 per cent higher than pre the mining boom in 2003. Dr Grant: I don't know that number off the top of my head, but it is important to note that, in the projection period, to take the terms of trade from where they are now to the 2005 level is a further fall in the terms of trade over the next five years. Senator KETTER: Could you take that question on notice for me? Dr Grant: Absolutely.	Macroeconomic Conditions	35	24-Oct
110	2	Keneally	peer-reviewed operational overlapping generations model of Australia' and a 'peer-reviewed operational macroeconometric model of Australia	On page 6 of the Corporate Plan, it mentions the development and embedding of both a 'peer-reviewed operational overlapping generations model of Australia' and a 'peer-reviewed operational macroeconometric model of Australia'. 1. What is an 'operational overlapping generations model of Australia'? a. What is it meant to do? b. Who'd be responsible for operating that? c. Who would peer-review this? d. What capabilities will this give Treasury? Or, what will Treasury be able to do now once this is up and running that it cannot do at the moment? e. How is this work being funded? 2. What is an 'operational macroeconometric model of Australia'? What is it meant to do? a. Who'd be responsible for operating that? b. Who would peer-review this? c. What capabilities will this give Treasury, or what will Treasury be able to do now once this is up and running that it cannot do at the moment? d. How is this work being funded?	Macroeconomic Modelling a	Written	2-Nov
111	1	McAllister	Labor's tax policies	Senator McALLISTER: Mr Gaetjens, since you been the Secretary of the Treasury, have you provided advice to the new Treasurer on any of Labor's tax policies? Mr Gaetjens: Not that I recall, but I'll take that on notice just to make sure.	Office of the Secretary	20	24-Oct
112	1	McAllister	FOI	Senator McALLISTER: Mr Gaetjens, I go back to the FOI that I referred to earlier—2292. On the second page of that there's an email from an official, which commences with, 'Hi Phil and Gerry'. There's no other Phil listed in the to's or CC's. I assume that that person companionably referred to as 'Phil' is you—Philip Gaetjens? Mr Gaetjens: I'd have to double-check that.	Office of the Secretary	21	24-Oct

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113	3	Keneally	Secretary official overseas trips	Since being appointed Secretary, can you provide details of all official overseas trips taken by the Secretary, including: 1. Location, purpose, dates. 2. Did any Treasury employees accompany the Secretary? If so, how many? 3. What was the total cost of the trip for all attendees? Are you able to provide a breakdown into airfares, accommodation, road transport, food and drink, and other incidentals?	Office of the Secretary	Written	2-Nov
114	2	Whish-Wilson	'Competition champion' in the financial system	Re: Final Report of Productivity Commission's inquiry into Competition in the Financial System: 1. Did the Productivity Commission consider what role Treasury plays in ensuring competition in the financial system? The RBA October 2018 Financial Stability Review states: The CFR [Council of Financial Regulators] considered the final report of the PC [Productivity Commission's] inquiry into competition in the Australian financial system. Discussions focused on the recommendations related to the CFR – for instance, the inclusion of a 'competition champion' on the CFR and the release of CFR minutes – along with initial consideration of the PC's other recommendations. CFR members supported the current composition of the CFR and arrangements for regular engagement with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). They noted that the Treasury effectively played the role of 'competition champion'. They also noted that the establishment of the ACCC's Financial Services Unit had increased the level of engagement between individual CFR agencies and the ACCC on financial sector competition issues. 2. Does the Commission agree with this statement?	PC	Written	2-Nov
115	1	Waters	economy-wide impacts of domestic violence	Is there any update on your earlier figure of the economy-wide impacts of domestic violence?	PC	Written	6-Nov
116	1	Waters	value of unpaid labour/caring work	Are you doing any research into quantifying the value of unpaid labour/caring work, noting the gendered nature of much of that work?	PC	Written	6-Nov
117	1	Waters	gender indicators	Can you please describe the kind of standard gender indicators you use in your work?	PC	Written	6-Nov
118	1	Waters	gambling losses	Do you have any updated figures on gambling losses?	PC	Written	6-Nov
119	1	Bilyk	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	PC	Written	1-Nov

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120	1	Keneally	Ministerial Staff	Senator KENEALLY: Minister, of all those people you listed earlier, how many of those spent 14 out of 15½ years as a staffer in the area in which they are working? Senator Cormann: I am happy to take it on the record. One person I listed is providing very distinguished service to us and is now the secretary of Department of Home Affairs. It is well-known that he spent a very long time working as a Labor staffer. I will get that back to you on the record. Now that you have asked me, I will give you, in detail, all of the former Labor ministerial office staffers who are working in senior positions across the Public Service now because we respect their professionalism as public servants. Senator KENEALLY: That is not what I asked. I asked how many people you listed spent 14 out of 15½ years in their portfolio as a staffer. Senator Cormann: I will provide you with detailed information about the length of service in ministerial offices of senior public servants. I will provide that to you on notice in great detail.	Communications and Parliar	17	24-Oct
121	1	Keneally	Treasury Staff	Please provide the numbers of staff, split into division, for each of the groups in Treasury.	People and Organisational S	Written	2-Nov
122	1	Keneally	Political Staffers	How many former Treasury Secretaries have been employed as political staffers for fourteen of the last fifteen and a half years of their career prior to their appointment?	Communications and Parliar	Written	2-Nov
123	3	Ketter	Non APS Treasury Staff	1. Over the past 24 months, how many individuals have been carrying out duties within your agency who were not engaged as employees under Section 22 of the Public Service Act? , e.g. policy, ICT, program delivery. 2. How many of these individuals have been providing services to the Department for greater than 12 months? 3. What was the reason for not employing these individuals under Section 22 of the Public Service Act?	People and Organisational S	Written	2-Nov
124	1	Bilyk	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	RAM	Written	1-Nov

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125	5	Whish-Wilson	Committed liquidity facility	1. What volume and type of assets have been approved by APRA as high quality liquid assets (HQLA)? In other words, what volume of government securities and non-government securities (e.g. bank securities) are currently considered HQLA? 2. What volume and type of assets are currently covered by repurchase agreements through the Committed Liquidity Facility (CLF)? Specifically, what volumes of residential mortgage back securities are currently covered by the CLF? 3. What is the average spread between government securities and the different types of securities currently covered by the CLF? Specifically, what is the average spread between government securities and residential mortgage back securities covered by the CLF? 4. Has APRA analysed whether the annual fee charged on covered securities by the CLF is sufficient? In other words: is the liquidity risk on covered securities equal to 15 basis points? 5. Has APRA analysed whether liquidity risk can be accurately distinguished from other risks; and whether the pricing of the fee for securities covered through the CLF on the basis of liquidity risk is valid? Specifically, has APRA analysed South Africa's approach to pricing its liquidity facility?	RBA	Written	2-Nov
126	2	Hume	Protecting Your Super package	CHAIR: Wow, okay. So from this particular legislation, the Protecting Your Super package, what is the expected benefit to low-balance accounts? Mr Deitz: The expected benefit, had it applied in the 2015-16 year, would have been approximately $450 million in fees saved in that year. CHAIR: To how many account holders? Mr Deitz: Unfortunately, I don't have the number of account holders that that would have applied to at that time. I would need to take that on notice. CHAIR: That would be terrific, thank you, if you would.	Retirement Income Policy Di	99/100	24-Oct
127	4	Ketter	Superannuation Objective	1. Is it still the Government's policy to legislate for an objective for the superannuation system? 2. Is it still the Government's policy that the primary objective 'is to provide income in retirement to substitute or supplement the age pension'? 3. This bill has sat in the Senate since 23 November 2016. Where does it sit in the priorities of the Government? 4. Is the Government amenable to suggested changes to ensure there's bipartisan support for this?	Retirement Income Policy Di	Written	2-Nov
128	1	Bilyk	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	SCT	Written	1-Nov

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129	1	Keneally	Government's comprehensive housing affordability plan	On page 8 of the Corporate Plan, it talks about Treasury implementing 'the Government's comprehensive housing affordability plan'. Is Treasury the responsible department/agency within the Commonwealth on housing affordability?	Social Policy Division	Written	2-Nov
130	1	Waters	Global Temperatures and climate change	Senator WATERS: What is the differing economic effect on Australia of a 1½ degree rise in global temperatures versus to two-degree rise in global temperatures? Mr Gaetjens: We do not do modelling on that. Can I perhaps take that on notice? But there wouldn't be any information, in a quantitative sense, that I could provide at the moment. Senator WATERS: Have you examined the latest IPCC report, and what it means for Australia and for our economy? Mr Gaetjens: I have not. It might be worthwhile taking up with the Structural Reform Group, when they come in. Senator WATERS: You haven't looked at that? It's a very important report with massive economic and monetary implications. Mr Gaetjens: I have had, in the two and a bit months I've been there, lots of things to look at, and, unfortunately, that's one that I haven't got to. Senator WATERS: Do you not think climate change has an economic impact? Mr Gaetjens: It does. But we have not done modelling on that, so I just can't give you quantitative answers, or one that is driven from a large piece of Treasury work that I'm aware of. I said I'll take it on notice and provide more information when I can.	Structural Reform Group	28	24-Oct
131	1	Waters	Climate experts	Senator WATERS: Have you had climate experts on it in the past? Mr Legg: I've not personally been involved in the Intergenerational report, because I've actually been in this job eight days. Senator WATERS: Can someone answer that, please? Mr Gaetjens: We'll take that on notice.	Structural Reform Group	29	24-Oct
132	2	Waters	Carbon price	Senator WATERS: Can you tell me what the average carbon price being applied over the OECD at the moment is? Dr Grant: I would have to take that on notice. Senator WATERS: Can you tell me how Australia compares? Mr Legg: How Australia compares on what? Senator WATERS: To the carbon price of other OECD nations. Mr Legg: I'm not certain how we would judge carbon pricing. We don't have a carbon-pricing system. Senator WATERS: Indeed, we don't have one. My point was: are there other comparable nations that similarly don't have one? The answer would be no. But I'm asking you the questions. What's your view on that? Dr Grant: We'd have to take it on notice.	Structural Reform Group	33	24-Oct
133	1	McAllister	ACIL	Senator McALLISTER: ACIL's model obviously includes existing policy settings like the renewable energy target. Does it also include the state government policy settings? Ms Quinn: To the extent that they are known or they are specified to a level that you can incorporate into the analysis, that is a feature of their modelling, yes. Senator McALLISTER: Can you run us through which of those meet that test that you just described? Ms Quinn: I can't remember that detail of analysis. Senator McALLISTER: Perhaps you could take that on notice. It is probably in the public domain. If you could take that on notice, I would appreciate it. Ms Quinn: I am happy to take that on notice.	Structural Reform Group	104	24-Oct

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134	1	Ketter	Small Business Regulatory Reform Agreement	Treasury's 2017-18 Annual Report on page 21 states that 'Treasury will assist the Treasurer to finalise bilateral agreements with other jurisdictions in 2018-19. Can you provide an update on where all of that is up to?	Structural Reform Group	Written	2-Nov
135	1	Waters	Shadow Carbon Price	What shadow carbon price are most Australian globally-exposed companies applying to their books when managing risk?	Structural Reform Group	Written	6-Nov
136	1	Waters	CO2	Which sectors in Australia have the lowest marginal cost of abatement per tonne of CO2?	Structural Reform Group	Written	6-Nov
137	1	Waters	Economic Impact	Are you currently advising the government on the economic impact of reducing the nation's emissions without including the electricity sector?	Structural Reform Group	Written	6-Nov
138	1	Ketter	Unlegislated measures	Can you please provide a list of all currently unlegislated revenue measures? Can you also provide, for each measure, which budget statement this measure appears in, and the financial impacts over the 2018-19 budget and forward estimates, and the medium-term where possible?	Tax Analysis Division	Written	2-Nov
139	1	Cameron	Average debt held by apprentices	1. Please provide the average debt held by apprentices. Please also provider the average debt held by apprentices based on the duration they have been an apprentice (ie for a 1st year apprentice, 2nd year apprentice, 3rd year apprentice and 4th year apprentice, and for all graduated apprentices) 2. How many TSL recipients have commenced repayment of their TSL? - How much of the total TSL debt been repaid? - How many of the TSL recipients that did not complete their apprenticeship are repaying their TSL?	ATO	Written	8-Nov
140	1	Ketter	FBO Presentation	Senator KETTER: Are you able to tell me how long the previous practice of presentation had been going on for? Mr Atkinson: I'd have to take it on notice. We didn't do a back analysis of it.	Budget Policy Division	93	24-Oct
141	1	Ketter	Fiscal Strategy - what page in Budget Paper No.1	Senator KETTER: Is this budget paper No. 1 you're talking about? Mr Atkinson: Yes, budget paper No. 1, page 3-21. Senator KETTER: Whereabouts on that page? Mr Atkinson: Sorry, it's the total impact of parameter variations, the 35, minus the effect of policy decisions on receipts of 15.25. Both rules are elements of the fiscal strategy and need to be read in the context of each other. Senator KETTER: Is that referred to elsewhere in the text of budget paper No. 1? Mr Rollings: I believe it is, but just give me a moment and I'll locate that for you. Mr Atkinson: Senator, we can come back with that answer.	Budget Policy Division	93	24-Oct
142	2	Kitching	COAG Discussions on Public Hospital Funding	Noting this dispute is over 2016-17 funding, but there was a similar dispute over 2015-16 funding, which arose after then-Treasurer Morrison directed the umpires to audit 2015-16 funding: (a) Did Mr Morrison, as Treasurer, do the same for 2016-17? (b) Is it not the case that the 2015-16 process shows that the so-called independent umpires take direction from the Commonwealth, as the states fear?	Commonwealth-State Relati	Written	23-Nov

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143	1	Ketter	Mr Robert's resignation from Cryo Australia	Senator KETTER: I have a couple of quick follow-up questions of Mr Day, then Senator Keneally will take over. Just going back to the questions in relation to Mr Robert and his companies, Mr Day, you asked me whether I would want you to follow up on that issue. On reflection, I think it would be worthwhile for you to have a look at that issue of Mr Robert's resignation from Cryo Australia, in light of those two incidents that we have talked about tonight. Mr Day: Very good. We will.	ASIC	118	24-Oct