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1	Department of the Senate	Patrick	Travel Expenditure	<p>1. Please provide details of the Qantas/Virgin split for official travel in terms of:</p> <p>a. Total number of tickets</p> <p>b. Total value spent for official travel?</p> <p>2. In the event there is a disparity of greater than 65/35 in the split (either way), please provide a detailed reasons for the split in the context of a lowest practical fare policy.</p> <p>3. How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from only the Qantas Chairman’s Lounge?</p> <p>a. Could you please provide a breakdown of the travel for each of those individuals between Qantas and Virgin?</p> <p>4. How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from only Virgin’s The Club?</p> <p>a. Could you please provide a breakdown of the travel for each of those individuals between Qantas and Virgin?</p> <p>5. How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from both the Qantas Chairman’s Lounge and Virgin’s The Club?</p>	Written
2	Parliamentary Budget Office	McAllister	Behavioural responses to non- refundable imputation credits	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Do you have any sense of what that headline figure of \$48.6 billion might have been if there hadn't been any behavioural changes included? To be specific, if there had been no behavioural response to the government's changes to the superannuation tax arrangements, or no behavioural response to these new arrangements around refundable credits, how much extra might have been raised by this policy?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: As we have been very explicit about, we took into account behavioural changes when we worked through this costing. We provided this advice to Senator Leyonhjelm. We haven't provided that breakdown—that information about the quantum of behavioural response—which is contained in the costing. Given that this was a piece of advice to Senator Leyonhjelm, I think it might be most appropriate if I seek the permission of Senator Leyonhjelm to provide that next level of granularity, just to protect the relationship that we have with the parliamentarians who request advice from us. I'm very happy to say that we've certainly taken into account what I would regard as being a very substantial behavioural response. But, given we</p>	Hansard Page 8 21 May 2018

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				haven't in this advice put a quantum into the public domain, my preference would be to take that question on notice and to confirm with Senator Leyonhjelm that he would be comfortable with us putting that information into the public domain.	
3	Parliamentary Budget Office	McAllister	Impact of transfer balance cap and company tax cut on non-refundable imputation credits costing	<p>Senator McALLISTER: That sounds sensible. Again, I am asking about the dynamics rather than the quantum here. If the \$1.6 million transfer balance cap had not been factored in, more revenue would have been collected—is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: Absolutely.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: And you do have a quantum for that but you are not keen to share that either.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: Again, these are breakdowns of the costings. Whenever we provide a piece of costing advice to a parliamentarian, we're very happy to talk through with them the details underpinning the numbers that we provide to them. Again, yes, you're absolutely right: the impact of the transfer balance cap has been taken into account. If we didn't have a transfer balance cap, there would have been additional revenue raised. Because the transfer balance cap applies only to individuals who have balances above \$1.6 million, and it applies only to their balance above \$1.6 million, there is actually a relatively small proportion of assets across the superannuation system that fit into that category. But you're right: that would have increased the revenue that we would have otherwise received.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: You mentioned that the baseline includes the lower company tax rate of 25 per cent, rolled out over the medium term. That pushes the amount of revenue you are able to collect downward—is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: Absolutely.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: And that's also something you have quantified for Senator Leyonhjelm, but it falls into that earlier category of matters you would rather not disclose without talking to him.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: It's a matter that I would be very happy to take on notice, and I would be very happy to provide that information as long as Senator Leyonhjelm was happy having that information being shared.</p>	Hansard Page 8 21 May 2018
4	Parliamentary Budget Office	McAllister	Comparison of PBO behavioural assumptions to Rice Warner analysis	<p>Senator McALLISTER: I want to quickly touch on some of the public reporting around private sector assessments of the impact of this. Rice Warner did some work on behalf of the Alliance for a Fairer Retirement System, and their assessment was that the revenue would come in at about \$550 million less than what you estimated for Senator Leyonhjelm. Are the assumptions around behavioural change in the Leyonhjelm policy more or less conservative than what Rice Warner have assumed in their work?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: We obviously had a look at the Rice Warner work that came out last week. We haven't had an opportunity to talk through the details of that analysis, but we certainly are intending to reach out to Rice Warner or the SMSF Association to have that discussion. It looked on the face of it like they had assumed that we hadn't taken into account any behavioural changes in our costing—which, as I've explained, is not correct at all; we absolutely have. So we were a bit puzzled by that assumption, because we've always been clear in all of our documentation that we take into account behavioural responses. The types of behavioural</p>	Hansard Page 10 21 May 2018

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				<p>responses that they talked about in that publication were very similar to the types of behavioural assumptions that we've indeed taken into account. As I said, I'd prefer to take specific quantum questions on notice, but I think I'm comfortable in saying that, in terms of broad orders of magnitude, the sorts of behavioural responses that they have concluded are not that different to the sorts of behavioural responses that we think are reasonably likely. So we took some comfort in the fact that there was a completely independent estimate of what are the likely behavioural responses, and we hadn't had any involvement with that work that was undertaken. Certainly on that part of their analysis, on the ways in which people are likely to respond and what proportion of people are likely to respond, we felt reasonably comfortable.</p>	
5	Parliamentary Budget Office	Smith	Policy announcements and costings	<p>Senator SMITH: Have there been instances where parliamentarians might have released details of a plan that is currently being costed by the PBO but not yet completed by the PBO?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: I'm sure there have been instances where a policy announcement has been made and the full costs haven't yet been provided to us because we weren't in a position to provide those at a particular date. I can't think of specific examples, but I'm sure that that's occurred over time.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Perhaps you could take that on notice—</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: I'm very happy to.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: and identify which—</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: Or how many, or something.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: How many, and which</p>	Hansard Page 13 21 May 2018
6	Parliamentary Budget Office	Smith	Detail of a costing	<p>Senator SMITH: Good. Thank you. Let's work on the basis that the opposition says that its tax refund plan will cost \$5.8 billion. The government has announced that its plan has a revenue cost of approximately \$13 billion over the forward estimates. That's your understanding?</p> <p>Mr Brown: \$13.4 billion over the forward estimates period—that's correct.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Great. So, given those two statements, Mr Shorten said in Perth on 17 May—and I'm quoting now—that 'Budgets are all about choices, and I think it's worth repeating that Labor has made a choice to provide income tax cuts of nearly double the amount offered by the coalition'. Is that a correct statement? Is that an accurate statement?</p> <p>Mr Brown: I think you might need to have a look at the particular years of the plan and such like.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: I don't have that particular press release in front of me, but my understanding is that what was announced in the budget reply speech and what Mr Shorten was talking about was the quantum of the low- and middle-income tax offset that was offered being twice the size of the quantum of the low- and middle-income tax offset that was being offered by the government.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: What we might do then—the source of my quote is a doorstep that Mr Shorten gave in Perth on 17 May 2018—is that perhaps on notice you might go to the statement of Mr Shorten and then my question about whether or not that's an accurate statement.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: I'm very happy to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Page 14 and 15 21 May 2018

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7	Parliamentary Budget Office	McAllister	Medium Term Projections	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Having a look at the budget chart pack, in figure 1 you see the underlying cash balance. It drops again in '22-23, rather than continuing to rise. Do you have any assessment about what is driving that?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: First of all, I'm pleased that you've seen the budget snapshot. This was a new innovation that we published this year in order to try and provide an accessible way of understanding what the latest budget shows. I thought there was some commentary in the budget papers around that impact at the end of the forward estimates.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: It's all heading upwards into surplus, and then it drops back towards balance in '22-23. I'm just interested in understanding what drives that.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: Again, I think this would be a better question to be explored with Treasury. My recollection is that that is the first year in which the next phase of the income tax cuts occurs.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Yes. Stage 2 of the income tax cuts commences in 2022.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: Yes. And I thought that the budget papers actually mentioned that that was what affected the medium term, but we can confirm for you.</p>	Hansard Page 11 and 12, 21 May 2018
8	Parliamentary Budget Office	Smith	Tax refund policy cost	<p>Senator SMITH: My understanding is that the opposition has claimed that its tax refund policy would cost \$5.8 billion.</p> <p>Mr Brown: Sorry, Senator, are we talking about the dividend imputation refund?</p> <p>Senator SMITH: The personal tax—</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: Sorry, Senator. I think we might be talking at cross purposes. I think what you might be talking about—sorry about this, Senator, this has been a misunderstanding. I think you might be talking about the announcement in the opposition right-of-reply speech in relation to the alternative low- and middle-income tax offset.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: That's correct.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: Sorry, Senator. I was back on the discussion that we were having earlier about imputation credits.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: That's quite okay.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: So, in relation to that particular policy, I don't have the details in front of me.</p> <p>Mr Brown: I don't either. The 5.8 sounds correct, Senator, but we'd have to take confirmation of that on notice.</p>	Hansard Page 14 21 May 2018
9	Parliamentary Budget Office	McAllister	Tax plan disaggregati on	<p>For the period to 2028-29, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the year by year financial implications of the governments personal income tax plan disaggregated by each stage that start on 1 July 2018 (stage 1), 1 July 2022 (stage 2) and 1 July 2024 (stage 3). 2. the projected number of taxpayers impacted by each stage of the governments personal income tax plan (and individual components) by taxable income, in line with the Treasury analysis tabled at Senate 	Written Received 4 June 2018

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				<p>Estimates on 29th May 2018.</p> <p>3. For both 1. and 2. please provide a breakdown of the analysis requested by gender.</p>	
10	Parliamentary Budget Office	Patrick	Travel costs	<p>For FY 16/17:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide details of the Qantas/Virgin split for official travel in terms of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total number of tickets b. Total value spent for official travel? 2. In the event there is a disparity of greater than 65/35 in the split (either way), please provide a detailed reasons for the split in the context of a lowest practical fare policy. 3. How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from only the Qantas Chairman’s Lounge? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Could you please provide a breakdown of the travel for each of those individuals between Qantas and Virgin? 4. How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from only Virgin’s The Club? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Could you please provide a breakdown of the travel for each of those individuals between Qantas and Virgin? 5. How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from both the Qantas Chairman’s Lounge and Virgin’s The Club? 	Written Received 5 June 2018
11	President of the Senate	Patrick	Procurement of paper	<p>Senator PATRICK: Well, it appears that the panel that is being used in both instances—for the Senate and for DPS—is in fact the same panel. So I’m wondering how we get to a situation where in one instance we are using Australian paper and for the Senate we are using Austrian paper. I still have Austrian paper turning up in my office.</p> <p>The PRESIDENT: You need to speak to the Department of the Senate about that. These officials can answer for DPS but they can’t answer for the Department of the Senate. I can take that on notice and come back to you on behalf of the Department of the Senate, but I can’t answer that off the top of my head.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: There are two problems. I can ask the Department of the Senate why they’ve managed to pick an Austrian supplier and why DPS has managed to pick an Australian supplier, and I’m</p>	Hansard Page 19 21 May 2018

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				going to get the same answer if I talk to the Senate, and that is— The PRESIDENT: No, I can take on notice for you the question as to why the Department of the Senate has chosen the Austrian paper. I am happy to take that on notice and have that referred to them, and DPS can answer for themselves. But they can only answer for themselves, not for the other.	
12	President of the Senate	Patrick	Constraints on merging departments paper procurement arrangements	Senator PATRICK: Are there any concurrent extant contract arrangements that would put a time limit or a constraint on how early that could happen? One of the departments is in contract until 2019 or something. The PRESIDENT: I can take that on notice for the Department of the Senate. We can't take anything on notice for the Department of the House of Reps, I'm afraid. Senator PATRICK: Sure, and I appreciate that. The PRESIDENT: I'll take that on notice for the Senate; the officials can answer for DPS.	Hansard Page 19 21 May 2018
13	President of the Senate	McAllister	Parliamentary computer network	Senator McALLISTER: I have a relevant question. What piece of work is anticipated to deal with the new set of decisions, not related to CCTV but to the parliamentary computer network, that might be analogous to this? The PRESIDENT: I'm happy to take that on notice and look at that. We are currently doing a great deal of work on the past policy, because that has these exact implications—about where people are around the building and who accesses various parts. I'm not particularly aware of whether any new data would be collected that we are not already dealing with, concerning those issues about cybersecurity. This is a new facility, but we obviously already have a lot of that information through the APH network. So I can chase up—and I'm happy to—what provisions are in place at the moment and whether they need to be updated. Because, as I understand it, it would be covered by the standard policies.	Hansard Page 29 21 May 2018
14	President of the Senate	Wong	Data collection and Parliamentary privilege	Senator WONG: I haven't had a briefing on this, so I don't know, but I assume that more data is collected; more data which might relate to, if not content, at least other aspects of parliamentarians' use of their computers. Given the concerns that have been raised previously and the answer that was given, we just want to make sure that there is actually a process for ensuring that privilege is observed. The PRESIDENT: I take both the point and the priority. I'll take on notice whether or not further work needs to be done in this space. I'm not aware of extra data being collected, but extra data tends to get collected as these things move on.	Hansard Page 29 21 May 2018
15	President of the Senate	Kitching	Footage of white powder	Senator KITCHING: I put some questions to you in relation to deletion of security footage that occurred after the 22 November incident. Mr Cooper, or Mr Anderson, did you give a direction to any employee of the department—verbally, in writing or by any other means possibly that you	Hansard Page 42 21 May 2018

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			response	<p>communicate—to delete the footage of the out-of-place white powder incident on 22 November last year?</p> <p>Mr Cooper: Of course not.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Why was the footage deleted?</p> <p>Mr Cooper: The footage hasn't been deleted.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Can we have the footage?</p> <p>Mr Cooper: Release of the footage is a matter for the presiding officers.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I'm happy to have an in camera meeting.</p> <p>The PRESIDENT: Estimates can't go in camera.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: No, after estimates.</p> <p>The PRESIDENT: I'm will take that on notice. As I said earlier to Senator Wong, I take a very strict thing about the release of footage. I've had it described to me. I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Just to clarify, Mr Cooper, I think you are saying that the footage hasn't been deleted, is that right?</p> <p>Mr Cooper: That's correct.</p> <p>CHAIR: There were media reports stating that, as a matter of fact, it had been deleted.</p> <p>The PRESIDENT: I've been assured the footage is still—</p> <p>CHAIR: That's interesting. Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Cooper: The media reporting is incorrect.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: The footage remains?</p> <p>Mr Cooper: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Even though there's an eight-week period, the footage is still existent?</p> <p>Mr Cooper: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: That would be interesting, because I want to see where the actual incident occurred. If we could consider having a—</p> <p>The PRESIDENT: I'll take it on notice. As I said, estimates can't go in camera.</p>	
16	Department of Parliamentary Services	Lines	Cleaning contract - Tabling	<p>Senator LINES: Thanks very much to the President and Mr Stefanic. I want to focus on the contract cleaning issue. Are you able to table the contract?</p> <p>Mr Cooper: I understand the contract is commercial-in-confidence. I'll have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Surely not all of it's commercial-in-confidence?</p>	Hansard Page 16 21 May 2018

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				Mr Cooper: I'll have to take it on notice.	
17	Department of Parliamentary Services	Lines	Cleaning contract - subcontracti ng	<p>Senator LINES: I guess what I'm looking for is: what in the contract prohibits any contractor from using another company to employ cleaners? Is there a specific reference to that in the contract?</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: The contract does provide for a clause that the contractor cannot use subcontractors without DPS's prior approval.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Can you read the clause into the Hansard.</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: I don't have it with me currently.</p> <p>Senator LINES: But you could get it, presumably, to do that.</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: I will be able to get it to you.</p>	Hansard Page 17 21 May 2018
18	Department of Parliamentary Services	Lines	Cleaning contract - Trustee companies	<p>Senator LINES: Yes. And Mr Stefanic has said that all of the trustee companies are listed in the contract. I think that's what you said.</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: That's my understanding. If it's different, I will clarify.</p> <p>Ms Knight: I'll get the clarification of that for you.</p> <p>Senator LINES: You're not sure?</p> <p>Ms Knight: I'll get clarification</p>	Hansard Page 18 21 May 2018
19	Department of Parliamentary Services	McAllister	Cleaning contract - subcontracti ng	<p>Senator LINES: So what prevents Dimeo, a week or so after taking over the contract, from employing cleaners under Dimeo Cleaning Services (ACT) Pty Ltd? What stops that happening?</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: When we embarked on the negotiation process, one of the very clear stipulations was that we wanted to transition as many of the existing cleaning staff to the new arrangement.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Mr Stefanic, this is not a reflection on you; it's a reflection on the contract cleaning industry. What stops Dimeo from coming in two weeks after the contract and putting in a new company?</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: We'll get that further detail for you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator LINES: It doesn't give me a lot of confidence. I'm not a contract lawyer, but this is an issue. I'm saying that it would enable Dimeo to employ cleaners on an inferior rate of pay. It has happened before.</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: The contract stipulates that all cleaning staff need to be employed at least the award rate.</p> <p>Senator LINES: By the named contractor.</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: Or Clean Start, whichever is the higher.</p> <p>Senator LINES: I appreciate that. But you said by the named contractor, so if then Dimeo used subcontractors, what stops that?</p>	Hansard Page 18 21 May 2018

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				<p>Senator McALLISTER: If anything. Does anything stop it? Mr Stefanic: Perhaps if we could move on, we will endeavour to get that information for you and then come back.</p>	
20	Department of Parliamentary Services	Wong	Cleaning contract - subcontracti ng	<p>Senator WONG: Thank you. Sorry, I was detained elsewhere. Do we have a copy of that particular clause of the contract? The PRESIDENT: They've taken that on notice. Senator WONG: Are you able to come back with that for the purposes of answering Senator Lines' question? Mr Stefanic: Yes, we've undertaken that. Senator WONG: Sorry. I know you've taken on notice the provision of the clause. I am saying: when you come back to answer Senator Lines' question about the extent of protection for subcontracting and the protections in that clause, are you also able to provide us with a copy of the clause at that point? Mr Stefanic: We should be able to provide you with a copy of the clause, yes.</p>	Hansard Page 18 21 May 2018
21	Department of Parliamentary Services	Lines	Cleaning contract - rates of pay	<p>Senator LINES: Yes, thanks, Chair. Mr Stefanic, I'm really pleased to see that you have asked the contractor to maintain the current rates of pay for all cleaners, and that cleaners into the future will pick up Fair Work increases. How will you ensure that that arrangement has legal standing? Mr Stefanic: Those arrangements are provided for in the contract. In terms of the legality, are you asking how we will ensure that they— Senator LINES: Yes. It's in the contract, but, if the contract is commercial-in-confidence, it's a bit tricky to keep track of what's happening. If you're not able to give us the whole contract, are you able to give us those clauses about the rates of pay—provide those to the committee? Mr Stefanic: We should be able to provide those to you. Senator LINES: Would you be able to provide them when you give us clarity around the other clause in relation to the contractor? Mr Stefanic: Yes.</p>	Hansard Page 20 21 May 2018
22	Department of Parliamentary Services	Lines	Cleaning contract - employemen t type	<p>Senator LINES: Thank you. In your opening statement, you said there were 50 or so cleaners. Can you tell us the exact number, and what the breakdown is between full-time, part-time and casual, and which shifts cleaners are on. Mr Stefanic: We'd have to take that on notice. I don't believe we have that level of detail.</p>	Hansard Page 20 21 May 2018

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23	Department of Parliamentary Services	Lines	Cleaning contract - Notification of intention to hire cleaners	<p>Mr Cooper: The new contractor has advised us that its intention is to employ as many current cleaners as possible, and it has commenced those discussions.</p> <p>Senator LINES: And how did the incoming contractor advise you of that—email or a phone conversation?</p> <p>Mr Cooper: It's certainly been in face-to-face discussions and phone conversations, and we may have had it in writing as well.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Can you check if you have that in writing, and, if so, are you able to table that?</p> <p>Mr Cooper: I'll take it on notice and see if we can.</p>	Hansard Page 20 21 May 2018
24	Department of Parliamentary Services	Lines	Cleaning contract - negotiations over re- employmen t	<p>Senator LINES: Okay. So, can you then take on notice and provide us with any written communications to Dimeo or to the union about the need to have ongoing conversations?</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: I will attempt—</p> <p>Senator LINES: Well, my original question was whether DPS has advised Dimeo in any way, whether verbally or in writing, that they can't communicate with the union and others—</p> <p>Ms Knight: No.</p> <p>Senator LINES: to which Mr Stefanic said no. And then Mr Stefanic also indicated that there'd been an indication to parties that they should get on with negotiations. So, it's that point about which I've asked whether that was in writing and, if so, whether we could have a copy.</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: If we have any communication in writing in that regard, I'll undertake to provide it.</p>	Hansard Page 22 21 May 2018
25	Department of Parliamentary Services	Lines	Cleaning contract - increase in staff numbers	<p>Senator LINES: Well, that's not clear. Let me read you what it says: 'In addition, through our contract, we have increased the number of internal cleaners by 13.'</p> <p>Ms Knight: We will in the new contract.</p> <p>Senator LINES: So, that is—</p> <p>Ms Knight: That's for the new contract. The new contract starts on 1 July. Currently we're going through a transition period. We have Dimeo working with Limro in Canberra and Queanbeyan through a transitional period until 1 July.</p> <p>Senator LINES: All right. So, when you clarify the numbers of cleaners for us, can you clarify the new positions, please?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LINES: So, how did you arrive at the number 13?</p> <p>Mr Cooper: Senator, I'll have to take it on notice. But it is my understanding that the contractor arrived at that number, and that was to provide an assurance that the cleaning standards would be maintained while they assessed the existing shifts and rostering arrangements and get a better feel for what is required. We need to remember they haven't commenced work, they don't have any experience or exposure to Parliament House as yet and, as far as I'm aware, they haven't been provided with the rostering arrangements of the outgoing</p>	Hansard Page 23 21 May 2018

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				contractor.	
26	Department of Parliamentary Services	Lines	Cleaning contract - increase in staff numbers	<p>Senator LINES: Okay. But, Ms Knight, that's what I have been asking for. I don't know why this is so hard. You got costings from Dimeo for an additional 13 staff?</p> <p>Ms Knight: Yes.</p> <p>Senator LINES: You can table that?</p> <p>Ms Knight: It was part of the tender process and the negotiations.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Sure. But you can table that?</p> <p>Mr Cooper: Senator, we can table it if it isn't commercial in confidence, because pay rates may be commercial in confidence.</p> <p>Senator LINES: We all know the pay rates, so we can multiply 13 FTE by—</p> <p>Mr Cooper: We'll take it on notice, Senator.</p>	Hansard Page 24 21 May 2018
27	Department of Parliamentary Services	Lines	Cleaning contract - clarification of employem t	<p>Senator LINES: So it's the trustee company that signs, and then Dimeo (ACT) is then the employer. Is that what you said?</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: Yes, the subcontractor is in the contract for the purposes of providing cleaning personnel.</p> <p>Senator LINES: What do you understand that to mean?</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: That they will employ the staff directly.</p> <p>Senator LINES: And are they bound by the contract?</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: Because they're identified in the contract, they would be.</p> <p>Senator LINES: And you've got legal advice to that effect?</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: The contracts have been negotiated through our solicitors on both sides, so I would presume that the answer is yes.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Could you check that please.</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: Yes, I can do that.</p> <p>Senator LINES: If what you're saying is correct—that Dimeo (ACT) are the employer—they are then bound by the negotiations around maintaining the current hourly rate and providing Fair Work increases as they arise for cleaners.</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: That would be my understanding, Senator.</p> <p>Senator LINES: We're waiting to get that information that I've asked for. Can you check that back with the lawyers as well, please?</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: Yes, Senator.</p>	Hansard Page 26 21 May 2018
28	Department of Parliamentary	Kitching	DPS catering	<p>Senator KITCHING: So the \$44,000 approximately—that is departments having catering done, is it?</p> <p>Mr Creagh: That's any non-parliamentarian having catering done at Parliament House. That includes</p>	Hansard Page 30

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	Services			external bodies who might use Parliament House. Senator KITCHING: Are you able to give us a list of those external entities? Mr Creagh: Of people who are overdue? Senator KITCHING: Not of the 44,000. Mr Creagh: I'll take that on notice, because it might take some time to collate.	21 May 2018
29	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Leave audit responses received by DPS	Senator KITCHING: How many inquiries have been received on the—I'll just read out the email address—DPSLeaveAudit@aph.gov.au inbox to date? This was an email set up to work through the issues that employees had with their leave balances. How many inquiries did you receive? Ms Saunders: I don't have that information with me. I will be able to get that on notice for you though. Senator KITCHING: If you could let the committee know later today, that's if it's— Ms Saunders: Yes. Senator KITCHING: What I really want to know from that is: how many have been actioned, and if there's anything outstanding from those inquiries. Ms Saunders: Sure.	Hansard Page 30 21 May 2018
30	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	White powder incident first responder	Mr Anderson: Absolutely not. Let's be clear. Mr O'Mahony approached me. He told me he had twice attempted to ring the AFP and had not been successful. He asked me to come and assess the situation. He was not the first officer on site. Another PSS officer discovered the white powder and called Mr O'Mahony. Senator KITCHING: So who was the first one on site? Mr Anderson: I'd have to take that on notice.	Hansard Page 35 21 May 2018
31	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Personal Protection Equipment for mobile testing	Senator KITCHING: Could I move to the incident in the Prime Minister's office on 11 May. There have been reports that the security officers who are deployed with the mobile testing device are suited up in \$6 disposable painting overalls from Bunnings. Is that correct? Mr Anderson: I'm not sure where we source our PPE from, but they are trained and equipped as appropriate to the threat. Senator KITCHING: Are they suits from Bunnings? Maybe you could take that on notice. Mr Anderson: I'll take that on notice.	Hansard Page 39 21 May 2018
32	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Number of staff qualified to use HazMatID Elite	Senator KITCHING: I don't know what the training involves, and the reason I ask about the ACT fire brigade is to get some level of comparison to another entity that deals with it. I understand they're properly suited up in hazmat suits, as well. But, leaving that aside, how many employees here are qualified to operate the device? Mr Anderson: I believe it's 10, but I'll take that on notice and clarify that notification.	Hansard Page 40 21 May 2018

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33	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	On-going training for HazMatID Elite	<p>Senator KITCHING: I'm going to use the date 1 January 2016, because in one of the QONs you give the number of incidents for white powder incidents within Parliament House. Since 1 January, have there been any gaps, or is it really every single week?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: There may be gaps, but I think it's as business requirements dictate. If it's particularly busy—for example, in budget week—they might not have done the training that week. But I will clarify that and provide it on notice.</p>	Hansard Page 40 21 May 2018
34	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	ACT Fire Brigade approval of DPS training	<p>Senator KITCHING: My question is, there is a training program: is that commensurate with training programs that other officers in other agencies or facilities might receive who are dealing with the same circumstances?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I'm not sure, Senator, but, as I tendered in evidence before, ACT Ambulance Service and the ACT fire brigade have looked at our program and they've signed off on it.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: So they have signed off on the training, is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Whether it's signed off on the training—but they certainly have looked at our use of that device.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: No; I'm not asking about the use. I'm asking about the training.</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I will take that on notice, then.</p>	Hansard Page 41 21 May 2018
35	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	PPE appropriate ness	<p>Senator KITCHING: Just so I am clear—because I don't want you to come back with a response saying, 'the suits aren't from Bunnings.' What I'm asking you is: where are the suits from? Are they of the appropriate level—that, for example, the ACT fire brigade would also use in similar instances? Because you have indicated that they may also attend Parliament House. So I want to know whether those suits—which are colloquially said to be \$6 painting overalls from Bunnings; I don't want you to narrow my question down and tell me, 'No, they're not from Bunnings.' I would like a response back as to whether they are appropriate suiting for people to wear when dealing with hazardous materials. If you could take that on notice, that would be good.</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I don't need to take that on notice, Senator, I can answer that question, as I believe I've answered it before. The ACT fire brigade have turned up and looked at our PPE and looked at our uses of the device, and have signed off on it.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I'm not talking about the device now, I'm talking about the clothing that is worn.</p> <p>Mr Cooper: That's the PPE, Senator, that he is referring to.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes, I understand what PPE is. But what I'm asking you is: is it an appropriate level of covering for the security officers who are dealing with hazardous materials? Will you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Page 41 21 May 2018

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36	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Process for white powder incident response	<p>Senator KITCHING: Thank you. When you do that, could you please take this on notice as well: whom do you have to make aware in these situations, if people are dealing with hazardous materials? Are they appropriately suited up? Do you have to make, for example, Comcare aware? For your insurance policies, is there an insurance level around outfitting people to deal with hazardous materials?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I'll take that on notice. But, as I said before, we would not send our people to assess hazardous situations with that device and with that level of PPE.</p>	Hansard Page 42 21 May 2018
37	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	DPS car parking policy	<p>Senator KITCHING: I'm not asking for it to go in camera. I want to ask about car parking. Is there a policy for car parking at Parliament House, Mr Stefanic?</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: Yes, there is.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Is it on the Parliament House website?</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: I'm not sure. I'll take some advice on that.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: You don't know whether it's on the website or not. Does anyone know?</p> <p>Mr Cooper: We are not sure.</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: We'll find out and get back to you.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Given you know that level of detail, where is it on the intranet?</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: I said we'll take advice on that, and I'll get back to you</p>	Hansard Page 42-43 21 May 2018
38	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	DPS reserved car spaces	<p>Senator KITCHING: How many car parks does DPS have?</p> <p>The PRESIDENT: Do you mean reserved—</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes, reserved.</p> <p>The PRESIDENT: or how many staff—</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: No, I mean reserved car spots. Because you've got reserved car spaces, haven't you—DPS? I think they're in the Senate car park.</p> <p>The PRESIDENT: Can we take it on notice? I know there are a couple in the Senate car park.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: What's the rationale for reserving car spaces for DPS employees?</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: It's been a long-standing arrangement with the approval of presiding officers.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Have you got a reserved car spot, Mr Stefanic?</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: You must know how many people have them, approximately.</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: No, I don't.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: You don't know—okay. Is that being reviewed as well? Maybe you don't need as many car spots?</p> <p>The PRESIDENT: I think we're only talking about—is it fair to say roughly a handful of DPS reserved</p>	Hansard Page 45 21 May 2018

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				<p>spots? It's on the basis of the secretary of DPS—I think there's one for the Clerk of the Senate and there's one for me. I don't know off the top of my head on the House side, but—</p> <p>Mr Anderson: There are 10 DPS car parks reserved, and they are all on the Senate side.</p> <p>Mr Cooper: Senator, just to clarify, that's approximate. It might be up to 12. We'll just need to check.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: You're going to come back to me though with the exact number—is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Cooper: Sorry?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: You're going to come back to me with the exact number.</p> <p>Mr Cooper: Yes, Senator.</p>	
39	Department of Parliamentary Services	Lines	Cleaning Contract - subcontracti ng	<p>1 Under what circumstances would the DPS approve the Service Provider to subcontract the performance of service under the contract?</p> <p>2 What measures are required to be met in seeking approval to use a subcontractor?</p> <p>3 Where the Service Provider seeks to use a subcontractor what is the relation between 2.3.1 and 2.3.4. If DPS must always approve the subcontracting of services, in what circumstances would DPS not be aware of all subcontractors engaged in performance of services?</p> <p>4 Is it correct to assume that the Service Provider can use a subcontractor without the naming of the subcontractor?</p>	Written
40	Department of Parliamentary Services	Lines	Cleaning Contract - Timeframes	<p>1 What is the initial contract period?</p> <p>2 What are the extension options for DPS?</p> <p>3 What are the review and opt-out periods?</p>	Written
41	Department of Parliamentary Services	Lines	Cleaning Contract - Value	<p>1 Regarding the contract awarded to Dimeo Cleaning Services for the interior and exterior cleaning of Parliament House, could the Department please confirm reports that the entire contract is worth \$46 million.</p> <p>2 Additionally, could the Department provide an individual break-down of the value of the contract for both the interior cleaning services and the exterior cleaning services.</p>	Written
42	Department of Parliamentary Services	Patrick	Travel Expenditure	<p>For FY 16/17:</p> <p>1 Please provide details of the Qantas/Virgin split for official travel in terms of:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Total number of tickets</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Total value spent for official travel?</p> <p>2 In the event there is a disparity of greater than 65/35 in the split (either way), please provide a detailed reasons for the split in the context of a lowest practical fare policy.</p> <p>3 How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from only the Qantas Chairman's Lounge?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Could you please provide a breakdown of the travel for each of those individuals between</p>	Written

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				<p style="text-align: center;">Qantas and Virgin?</p> <p>4 How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from only Virgin's The Club?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Could you please provide a breakdown of the travel for each of those individuals between Qantas and Virgin?</p> <p>5 How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from both the Qantas Chairman's Lounge and Virgin's The Club?</p>	
43	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Monies owed to APH Catering	<p>1 Can the Department provide information in relation to calculations or analysis performed, for example an accounts receivable turnover ratio calculation, to evaluate the total debtors to determine efficiency or inefficiency in collecting outstanding debts?</p> <p>2 How often are these review activities undertaken?</p>	Written
44	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Library Division - Temporary Staff	What is the dollar value of temporary personnel services attributed to this division for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 May 2018?	Written
45	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Chief Operating Officer Division – Temporary Staff	What is the dollar value of temporary personnel services attributed to this division for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 May 2018?	Written
46	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Information Services Division – Temporary Staff	What is the dollar value of temporary personnel services attributed to this division for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 May 2018?	Written
47	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Building and Security Division –	What is the dollar value of temporary personnel services attributed to this division for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 May 2018?	Written

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			Temporary Staff		
48	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Credit cards	1 As at 31 May 2018, how many credit cards were issued to employees? 2 Please complete the following table (numbers by card type): Card type Number of cardholders ANZ Visa Diners Travel Diners Companion MasterCard Other (please specify)	Written
49	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Mobile testing device training	During the Estimates hearing on 21 May 2018, Mr Anderson said “Yes. People in the loading dock undergo training every Friday.” when asked about mobile testing device training. For the period 1 January 2017 to date, provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the date of every Friday when training has been undertaken (a list is required, as we expect that there will be some Fridays (such as Good Friday) where the training will have been rescheduled); • the commencement time of the training on each date; • the duration of each training session; • the number of security officers who attended each session; and • who conducted/facilitated each training session. 	Written
50	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Mobile testing device training	In the Estimates hearing on 21 May 2018, Mr Anderson said: “Initially, once the device was provided, we got some information and some advice from the supplier.” 1 Who supplied the mobile testing devices? 2 Can the Department advise the date the advice from the supplier was received? 3 What did the supplier’s advice include in terms of training? 4 Can a copy of the supplier’s advice be provided?	Written
51	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Mobile testing device training	In the Estimates hearing on 21 May 2018, Mr Anderson said: “Yes, because the ACT fire brigade and ACT Ambulance Service have both attended Parliament House and viewed the HazMatID Elite, and our training and our protocols, and they've signed off on it.” 1 Please advise the date the ACT Fire Brigade signed off on the Department’s training delivery with respect to the mobile testing device. 2 Please advise the date the ACT Ambulance Service signed off on the Department’s training delivery with respect to the mobile testing device.	Written
52	Department of Parliamentary	Kitching	Mobile testing	1 With respect to the protective overalls that security officers wear when they deploy the mobile testing device, can the Department advise the name of the supplier of the overalls?	Written

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	Services		device – protective clothing	2 What is the cost of each pair of protective overalls?	
53	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Mobile testing device	In the Estimates hearing on 21 May 2018, Mr Anderson said: "... The ACT fire brigade have turned up and looked at our PPE and looked at our uses of the device, and have signed off on it." 1 What date did the ACT fire brigade sign off on the protective clothing and equipment used by the Department? 2 What date did the ACT fire brigade sign off on the Department's use of the mobile testing device?	Written
54	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Faults with new security pass swipe system	1 Have there been any instances where a valid and current pass holder (with a pass that was within its date for expiry) has been denied access to Parliament House and had their pass confiscated, but then had it returned after a period of time, and advised there was nothing wrong with the pass? 2 If so, when did any such instances occur? 3 For each instance, what was the reason for the valid and current pass holder being denied access?	Written
55	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	2018 Building occupant survey	1 How many people were invited to participate in the survey? 2 How many returns were received?	Written
56	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	External umbrellas installed at temporary House of Representatives and Senate entrances	1 Prior to the installation of the umbrellas, what alternative shelter options were explored? 2 Were less expensive options available? 3 Can the Department confirm that the cost of the four umbrellas was \$138,000? 4 If that was not the cost, can the cost be provided? 5 What was the process for acquiring the umbrellas? Was it through a tender or another means? 6 Were the umbrellas acquired directly by the Department or by a building works contractor? 7 Are the funds covered from the security works budget or are they outside the scope of the project?	Written
57	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Parliament House 30th Birthday	1 How many events are to take place to celebrate Parliament House's 30th Birthday over the course of 2018? 2 How many have taken place so far?	Written

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			Celebrations	3 How has attendance at these events compared with estimated attendance numbers? 4 Have the birthday celebrations caused, or will future events cause, the Department to recruit employees specifically for planned events? 5 What is the budget attributed to 30th Birthday celebrations? 6 What has been spent to date?	
58	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Spend to control moths	Senator Kitching has previously asked for a breakdown in the spend of \$200,000 for moth infestation control. The answer returned was “The department’s expenditure was significantly less than \$200,000.” 1 What sum has been expended by the Department to control moth infestations? 2 What’s the breakdown (when, to whom and for what)?	Written
59	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Health and Recreation Centre	1 How many Canberra based staff hold current membership to the Health & Recreation Centre? 2 Can the Department provide a breakdown between staff of senators and members, staff of parliamentary departments, and other members of the facility? 3 How many non-Canberra based staff are current members? 4 How many Senators and MPs are current members? 5 On average, how many casual visits does the Centre receive per month? 6 What is the quantum of the annual budget attributed to the Centre?	Written
60	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	HR policies update	With reference to Question on Notice number 42 from Additional Estimates 2017-18: 1 How many policies have now been updated? 2 How many are left to be updated? 3 When is this project expected to be completed?	Written
61	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Works to car park lifts	1 How is the Department managing the lifts works to ensure that lifts to car parks is being completed expeditiously? 2 How is the Department scheduling works to the lifts to ensure disruption to building occupants is minimised? 3 On average, how many hours per week are being spent working on bringing the lifts back into operation? 4 When should building occupants, particularly those who travel from interstate carrying luggage, expect the lifts to be returned to full operation?	Written
62	Department of Parliamentary Services	Wong	Security Works Update	With respect to the progress of security works: 1 When can works on the external fence be expected to be completed? (a) What was the original date for scheduled completion? (b) Will this be adhered to? 2 Is work on the skylights progressing according to schedule?	Written

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				(a) If not, why not? (b) What is the timeline for the remaining works?	
63	Department of Parliamentary Services	Wong	Security Works Update	With reference to the opening statement by the President of the Senate: Construction to strengthen the Senate and House of Representatives entrances commenced in early March 2018 and building occupants are now entering the building via temporary entrances. The new entrances will be ready in time for the spring sittings of parliament. 1 What was the original scheduled date for commencement and completion of the works on the entrances? 2 When did work commence? 3 Can a date on which the new entrances will reopen be provided? 4 How does this timetable for completion compare with the original timetable?	
64	Department of Parliamentary Services	Wong	Security Works Update	With reference to the opening statement by the President of the Senate: The committee will also be aware that there have been a number of recent accidents involving damage to vehicles from security bollards. An independent investigation was undertaken and concluded that these incidents were indicative of procedural concerns in the Parliamentary Security Operations Room. The review made eight recommendations to address these issues, all of which will be actioned by DPS once the security management board has considered the report. Can a copy of the report of the investigation be provided.	Written
65	Department of Parliamentary Services	Wong	Strategic Accommodation Review - General	1 What is the current status of the Strategic Accommodation Review? 2 When can senators expect any public statement of proposals being advanced, or any timeline? 3 Has any funding been sought for specific projects? 4 If so, which projects?	Written
66	Department of Parliamentary Services	Wong	Refurbishment of Suite SG.95	Noting that Senator Steele-John has commenced occupying Suite SG.95: 1 When were works in Suite SG.95 completed in order for the suite to be occupied? 2 Are there any outstanding works to be completed? 3 When was the suite handed over to the Department of the Senate ready to be occupied? 4 When was the suite originally scheduled to be completed and ready for occupation? 5 What reasons were given to the Department of Parliamentary Services for any delay? 6 Was the Department of Parliamentary Services compensated for any overrun in the scheduled delivery time of the project? 7 What steps will the Department of Parliamentary Services take to ensure future projects managed in	Written

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				<p>this way are completed in accordance with agreed timeframes?</p> <p>8 Can the total value of the contract now be advised?</p> <p>9 If not, why not?</p>	
67	Department of Parliamentary Services	Wong	ICT Outage	<p>With reference to the email sent on Wednesday 6 June 2018 by the Chief Information Officer, with the subject “Friday 1 June 2018 - ICT Outage”:</p> <p>1 How was the Department of Parliamentary Services first alerted to the fault?</p> <p>2 What was the nature of the fault?</p> <p>3 What was the “technical cause of the problem”?</p> <p>4 What protections have been put in place to prevent the fault from reoccurring?</p> <p>5 Who is the relevant system vendor?</p> <p>6 What costs, if any, have been incurred by the Department of Parliamentary Services to rectify the issue?</p> <p>7 When will the “full review with the vendor” be completed?</p> <p>8 Can a copy if the review be provided?</p>	Written
68	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Retail and services at Parliament House	<p>Can the Department advise if it is planning, or has planned, to allow or engage any other external party(ies) to establish a retail or services business within Parliament House?</p> <p>a) If yes, what plans are on foot?</p> <p>b) If yes, provide details of when such changes are expected to occur.</p> <p>c) If yes, is the Department contractually obligated to inform any party(ies) of any such decision(s)?</p>	Written
69	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Retail and services at Parliament House	<p>Can the Department advise if it is planning, or has planned, to make any changes to the existing catering operations (Staff Dining Room, Coffee Cart, Queens Terrace Café)? Plans may include, for example, changing the location, reducing, increasing or replacing an existing operation, significantly altering or expanding existing services or food and beverage offerings.</p> <p>a) If yes, what plans are on foot?</p> <p>b) If yes, provide details of when such changes are expected to occur.</p> <p>c) If yes, is the Department contractually obligated to inform any party(ies) of any such decision(s)?</p>	Written
70	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Retail and services at Parliament House	<p>Is the Department planning on establishing any new catering operations, for example new retail food and beverage options?</p> <p>a) If yes, what plans are on foot?</p> <p>b) If yes, provide details of when such changes are expected to occur.</p> <p>c) If yes, is the Department contractually obligated to inform any party(ies) of any such decision(s)?</p>	Written

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71	Department of Parliamentary Services	Kitching	Parliament House security works program	<p>1. For each component or project which comprises the security upgrade works program (whether completed, commenced or yet to be commenced), can the Department complete the table below:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Description of element/ project</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Estimates commenc ement date</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Actual commencement date</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Estimated completion date</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Actual completion date</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Estimated budget</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Actual cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2. To date, can the Department advise:</p> <p>(a) the quantum of funding allocated to it;</p> <p>(b) the quantum of funding expended on projects within the program;</p> <p>(c) the quantum of funding expended on related projects required to be undertaken but which have fallen outside of the program;</p> <p>(d) the quantum of allocated funding that has not yet been budgeted towards any specific projects; and</p> <p>(e) the overall projected budget surplus or deficit for the program.</p>	Description of element/ project	Estimates commenc ement date	Actual commencement date	Estimated completion date	Actual completion date	Estimated budget	Actual cost								Written
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