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1	1	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Senator GALLACHER	ASC and Austal Agreement Announcement	<p>Senator GALLACHER: ... Minister, when did you become aware of the agreement between ASC and Austal? My understanding is that you are the shareholder.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: So ASC and Austal made an agreement to team, if you like?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: When did you become aware of that?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'll take on notice the specific date.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 9, 10	8/12/17
2	2	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Senator GALLACHER	ASC and Austal Communication Between Ministerial Offices	<p>Senator GALLACHER: ... Minister, was there any communication before your office and Minister Pyne's office either before or after this announcement was made?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I would presume so, but if you want I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: We just want to know when that communication was and what was the nature of it.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 11	8/12/17
3	3	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Senator GALLACHER	Confirmation of Communication from ASC and Austal	<p>Senator GALLACHER: And there was communication with Austal prior to the announcement? I can understand ASC.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I believe that I received courtesy notifications from both ASC and Austal. That is my recollection, but I'll check my records.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Once again, when was that communication and what was the nature of it?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Sure.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 11	8/12/17
4	4	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Senator GALLACHER	GBE Tenders	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Can you advise the committee of any other tenders where an Australian company or a government business enterprise has been specifically included in this way? Are you the shareholder for Moorebank Intermodal?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'm the joint shareholder in relation to a range of government business enterprises, as is a matter of public record. Obviously Defence have got responsibility for the specific requirements, from a defence point of view, taking into consideration all of the defence requirements, which is why any questions as to why certain approaches or clauses are included in relevant documentation are really a matter for them.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: I accept that in respect of the situation with ASC. My question, though, is: can you advise the committee of any other tenders where an Australian company or a government business enterprise has been specifically excluded in this way?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Obviously, I'm not necessarily accepting your assertion in relation to the former, but I'm happy to take on notice your question in relation to the latter.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 11, 12	8/12/17
5	5	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Senator GALLACHER	Communication with Minister for Defence Industry	<p>Senator GALLACHER: That's good; I might be annoying you. Minister, was there any communication between you and Minister Pyne either before or after this clause was included?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: There's a premise to the question that I don't necessarily accept around the timing of certain things that relate to the Defence portfolio, but let me give you the general response. As I said in response to a previous question, I talk to my great friend the member for Sturt on a regular basis in relation to the matters relevant to our Naval Shipbuilding Plan.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Are you able to describe the nature of the communication in respect of this? Are you going to take on notice, if there was communication, what date it was?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Again, I talk to the member for Sturt, the Minister for Defence Industry, on a regular basis. I'll see whether I can add to that. And of course many, if not most, of the deliberations are directly related to the deliberations of the cabinet in relation to a live tender process, so there might be a limitation to how much addition I'll be able to share with you.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 12, 16	8/12/17

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						<p>Senator GALLACHER: Thank you. I now just repeat the questions for any communication between your office and Minister Pyne's office either before or after this clause was included: if there was communication, when it was, and what the nature of the communication was—phone, SMS or email?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'm happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Okay. And you have taken on notice the timeline of the process?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I have taken on notice whatever you have asked me before.</p>		
6	6	ANI Pty Ltd	General	Senator GALLACHER	Communication with PM on ASC and Austal Teaming Agreement	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Did you make the Prime Minister aware of the teaming agreement?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I would have to check.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: So you'll check. You don't remember having a conversation or—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I don't recall. I certainly remember having conversations at or around that time with my good friend the member for Sturt. I don't recall having had a conversation with the Prime Minister. I don't believe I did, but I'll check my records.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: You could check your records as to whether you made the Prime Minister aware of the teaming agreement and, if so, what his response was.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 22	8/12/17
7	7	Future Fund	General	Senator GALLACHER	Renewable Energy Portfolio	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Do you have a figure on the percentage renewable energy investments make up of your total investments overall? Is it difficult to get that information?</p> <p>Mr Neal: I don't.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Would you be able to provide it?</p> <p>Mr Neal: We certainly would be able to provide you with a number for what is invested quite directly through our private market portfolio.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Is that increasing?</p> <p>Mr Neal: That would be harder to extract, obviously. We can give you the private number.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Is the renewable energy side of the portfolio an increasing area for you? Are you growing that each year?</p> <p>Mr Neal: It certainly has increased in recent years. I don't believe it's a strategy of ours to increase it.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: You don't have a policy to do so?</p> <p>Mr Neal: There's no policy that we should have more wind farms, no. The policy is: we should have more good investments, and so if investments come forward that happen to be wind farms and are good investments and they're better than other investments that we might make—buying an office building or something else—then that is the decision that we will make. If other investors flood into them and bid the price up, then we won't invest in them because they become expensive.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Could you take on notice, along the terms that you have already agreed, the percentage increase in your renewable energy portfolio. I don't know if you have this detail on you, but I'd like the same information for your exposure to fossil fuel and whether it is increasing or decreasing.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We can certainly take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 30, 31	8/12/17
8	8	Finance	1/1.1	Senator McALLISTER	Advance to the Finance Minister	<p>Senator McALLISTER: ... I understand that, before the most recent advance to the ABS, the one prior to that was \$101 million that was provided to the Australian Electoral Commission.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I can confirm that, in my four years and one month or thereabouts as Minister for Finance, I have used the advance to the finance minister, which is appropriated to me by the parliament, on two occasions. The first time was in 2016 to implement the Senate voting reforms in time for the 2016 election.</p> <p>...</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 38, 39	8/12/17

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						<p>Senator McALLISTER: In 2016 when that facility was used for the Senate voting reforms, what was the timing of the appropriation? Was that after the Senate voting reforms had passed the parliament?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Say that again.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Was it only after the passage of changes to the Electoral Act that the appropriation was made, or did it happen beforehand?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I might have to take that on notice. Clearly, once we decided to go down a particular path, once the government made a policy decision to go down a particular path, obviously the need for the expenditure became clear, but, as to what the precise sequence was, I will have to take that on notice.</p>		
9	9	Finance	1/1.1	Senator GALLAGHER	CBMSR Costs	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: How much additional funding has the department received for the project in total from the original allocation?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: There's certainly funding. We are going back a few years now, but there were measures around CBMSR, I think it was in the 2015-16 budget. To date, the measures have been announced with a not-for- publication, because of the commercial arrangements that were in place. We have certainly been asked questions about this at previous estimates. Because we are still in the rollout phase we are still in a commercially sensitive environment, but we will in in a position to do a reconciliation of the funding for CBMSR when we get to the end of the project, which should be in February—we should be in a position for the next estimates.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So in February you will be able to provide the committee with information about the total cost of the project?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: And everything that that entails?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Yes, absolutely.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: But you can't at this point in time.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: No.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Are there any figures you can provide the committee other than those that are subject to the final—you must have spent the majority of it and now it is just about what you are going to pay if things go—</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Can we take it on notice and look at what we can provide? We will need to have a look.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: All right. Please include the money that had to be allocated outside the original contract price—that would be useful.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 41, 42	8/12/17
10	10	Finance	2/2.2	Senator McALLISTER	Establishment of Home Affairs Portfolio	<p>Senator McALLISTER: ... were you consulted prior to the announcement of the home affairs portfolio? I think the Prime Minister made the announcement on 18 July. When did you first become involved?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I probably would have to take on notice exactly when we were involved, but certainly we were involved— prior to the announcement, certainly we were involved. But I couldn't tell you exactly when that was, to be honest. In fact, I think at that announcement on 18 July I may have been on leave, so that might be why my memory is slightly blurry as to what our involvement was</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: I am interested in the process leading up to the announcement and whether, prior to the announcement on 18 July on the establishment of a portfolio of home affairs and a department of home affairs, the department was consulted?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Senator, I think I've already answered that question. I will take on notice the precise involvement leading up to 18 July. Certainly, I can say that I was aware, before I went on leave earlier that month, that there were discussions around the establishment of a home affairs department, that that work was being particularly managed in PM&C, with input from others, but I'd have to take on notice exactly what the dates were and the nature of the engagement.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 43	8/12/17

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11	11	Finance	2/2.2	Senator McALLISTER	Home Affairs Portfolio - Cabinet Consideration	<p>Senator McALLISTER: I asked Ms Huxtable a general question about the extent to which the Department of Finance was consulted in the lead-up to the announcement on 18 July. Can I ask an additional and more specific question about whether or not the Department of Finance provided advice in the lead-up to cabinet consideration of this issue?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: That is not the way machinery-of-government changes work. The machinery-of- government arrangements are the purview of the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister made the announcement following a review and there is now a further process underway that will lead to the establishment of a home affairs portfolio at the end of that process. Finance has been involved in that process, as appropriate.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: So, it wasn't necessary for there to be a cabinet decision, because it is a decision of the Prime Minister?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Machinery-of-government arrangements, under governments of both political persuasions, are the purview of the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: So in this instance it wasn't necessary that there be a cabinet decision?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: It is not a matter of instances—</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: I am asking a very specific question about whether—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I am not going to go into cabinet deliberations, as you wouldn't expect me to. As is the constant approach of governments of both political persuasions, the machinery-of-government reforms from time to time are pursued under the leadership of the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: So it didn't go to cabinet?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I don't talk about cabinet deliberations, as ministers in the previous Labor government wouldn't either.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Minister, you know that, on many other occasions, whether or not a matter has been considered by cabinet is something that is discussed, as are the dates of those meetings and the question of whether or not advice was provided. We accept that beyond that the content of the discussion at the cabinet table is not for public consumption and the opposition respects that. But the question of whether or not a matter went to cabinet is conventionally one where the public service does provide information.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I will take on notice when this particular announcement went to cabinet prior to announcement.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 44, 45	8/12/17
12	12	Finance	1/1.1	Senator GALLAGHER	Medium Term Costings in 2017-18 Budget	<p>Senator Cormann: The Charter of Budget Honesty Act provides that costings are to be shown in budget papers— forecasts are shown in budget papers—for the budget year plus three years—for a four-year period. But, obviously, decisions to reduce expenditure or decisions to increase expenditure, mostly, unless they are terminating programs, have implications over the medium term and beyond, unless they are varied.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Were there any over the medium term in the last budget?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I would probably have to take that on notice. I don't think I know that offhand. None that jump out at me, but we do a huge number, so in fairness—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: If you could, that would be excellent?</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 45	8/12/17
13	13	Finance	1/1.1	Senator GALLAGHER	Reclassification of Receipts – Final Budget Outcome	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: I will come back to that tomorrow. I will muddle through and you can direct me elsewhere if I have to. In that same table are the non-taxation receipts where the variance occurred. Can you explain that, or is that Treasury again?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: The note says: This results in a net increase in taxation receipts and a net decrease in non-taxation receipts. The data series going backwards has been adjusted in order to make sure that we continue to compare apples with apples, but the specifics in relation to these classifications are really a matter for a combination of ABS and Treasury.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: In relation to that specific question of the variance between the estimate at 5.8 and the outcome at 6.8—</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 45, 46	8/12/17

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						<p>Senator CORMANN: Sorry; where are you now?</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I'm still on that same table, where it says 'Other non-taxation receipts'. I'm trying to understand what that is.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Which goes from 10.9 to 12.7? Senator GALLAGHER: No. 'Other non-taxation receipts'. Senator Cormann: Well, that's what it says.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, sorry. I'm reading the lines wrong.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: The one you are looking at is dividends.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I've got questions on both, though, so I'm happy to go to them. Dividends—is that related to the Future Fund?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: If you go to page 4, there is actually an explanation in the receipts section, which is a Treasury section. When you look at non-tax receipts, it says at the bottom of the page that they were: ... \$26.5 billion in 2016 17, \$1.1 billion higher than estimated at the time of the 2017-18 Budget. This increase largely relates to adjustments for medicines subject to commercial pricing arrangements under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. That's the explanation for that.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: That's 1.1 of the 1.8 and then—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: 'Largely', it says. If you want that further broken down, I'm happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Is that a Treasury question?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: It is a Treasury question.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Are you taking that on notice for tomorrow or am I asking that again tomorrow?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I am happy to take it on notice and to assist you on notice.</p>		
14	14	Finance	1/1.1	Senator GALLAGHER	Accounting and Financial Management Services Contract	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: ... A contract has gone out—it's on Austender at the moment— for accounting and financial management services. It was published on 18 September. When you read what it's for, to me it reads like core Finance business: accounting and production of budget financial data such as the Mid- Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, the Final Budget Outcome, prepare and publish the Australian government's general government sector monthly and annual whole-of-government consolidated financial statements.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Who currently has the contract?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: The current contract is held with KPMG.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Have other companies held it in the past?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: I would have to take that one on notice, yes.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can you tell me the value of the contract, maybe the past contract, not the current one out for tender now?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Could I take that on notice, just because I don't have the dollars with me but also just to check the commercial-in-confidence nature?</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: You would have to publish it.</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Is your question about the contract or about the spend?</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Tell me the difference; probably both.</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: A contract amount is essentially a published maximum, and the utilisation drives the spend, which, in many cases, is significantly below the published contract value.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 46, 47, 48, 49	8/12/17

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						<p>Senator GALLAGHER: But you don't necessarily publish both figures?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: No.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Why is that?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I think it is just the way in which the reporting occurs. On AusTender, at the time that the contract is entered into, there is a publication of the contract and the amount and, obviously, you don't know exactly what the spend will be.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: You'll get back to me on the value of the current contract and the spend?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: We'll take those on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: And who's held the contract since it commenced or whether there's been anyone other than KPMG.</p>		
15	15	Finance	1/1.1	Senator GALLAGHER	Legislation Budget Repair Measures	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Minister, the Sydney Institute speech that you gave—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: In the intergenerational equity section it says: Since the Coalition has been in Government we have managed to legislate more than \$300 billion in budget repair measures over the medium term to 2027-28. Could we have a breakdown of those, including the savings?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'll take it on notice. I've provided similar advice in the past. I'll provide that to you on notice. I'll provide an update.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: That would be excellent. All of the new spending has been fully offset, excluding the Senate negotiations. I'm wondering whether you have a cost of the cumulative impact of those Senate negotiations—the cost of the deals—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'll take that on notice. This is not just—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: known and unknown.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Firstly, some of those deals, as you describe them, were deals with Labor, so bear that in mind. I think in previous budgets and budget updates we've referred to it as 'Senate decisions and delays'. There's obviously also a cost of delay. If you want, I can provide you with that cumulative cost of Senate decisions and delays.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: That would be useful. How much of the \$300 billion was on the spending side and how much was on revenue?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: It's 100 per cent on the spending side and non-tax revenue, so it does not include any tax revenue measures.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: That \$300 billion doesn't include any tax?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: No. It includes the net effect of spending decisions and the net effect of decisions in relation to non-taxation receipts.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can I have a figure for the revenue side increases?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: In relation to tax, that's a matter for Treasury, but in an abundance of helpfulness I'm happy to take that on notice. Bear in mind that we've pursued tax cuts, for example, by getting rid of the mining tax and the carbon tax and by reducing personal income tax for people earning between \$80,000 and \$87,000 a year and pursued corporate tax cuts down to 25 per cent for businesses with a turnover of up to \$50 million a year. There are various movements that we'll seek to reconcile for you.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 54, 55	8/12/17
16	16	Finance	1/1.1	Senator	Community	Senator CHISHOLM: I'm interested in the \$8.9 million that was given to the Ipswich Show Society recently.	Hansard Proof, 24 October	8/12/17

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				CHILSHOLM	Development Program – Ipswich Show Society	<p>Are you aware of that expenditure? ...</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: I have the media article from the <i>Queensland Times</i>, which is the Ipswich paper. In this, Senator Hanson is quoted in regard to the Ipswich Show Society. It says: "I then presented it to (Finance Minister) Mathias Cormann and they have come forward with the cheque from the Federal Government," she said. Would you like to comment on that in terms of your involvement?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I think that's a shortcut for her making the point that she made representations to me as one of the ministers in the federal government. Clearly, in relation to projects under the Community Development Program, there would have been an application under that program which went to the government. A decision would have been made that this is a project of merit, on which I don't believe there is any dispute by anyone. A decision would have been made to allocate the funding to this project, along with many projects all around Australia, of course. That's essentially the beginning and the end of it.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: I think the decisions around this program are made by Minister Nash. Did you have any conversations with Minister Nash or her office about funding this particular project?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I did not have a conversation with Minister Nash, no.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: What about your office?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'd have to take on notice what conversations there may have been. I could certainly confirm that Senator Hanson is one of the representatives that has raised this with me as a project of merit, and that is, of course, something that the government has agreed with.</p>	2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 56, 57	
17	17	Finance	1/1.1	Senator McALLISTER	National Innovation and Science Agenda	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Did Finance do a green brief on the National Innovation and Science Agenda?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Every decision that the Expenditure Review Committee makes on the spending side of the budget has a green brief on top of it—and I think we've had this discussion in the past—and if it's in relation to tax revenue measures then there will be a pink brief by Treasury put on top of it.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: But I have asked a specific question about the National Innovation and Science Agenda. Was a green brief provided for that submission?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: The answer is yes. Just to clarify, those elements of the agenda that related to expenditure items, as I just indicated, yes, those tax measure would have had a pink brief.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: On how many occasions did Finance provide formal advice on the National Innovation and Science Agenda?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: What was the time frame over which the National Innovation and Science Agenda was worked up?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: You are now going back a period, so we'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Yes, it was some time ago.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We have taken that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 59	8/12/17
18	18	Finance	General	Senator McALLISTER	Project Deployment Team Staffing	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Thanks. Can I ask about the reference on page 12 to the team of 220 project staff available to move flexibly on different priority projects as they emerge. In a department of 1,200 to 1,250 staff, that is quite a large proportion of the workforce. Are they moved regularly? What is the average tenure on a project?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I'd probably have to take that on notice. In the genesis of this, when it was first established, what we were looking to do was take work that is project work, effectively, in the department and, rather than run the organisation in a way that says, 'In this division, they're managing a particular scoping study or the Medibank sale</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 61, 62	8/12/17

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						<p>process,' for example, and find the resources and do that work and then get redeployed within that division, we wanted to have a more dynamic way to establish prioritisation processes across the department. We have basically split our work up or categorised our work into work that's more project based and has a beginning and an end, and then we have a process of reprioritising or reallocating staff at the end of that project, more broadly, across the department. So it gets to the sense that we are one organisation and we have a process of determining our priorities, and that occurs at the executive board, and allocating our resources according to those priorities.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: I would appreciate getting some indication about the tenure, if you have that data in a digestible form.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Sure. I will tell you too that there will be a range. There are some that are quite long-term projects and then there are others that are quite short-term projects. We might need to give you a sense of the median rather than the average in that regard.</p>		
19	19	Finance	General	Senator McALLISTER	Stream Recruitment	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Moving over the page to the recruitment approach, the stream recruitment, are there any other departments taking a similar approach?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I might defer to one of my colleagues on that.</p> <p>Ms Jackson: Many departments take different approaches to recruitment. I believe there are some other departments recruiting in capability streams, but I'm not aware that any have the exact model that we're using. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 62	8/12/17
20	20	Finance	General	Senator McALLISTER	govCMS Funding	<p>Senator McALLISTER: In relation to purpose 3, there's a reference to signing up agencies to the govCMS system. I note that it appears some organisations were provided extra resources to transfer their websites. In answer to a question on notice back in May, it appeared that money was provided to the Australian Sports Commission to transfer their website across to the CMS. Will funding be required for many agencies to make that transition?</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: I'm appearing this time as the CIO. The govCMS funding usually comes from the agency. I'm not aware of a particular amount of money being transferred in the manner to which you refer. I'd need to take that detail on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 63	8/12/17
21	21	Finance	1/1.1	Senator GALLAGHER	National Energy Guarantee	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: ... In the annual report and the corporate plan, Ms Huxtable, the department acknowledges its role in major government reforms and it's sort of filtered through the report. Was there a role for Finance in the National Energy Guarantee, and when did you first become aware of the National Energy Guarantee?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: In the process of that being considered by cabinet, we had a role, as we would normally have, in providing advice to our minister in regard to the national energy policy.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Specifically, when did you first become aware of the policy that was released on 17 October?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We'll have to take the specifics on notice, but perhaps I can give you some background. This obviously goes over an extended period. I'm a member of, among other things, the energy subcommittee of the cabinet, which obviously considered the national energy plan, including the National Energy Guarantee in the first instance. My department would have provided advice to me and, through me, to cabinet at the appropriate points in time as part of the cabinet deliberative process.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: My question is specifically on the National Energy Guarantee. When did the department become aware of it? Was there a green brief on the National Energy Guarantee?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: It's not an item of expenditure as such, but let me take on notice the specific dates on which the department became aware and provided advice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 65	8/12/17
22	22	Finance	1/1.1	Senator GALLAGHER	Fiscal Strategy	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Last estimates, I asked some questions around what was the size of the gap to meet the fiscal strategy of a surplus of one per cent by 2027-28. We asked a question on notice about that, and the answer that came</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 66	8/12/17

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						<p>back in Finance's answer No. 13 was that there is a gap of around 0.6 per cent of GDP. I'm wondering if you can advise how much that would be today. What would be the dollar figure of that today?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So Finance can't tell me what 0.6 per cent of GDP is in dollar figures today?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We'd have to take on notice to make sure that the number is accurate. We'd have to consult with the responsible agency. The easier way forward would be to talk to the responsible agency tomorrow.</p>		
23	23	Finance	2/2.1	Senator GALLAGHER	External Advisors on NBN	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Where do you get your independent advice on the performance of the NBN from? Presumably, as shareholders, you would be interested in external advice.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I receive advice from my department, and from time to time the department will seek expert advice as appropriate. I'm not sure whether there's anything specific.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: And have you sought advice on the performance of the NBN?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: At various times over the last few years, yes.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: The Department of Communications and the Department of Finance work together in providing advice to government. In relation to this corporate plan, the Department of Communications did employ specialist advice to assist us with—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Sorry? The Department of Communications—</p> <p>Mr Jagers: The Department of Communications did employ a business adviser to assist in providing advice and analysing the corporate plan. At different times throughout the financial year, and in previous years, we have employed business advisers to assist on specific issues.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: If you want us to provide on notice a list of external advice we have obtained at various times over the last three or four years, I'm happy to do that.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 69	8/12/17
24	24	Finance	2/2.1	Senator GALLAGHER	NBN Advice	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: In terms of advice in your role as shareholder, but also as Finance Minister, when concerns are identified—like that latest report of the Telecommunication Industry Ombudsman, which saw a huge surge in complaints and things like that—would you normally take advice on the performance of the NBN?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I get regular reports.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Not just at decision points?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I get regular updates on the performance of NBN, both from the board and from my department.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: How often would that be?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I will have to take that on notice. It is quite regular.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 69	8/12/17
25	25	Finance	3/3.1	Senator FARRELL	Media Enquiry Timeline	<p>Senator FARRELL: Did you jump onto it before the minister's office contacted you?</p> <p>Senator Ryan: There is a lot of contact between the office and the department on a daily basis. Mr Ford should feel completely free to answer, but I'd be struggling to tell you in what order on a particular day several weeks ago I—</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Fortuitously, Minister, I'm not asking you the question; I'm asking the department.</p> <p>Mr Ford: I might have to take it notice because I don't remember the exact sequence.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 97	8/12/17
26	26	AEC	General	Senator FARRELL	Entity Reporting	<p>Senator FARRELL: Okay. For organisations that you deem to operate with a benefit to certain political parties, can you explain how you would come to that determination?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I might start off, Senator, and then I might drag Mr Pirani into that process as well. There is a subjective element in that test. The test of 'wholly or to a significant extent' requires a degree of interpretation and a subjective judgement at a point as to the activities of that entity. As I said earlier this evening, I'm loath to come back to the specific entity because, again, I don't like talking about something that's under review, but we've looked that the entity twice before. And, at the points in time</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 116, 117	8/12/17

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						<p>when we looked at that entity, it did not, in our view, meet those tests as an associated entity. Mr Pirani might want to talk about that a little further.</p> <p>Mr Pirani: The test in relation to this particular matter that's been raised previously and looked at previously is paragraph (b), the entity that 'operates wholly or to a significant extent'. So it's the actual operations of the entity, the activities of the entity, that are examined in the relevant financial year to see whether there may be a reporting obligation as an associated entity. So it's the actual operations that are examined.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I might just add that it's not a process that just happens and all of a sudden they've got an obligation. They're actually sent an obligation letter so that they're aware of what the process is and what the AEC's preliminary view is, and they're invited to comment on that preliminary view before we move forward.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Presumably you did that in 2005 and 2010—was that the other year that you looked at it?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: They were the two years. We would have to check, but I'd be pretty confident that that is the process we went through previously.</p>		
27	27	Finance	2/2.5	Senator GALLAGHER	Plutus	<p>Senator McALLISTER: I think at the time of the last estimates Senator Cameron was asking you how much money had been paid through the Department of Finance to Plutus Payroll. It was in the public domain. I think PM&C had advised that they paid \$1.3 million, and at that time I think you answered that you were seeking to assess the level of exposure, not just for the Department of Finance but I think across the government. Are you able to give us a dollar figure for what that exposure was?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I can confirm that we identified seven contractors engaged through external agencies by the department, where those external agencies used Plutus Payroll. But the advice that I have is that, as far as we are aware, there are no outstanding issues in respect of those, but I might just double-check, if I can.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Are you able to tell us which agencies had used labour hire companies with a relationship with Plutus?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I think I'd have to take that on notice. I wouldn't have that available with me.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: If there are 30 agencies using labour hire companies, how many labour hire companies or contractors engaged by government had used Plutus across government?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We'd have to take that on notice. I'm not sure of the detail of that.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: If the exposure is across 30 agencies across government, it's reasonably widespread, and all of them—</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Sorry, Senator—if I can just clarify, the information I have is that the direct link is not necessarily there. Thirty entities indicated that they had used labour hire companies that may have used Plutus, so there is not necessarily a direct link between the entity and Plutus. As I understand it, the labour hire companies use a variety of methods in regard to the payment and engagement of their contractors. I think it's not quite as simple or as linear a relationship.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 72	8/12/17
28	28	Finance	2/2.1	Senator McALLISTER	Snowy Hydro	<p>Senator McALLISTER: I am interested in the process that was undertaken to select Lazard as the business advisor for Snowy Hydro negotiations</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Okay. The media release which the finance minister and Minister Frydenberg put out said that other expert advisers would support Lazard. Who are they?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: A number of advisers have been selected to provide assistance. There is a legal adviser, an engineering adviser and some accounting advice as well.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Have they been selected by Lazard or have they been independently selected to work with Lazard?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: They have been independently selected by the department, in consultation with the Treasury.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Can you tell me about the process for selection for these advisers?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Yes. The legal advisers are on our legal advisory services panel. So, again, there was a competitive process to select that adviser. For the engineering advisory services, I might just need to check the details on exactly</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 74, 75	8/12/17

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						<p>how that process was conducted. I might see if Mr Danks can provide assistance on that.</p> <p>Mr Danks: The engineering adviser was selected from a Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development procurement panel.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: And it was a competitive process also, where a price was sought?</p> <p>Mr Danks: It was, yes.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: And the accounting support, similarly?</p> <p>Mr Danks: I will have to take that one on notice. I'm not sure which panel we took that one from, but it would have been a competitive process.</p>		
29	29	Finance	2/2.1	Senator McALLISTER	Snowy Hydro IDC	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Has an IDC been formed to manage this process?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: There are regular discussions between all of those partner agencies, so it is an interdepartmental committee of sorts, yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: With stable membership and things like that?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Yes, there are—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: As stable as it can be.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: There are regular discussions at deputy secretary level and also at a working level within the teams at Department of Finance, Treasury, and Energy and Environment that are also meeting on a regular basis.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: I should indicate that I accept that informal working arrangements and close personal relationships between colleagues are probably the effective way to get things done. But I did ask whether an IDC with stable membership had been formed to support this and I think the answer is no.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I think there's a regular working group that are meeting at deputy secretary level and that involves the agencies I mentioned and some other agencies as well. So there is a group that are regularly meeting. We also have—</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Who are the members? Which secretaries or deputy secretaries from each department are on that group?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We may have to take that on notice. We obviously haven't got that here.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Right, we have to take this on notice.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We do. We're not convening the committee, so I will have to consult with others about the information that we can provide.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 78	8/12/17
30	30	Finance	General	Senator GALLAGHER	Advertising and Market Research	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Your annual report states there's almost \$300,000 being spent on advertising and market research. I'm interested in what you do market research on. There is a global expenditure of about \$157,500. I don't want to create too much work for people, but what do you do market research on?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Can I take that on notice only because the corporate people left under outcome 1. I'm sure we can respond to that on notice. My recollection is that there is a range of things in there. I can't get them out of the back of my head at the minute.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Okay. I had a series of questions about this. Could you answer who would commission market research? Is that a decision that you take or is it devolved across the department?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Can I take that on notice. I'm just not certain around the answer to that question.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 79	8/12/17
31	31	Finance	2/2.1	Senator GALLAGHER	Decentralisation	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Is the finance department assisting any department with their submissions on relocation? Is there a working group or—</p> <p>Ms Bruinsma: Finance's role, in terms of supporting agencies with that template, is that we'll provide advice to agencies if they have questions about completing that template. But it's more process-type support that we will be</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 81	8/12/17

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						<p>providing to agencies.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can we have a copy of the template?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: It supports the deliberative process of Cabinet, so I would have to—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Just the blank one. Not one with content.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I understand your question. It is part of the deliberative process of Cabinet, but let me take on notice that question and I'll assess on notice what we can appropriately release.</p>		
32	32	Finance	2/2.2	Senator GALLAGHER	Shared Services Savings	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: ... On shared services: Ms Huxtable, there have been quite a few media reports around this program. Could you update the committee on the program on shared services? ...</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Has it delivered any savings to government yet?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: The government actually made decisions on two previous occasions about savings.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: The activity has been reduced and taken off the relevant department's bottom line. So the savings have already been harvested.</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: That's right.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Is there a figure?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We might have to take the specific number on notice. It was published in the budget papers at the relevant time.</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: We'll take the specific number on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 82	8/12/17
33	33	Finance	2/2.5	Senator FARRELL	'Powering Forward' Advertising Plan	<p>Senator FARRELL: ... I have some specific questions about the government's energy plan advertising, called Powering Forward.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Can you tell us whether or not the campaign was submitted to the Independent Communications Committee?</p> <p>Ms Powell: Yes, it would have been, and it was in fact.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Van Veen: The campaign was reviewed by the Independent Communications Committee on 3 May.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: So it goes to them on that day and they decide that day?</p> <p>Ms Van Veen: Yes, that is right.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Is that typically how it works?</p> <p>Ms Van Veen: They receive a body of documentation, in terms of the communication strategy, the research, the media plan, the media documentation—a large volume of documentation that they consider prior to the meeting. So they spend a considerable amount of time—</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: That is the question I am asking. When was that body of information provided to them?</p> <p>Ms Van Veen: In advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Senator Ryan: To be fair, we will take that on notice. I don't think they have the detail of when it was provided.</p> <p>Ms Van Veen: I don't have that detail.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: So you don't know when it was first sent into the committee?</p> <p>Ms Van Veen: I don't have that detail. We would have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 85, 86	8/12/17
34	34	Finance	2/2.5	Senator McALLISTER	AEC Exemption	<p>Senator SMITH: Can you perhaps give us a comprehensive list of the exemptions and the dates when the exemptions were given?</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages	8/12/17

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						<p>Ms Powell: Certainly. In 2013, there was an exemption for a campaign about changes to asylum seeker policy. In 2010—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Powell: In 2010, there was an exemption for a Treasury campaign about the proposed mining tax reforms. In 2009, the Australian Electoral Commission: for a campaign related to federal elections; and, in 2009, the Department of Health and Ageing: for a campaign related it a potential swine flu pandemic.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Can I add that in regard to the Electoral Commission there is an ongoing exemption for the Electoral Commission to undertake campaigns related to federal elections, by-elections and referenda, which dates back to August 2009.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Could you repeat that, Ms Huxtable?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: In regard to the Australian Electoral Commission, there is an ongoing exemption for the Electoral Commission to undertake campaigns related to federal elections, by-elections and referenda, which dates back to August 2009.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: What is the basis for that exemption?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I would have to go back to add the basis for the exemption in August 2009, but I anticipate that this is around the normal sort of course of federal elections and enabling advertising in respect of things like the rolls closing—so the sort of standard business that the AEC would be expected to conduct on a relatively regular cycle. I expect that the reasons from August 2009 would remain extant, but it is certainly before my time. We can provide more information on notice in regard to the reasoning.</p>	87	
35	35	Finance	2/2.5	Senator McALLISTER	ABS Campaign	<p>Senator McALLISTER: The minister set out a range of matters, as Ms Powell has described, in the document that he provided when providing the exemption. They went to some of the things that you say the department assists with, including sourcing suppliers. Did the department assist the ABS in developing the campaign?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: I can answer that. No, the department did not assist in the development of the campaign. The department assisted the ABS to—</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: How did the department assist the ABS, Dr Helgeby?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: What assistance did you provide in helping them interpret those requirements?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: I simply reminded them of the fact that they were still subject to those things. Given that the ABS is fully aware of the principles, that is really all that was needed.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Was this written advice?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: No, it wouldn't have been written advice, to my knowledge.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: What is the branch within the department that's responsible for this type of work?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: It's Ms Van Veen's branch.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: And that's the—</p> <p>Ms Van Veen: The Communications Advice Branch.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: So the CAB hasn't provided any advice at all—</p> <p>Ms Van Veen: I would have to take that on notice just to confirm that.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Can you provide to it the committee, if written advice has been prepared?</p> <p>Senator Ryan: It depends who the advice was to. If it was advice for me, because I wasn't here for the deliberations of cabinet, then obviously not. I think it is fair to say that Ms Van Veen can take it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Van Veen: I will take it on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 88, 89	8/12/17
36	36	Finance	3/3.1	Senator	F M Printing	CHAIR: I'd like to kick off with some questions which I feel might fall part way between the department and IPEA.	Hansard Proof, 24 October	8/12/17

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				PATERSON		<p>Please let me know if that is the case, and I will redirect them later on as appropriate. They concern the printing company in Victoria known either as F M Printing or F&M Printing.</p> <p>...</p> <p>CHAIR: Are you aware of whether there are any federal members of parliament who have used this printing company?</p> <p>...</p> <p>CHAIR: I'm not interested in their expenses in the sense of how they use their own budgets. I am interested in whether there is a list available of parliamentarians who have used this company.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I'm not personally familiar with the case, so perhaps we can take it away and see what we can provide.</p> <p>CHAIR: I'd be happy for you to take it on notice. I have a couple of follow-up questions which you may also need to take on notice because they flow from it. Firstly, as I said, which MPs have used this company? I'd like a list if possible. How much was spent by each of these MPs with the company? Can we have a breakdown of the spending by each MP's office? This one you may be able to answer straightaway, without taking it on notice: has either the Department of Finance or IPEA commenced, or are they planning to commence, any kind of investigation into the company?</p> <p>Mr Ford: We can't speak for IPEA, but, in terms of the Department of Finance, under the protocol that the minister has just referred to, we do not comment on whether an allegation may or may not exist or whether we are currently conducting any sort of investigation.</p> <p>CHAIR: I'm not sure that the minister's new protocol overrides the powers of the Senate and Senate estimates. It might be appropriate for responding to a media inquiry, but, unless you're making a public interest immunity claim, the minister's protocol doesn't sound relevant to me.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Can we take that on notice?</p> <p>CHAIR: You can take this on notice as well, yes. Let me know if you can answer this now or if you also need to take this on notice: has the department had any communication with the Victorian parliament about this company?</p> <p>Mr Ford: Again, I think we need to take that on notice in the circumstances.</p> <p>CHAIR: Okay. This one you'll probably need to take on notice: has the department had any communication with IBAC—the Victorian Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission—about this company? If so, is the department assisting IBAC in any way with IBAC's investigation? If you are assisting IBAC, how are you assisting IBAC and have any documents been provided to IBAC? Next, has IBAC requested any assistance from the department and what is the nature of any request they have made? Is the department aware of IBAC's raid on the company?</p> <p>Mr Ford: We'll take those questions as a package—</p> <p>CHAIR: On notice as well? Okay. This one you probably won't need to take on notice. Has the department done anything to alert MPs since this scandal has become public—to warn them about using this company's services?</p> <p>Mr Ford: No.</p> <p>CHAIR: I can't recall receiving one myself, but just in case.</p> <p>Mr Ford: No, we have not.</p> <p>CHAIR: Does that mean that MPs may, knowingly or unknowingly, still be using the services of this company, about which quite serious allegations have been made?</p> <p>Mr Ford: It would be free for a senator or a member to continue to use that company. That's right.</p> <p>CHAIR: You'll have to take this on notice, and I'll try and define this narrowly so it's a useful question: to your knowledge, are there any MPs who are currently using the services of the business? For example, has the department recently received any invoices from MPs for this company?</p> <p>Mr Ford: In terms of recently—the same month?</p> <p>CHAIR: Yes, that would be a reasonable time period.</p> <p>Mr Ford: We'll take that on notice.</p>	2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 90, 91	

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37	37	Finance	3/3.1	Senator FARRELL	MOP(S) Staff Salaries	<p>Senator FARRELL: I have some questions for the minister. I asked a series of questions last estimates regarding the number of government staff that are paid above the band ranges. Do you recall that, Minister?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Ryan: I think it's a pretty standard question. I have to admit I don't recall exactly my answer, off the top of my head.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: You indicated that you were unable to provide the details due to privacy concerns for those staff, but you did confirm in writing that there were 25 individuals employed under the MOP(S) Act that were paid above the band. Do you recall confirming that?</p> <p>Senator Ryan: I vaguely recall that. I think we had a longer discussion around privacy, about whether detailed released would identify particular individuals. I think we had a reasonably long discussion about that.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Yes, I want to come to that in a moment. But, just to confirm, in respect of these 25 individuals—does this figure include the personal staff, advisors and chiefs of staff of all government ministerial officers?</p> <p>Senator Ryan: I'll take that on notice and provide updated figures consistent with the answer I gave last time. That's the best I can do.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Can you tell us whether the figure is still 25?</p> <p>Senator Ryan: I'll take that on notice. I don't have those numbers.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: I'm aware of your deep-seated concerns about the privacy of these individuals, but are you able to tell us what the total sum of the additional payments is in respect of these 25 or whatever the figure now is?</p> <p>Senator Ryan: I have to admit, I don't recall that question having been asked before, in all my years on the committee. I doubt it would be a number anyone would have handy, but I'll take it on notice and see what we can do.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: While you're doing that, could you also look at what the total cost per annum paid above the band of those 25 staff members might be. Are you able to tell us in which offices those staff are located?</p> <p>Senator Ryan: Again, I'll take that on notice, only because that's where we get particularly identifiable. But I will—</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Except that it's true, isn't it, Minister, that most ministerial offices have 20 or more staff.</p> <p>Senator Ryan: Not according to the table in front of you, Senator Farrell. In fact, I think only a handful have 20 staff or more.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: What's the lowest figure?</p> <p>Senator Ryan: In fact, two.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: The lowest figure appears to be Senator Scullion with 10.</p> <p>Senator Ryan: There are only a couple I can see, at a quick glance, with more than 20—three if you include the Leader of the Opposition. Because, in the discussion we had last time, some people could be identified by virtue of their background or of another position they may have held, I'll take it on notice and provide what's consistent with what we provided last time.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 91, 92	8/12/17
38	38	Finance	3/3.1	Senator McALLISTER	Senator Canavan's Ministerial Staff	<p>Senator McALLISTER: It is straightforward to observe that Senator Canavan lives in Queensland and Senator Joyce lives in New South Wales.</p> <p>Senator Ryan: For example, Senator Canavan is a Queensland senator, would there be any change if he had Queensland based personal staff? Unless someone has the answer I will take that on notice. I don't have that information. I definitely didn't sign any because I wasn't here.</p> <p>Mr Ford: I'm not aware of there being changes to circumstances.</p> <p>Senator Ryan: But we'll correct it on the record if we are.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 98	8/12/17

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						<p>Senator McALLISTER: Mr Ford, you're not aware of any changes of circumstances?</p> <p>Mr Ford: Staff were re-employed by Mr Joyce and in terms of changes to their conditions, there were new contracts but—</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: My understanding is that staff require approval if they are to work in a location that is not Canberra and not the location where the minister's or the senator's office might be, so I'm wondering what arrangements have been made or formalised for these Queensland based staff.</p> <p>Senator Ryan: I don't know if he had any Queensland based ministerial staff. It didn't affect his electorate staff, only the ministerials. I will take on notice whether there were any consequential changes. I don't know. That is not the sort of detail I have in front of me.</p>		
39	39	IPEA	General	Senator PATERSON	Investigation into F M Printing	<p>CHAIR: ... has either the Department of Finance or IPEA commenced, or are they planning to commence, any kind of investigation into the company?</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 91	8/12/17
40	40	IPEA	General	Senator LINES	IPEA Helpdesk	<p>Senator LINES: ... One is a follow-up to Senator Farrell's query about extended hours. In Western Australia we are now three hours behind.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LINES: ... I'm not sure how you deal with that, for Western Australians in particular.</p> <p>Senator LINES: I would be interested to know how you are managing Western Australia, with the three-hour time difference.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 104	8/12/17
41	41	IPEA	General	Senator LINES	Location Allowance	<p>Senator LINES: My second issue is not unique to WA, but it certainly caused issues for us: when we visit remote locations—recently it has been the NG Lands, Dampier Peninsular and Warmun—we have trouble with allowances for staff because there's not a set fee for those locations. The most recent one—Dampier Peninsula—has taken weeks to resolve, because we had to keep giving you paperwork about what we had paid. When any senator or MP travels to these places, does it then make it easier for the next person who goes there, or does the wheel have to be constantly reinvented, and you tell the next person, 'We don't have a location allowance for where you've been,' so you have to substantiate with all sorts of additional paperwork? If that is the case, have you thought about publishing—so everyone knows before they go—that there's no specific locational allowance for the destinations they are going to? You can take that on notice if you want to</p> <p>Ms McGregor: We might take it on notice. In general, I would say, yes, we would be seeking to publish more guidance around some of these more complex issues, but it may be the case—</p> <p>Senator LINES: It is not a complex issue. As a senator in Western Australia, it's a location we've been to and we are likely to go again. So it would be helpful to know in advance if, for particular locations, you don't have designated payments for travel, particularly for staff. I had a staff member who was out of pocket for weeks. So I'm wondering—</p> <p>Ms McGregor: I understand the problem.</p> <p>Senator LINES: It shouldn't be a complex issue; if you have sorted it once, that should set the standard for everyone else who travels there. So, take those questions on notice.</p> <p>Ms McGregor: We are happy to.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 104, 105	8/12/17
42	42	IPEA	General	Senator FARRELL	Rulings	<p>Senator FARRELL: They are the certificates that an MP or senator is entitled to rely on?</p> <p>Ms McGregor: I think last time we had a discussion about rulings as well.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Yes.</p> <p>Ms McGregor: In respect of that personal advice, senators and members will be able to rely on those travel certificates. The way that the legislation is constructed, rulings need to be happen post a travel event, because they will need to take</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 105	8/12/17

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						<p>into account everything that's happened in relation to someone's travel. Rulings will be made by the members of the authority.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Explain what that process would look like.</p> <p>Ms McGregor: The rulings are not yet in place. They'll come into play on 1 January; I think the minister indicated that is when the new regulations would be in place. We have got a process for rulings that the members of the authority have decided on. Is that up on our website yet—the rulings process? No, it's not yet up, but we can get it to you, Senator. We can take that on notice.</p>		
43	43	IPEA	General	Senator FARRELL	Travel Claims	<p>Senator FARRELL: Can you tell us how many claims were rejected by the authority? Those were all claims that were accepted and processed. How many claims were rejected by the authority?</p> <p>Ms McGregor: We'd probably need to take that on notice. I don't think we have that figure here, but we can have a look for you.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Thank you. You can't give us a ballpark figure, I suppose, roughly?</p> <p>Ms McGregor: I don't think so.</p> <p>Mr Frost: No.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Were reasons provided to staff or parliamentarians when a claim was rejected?</p> <p>Mr Frost: They would have been, but we'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: One would imagine you would email me or would that be—</p> <p>Mr Frost: It could be a combination.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: What was the most common reason for a claim being rejected?</p> <p>Mr Frost: We'll take that on notice as well, Senator.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 109	8/12/17
44	44	AEC	General	Senator FARRELL	Consideration of Institute of Public Affairs as an Associated Entity	<p>Senator FARRELL: For an organisation like the Institute of Public Affairs, has there been any consideration of that organisation as to whether it is an associated entity, considering its closeness to the government?</p> <p>Mr Pirani: I'm not aware of any.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I'm not aware of that. I'd have to take that on notice to be perfectly accurate. In fact, I will take it on notice to be accurate.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 118	8/12/17
45	45	AEC	General	Senator RHIANNON	2010 Associated Entity Review	<p>Senator RHIANNON: I'll try and come at it in a different way to try and understand what's going on. Both of you have spoken about activities—the investigation. I know that you're not calling it an investigation, Mr Rogers, but I think it was the original word that was used at JSCEM, so I will use it. So there was an investigation based on activities of the organisation in 2015-16, and we know that 2016 is the election year. Did the AEC review the Minerals Council of Australia's activities following the campaign against the mining tax and Kevin Rudd when he was Prime Minister in 2010?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I'd have to take that on notice. I'm happy to do that. You're talking about 2010, did you say?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes. These are pretty hot topics.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 119	8/12/17
46	46	AEC	General	Senator RHIANNON	Associated Entities	<p>Senator RHIANNON: ... When was the last time the AEC investigated an organisation as to whether it was an associated entity where that entity had no direct or financial relationship with the relevant political party?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 121	8/12/17
47	47	AEC	General	Senator McALLISTER	Safeguards Legislation – Section 25: Antivilification	<p>Senator McALLISTER: How many complaints have you received?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I think, as at 10 October, we'd received 615 complaints about the survey authorisation and other issues.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Can you break those down against those headings, I suppose—authorisations, bribery, threats and misleading people about the process of completion.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 123	8/12/17

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					Provisions	<p>Mr Rogers: I don't have that information to hand—neither will Mr Pirani. I'm just thinking about whether we can do that in reasonable order, Mr Pirani.</p> <p>Mr Pirani: In relation to escalated complaints that came to me, of that number that were there, I dealt with a little over 160 of them. The majority of those related to authorisations. There were a few complaints about misleading and deceptive, but the issue for that became section 17—and note 3 made it clear that the interpretation of section 17 was going to be similar to section 329 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act. There were a couple of other matters that I directed people to go to the Attorney General's Department in relation to vilification—</p> <p>Mr Rogers: But I think to be fair, Senator, to you, and to be accurate—given the interests in this—we will also take that on notice to make sure that we've provided you with the accurate and up-to-date list of those as well.</p> <p>Mr Pirani: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: So we've had 615 complaints.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: As of 10 October.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: As at 10 October. Mr Pirani has dealt with 160 of those, and his evidence is that—</p> <p>Mr Rogers: The vast majority of those were authorisation.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: the vast majority of those go to questions of authorisation.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I would also take that on notice—though, I could almost give you a guarantee that the vast majority of those complaints would've been authorisation complaints.</p>		
48	48	AEC	General	Senator SMITH	Quantum of Survey Forms Returned	<p>Senator SMITH: So the critical point is: you don't yet know how many survey forms have been returned to the ABS via Australia Post, and as a result of that you don't know whether or not you might use those to cleanse the roll.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: That's why we're working on a protocol right now with the ABS to make sure we do. I know that you know this, but allow me to say it: the roll is currently in the best shape it has ever been in. Using the latest ABS data, we've recategorised where we are with the roll. At the moment, we estimate that it's at 96.3 per cent complete. It's the first time—I'd probably say since Federation, but certainly in modern history—that the roll has been that complete. The number of missing has reduced, the divergence between the states has reduced, the number of people on the roll—</p> <p>Senator SMITH: I'm interested in getting it from 96 point whatever to 97, 98. Here's an opportunity. These survey forms have been returned to the ABS via Australia Post, and you're telling me that we don't yet know how we're going to use that information, or that we may not even use the information.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: No. I said we're establishing protocols.</p> <p>Mr Pope: If I can just add to what the commissioner is saying, we will have to go through a very careful process. Because of the extended nature of the survey period, the ABS, in collaboration with us, set up a process where people could advise the ABS of a temporary postal address over the duration of the survey period. A number of those returned envelopes could well be as a consequence of people moving around temporarily during this period, so it won't be absolute. We will have to go through a very careful process when we do eventually get that data and investigate it carefully to try and ascertain whether it's a genuine change of address or whether it was a temporary change of address for the purposes of the survey period.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: I don't recall when is the end of the period for responding to questions. If the deadline for response to questions fits and you have been advised of the quantum of the number of survey forms that have been returned to the ABS, could you provide that on notice to us?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: Yes, we can.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: If your protocol has been established?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: Yes, we can. We'll provide that to you.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages126	8/12/17
49	49	AEC	General	Senator SMITH	Electoral Pocketbook –	<p>Senator SMITH: I was curious to read in this year's <i>Electoral Pocketbook</i>, which has just been released, about advisory referendums.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee,	8/12/17

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					Advisory Referendums	<p>...</p> <p>Senator SMITH: What I'm interested in is the evolution of language. When you go to the <i>Hansard</i>—I've done a search on the <i>Hansard</i> since 1901—you very rarely come up with the term 'advisory referendum'. We have plebiscites in this country, which are national polls that may be voluntary or compulsory, and we have constitutional referendums, which are mechanisms to change the constitution. But I'm more curious about where the term 'advisory referendums' has come from and why we are using that now in the pocketbook—</p> <p>Senator Ryan: Can I ask—</p> <p>Senator SMITH: when we have not used it previously.</p> <p>Senator Ryan: My memory is that in 1916-17 they were more often referred to as referendums than plebiscites. But you have searched the <i>Hansard</i>, and I haven't.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: That's right. Then, what I'm more concerned about is that the term 'advisory referendum' then finds itself in the Parliamentary Education Office material. Perhaps, Mr Rogers, you could let me know on what basis the term 'advisory referendum' is being used in the Electoral Pocketbook and about the explanation that's been given for the advisory referendum which talks about the conscription issue of 1916 and 1917 and the national song poll, and then goes on, under a different subheading, to talk about the military service plebiscites.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I'll take that on notice and I'll—</p> <p>Senator SMITH: If you could, and, if it requires correction, perhaps we could correct it in the next edition. I don't want to cause any unnecessary expense to taxpayers, but you know my strong philosophical view about these issues. When I came across it—it's a great resource—I did get stumped at page 100.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: Thank you for pointing that out. I will take that on notice. We will find out and come back to you.</p>	Pages127	
50	50	AEC	General	Senator FARRELL	Member for Higgins	<p>Senator FARRELL: There have been some recent media reports regarding the member for Higgins, Ms Kelly O'Dwyer, and a group dubbed 'Project Liberty' who are using automated phone messages to intimidate her into stepping down from her seat. Ms O'Dwyer was on maternity leave when these calls were made. Has the AEC received any complaints or queries regarding this particular matter?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I haven't; I'm not sure Mr Pirani has.</p> <p>Mr Pirani: As the officer who is charged with dealing with escalated complaints, I would expect if they had been received it would have been escalated to me. I can certainly say I have not received any such complaint.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Would what has happened to Ms O'Dwyer constitute an offence?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I'd have to look at the detail of that, rather than speculate now. I'm happy to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages128	8/12/17
51	51	Finance	2/2.3	Senator ABETZ	Commonwealth Property	<p>1.a. Is the Commonwealth in discussion/negotiations/contracts (stating which) with any unit developer in Barton ACT?</p> <p>1.b. If so,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. are the discussions/negotiations/contracts (stating which) related to driveway/access to the unit development? ii. when did the Commonwealth first become aware of the driveway/access issue? iii. by whom was the Commonwealth first made aware of the driveway/access issue? iv. was the unit development already partially built or completed (stating which) when the Commonwealth was first notified? v. how much land is involved? vi. what is the value of the land? vii. is there an obligation by ACT Planning authorities to notify the Commonwealth of developments adjoining Commonwealth land? 	Written	8/12/17

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52	54	CSC	General	Senator ABETZ	Executive Messages	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
52	55	Future Fund	General	Senator ABETZ	Executive Messages	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
52	56	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Senator ABETZ	Executive Messages	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
52	57	ANI Pty Ltd	General	Senator ABETZ	Executive Messages	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
52	58	IPEA	General	Senator ABETZ	Executive Messages	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
53	59	Finance	General	Senator ABETZ	Enterprise Agreement Negotiations	In the most recent Enterprise Agreement negotiations, was/were any side-agreement/s, protocol/s, arrangement/s, agreement/s entered into? If so, please provide a copy.	Written	8/12/17
53	60	AEC	General	Senator ABETZ	Enterprise Agreement Negotiations	In the most recent Enterprise Agreement negotiations, was/were any side-agreement/s, protocol/s, arrangement/s, agreement/s entered into? If so, please provide a copy.	Written	8/12/17
53	61	CSC	General	Senator ABETZ	Enterprise Agreement Negotiations	In the most recent Enterprise Agreement negotiations, was/were any side-agreement/s, protocol/s, arrangement/s, agreement/s entered into? If so, please provide a copy.	Written	8/12/17
53	62	Future Fund	General	Senator ABETZ	Enterprise Agreement Negotiations	In the most recent Enterprise Agreement negotiations, was/were any side-agreement/s, protocol/s, arrangement/s, agreement/s entered into? If so, please provide a copy.	Written	8/12/17
53	63	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Senator ABETZ	Enterprise Agreement Negotiations	In the most recent Enterprise Agreement negotiations, was/were any side-agreement/s, protocol/s, arrangement/s, agreement/s entered into? If so, please provide a copy.	Written	8/12/17
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54	66	Future	General	Senator	Inclusion and	Senator McALLISTER: You mentioned that you have a diversity agenda, which I think—and I'm sorry to not be across	Hansard Proof, 24 October	8/12/17

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		Fund		McALLISTER	Diversity Strategies	<p>the details—has been running for a couple of years. Is that what you said?</p> <p>Mr Neal: Yes. The formal inclusion and diversity strategies are probably about 12 months old, and we have obviously been working on it, leading into that launch of the formal strategy.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Could it be provided? I'm sure it's available publicly, but could you provide it to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Neal: Yes. I'd be very happy to do that.</p>	2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 27	
55	67	Future Fund	General	Senator GALLAGHER	Travel Spend	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Hand on heart, I read all of your transcripts—I do. I bemoan the busy media days that you have.</p> <p>Mr Neal, I have a final question around some expenditure on ground transport, which I presume is taxis and hire cars; is that right? Would that fit under 'ground transport'? We asked you a question on notice in the February estimates about expenditure on ground transport. I think it covers taxis, private cars and ride sharing. The information we got back for the calendar year 2016 was it was \$124,000 roughly. Compare that with the Department of Finance for the same round. We asked the same question of Finance and they said they spent just over \$185,000 on it. There is quite a difference in terms of ASL and movements if you compare the two. If you take those two answers as they are written and do it down on a per staff level, the Future Fund spends \$743 per staff member on ground transport and the finance department spends \$147. Is there a reason why you're dashing around in taxis all the time?</p> <p>Mr Neal: Yes, there is.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Off to the fund investment managers?</p> <p>Mr Neal: You would hope, wouldn't you? The bulk of that is because we spend a lot of time on the road, internationally and domestically, evaluating investments and investment managers and obviously monitoring the portfolio that we have got, which is a globally diverse portfolio.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: If we looked at all your travel and things, we would see a similar large spend?</p> <p>Mr Neal: Yes, we have got \$160 billion spread around the world. We think that it would be remarkably imprudent for us not to be keeping pretty close tabs on it and for us not to be seeking to understand how that investment world is evolving, seeking to develop new partnerships and seeking to monitor and cement the ones that we have. There is a lot of movement. The bulk of that would be essentially trips to the airport at both ends. That's effectively what the bulk of that would be.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: If you did a year-on-year comparison, is it remaining relatively stable?</p> <p>Mr Neal: I would expect so, yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Perhaps you could provide that to us and your domestic and international travel as well. That would be useful. I can come back to it next estimates.</p>	Hansard Proof, 24 October 2017, F&PA Committee, Pages 34	8/12/17
56	68	Finance	2/2.5	Senator McALLISTER	Sale of Parliamentary Triangle Properties	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where is the process currently at in terms of the Parliamentary Triangle buildings yet to be sold? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What conditions will there be in terms of what buyers can do with the buildings? 2. What measures are in place to protect the heritage value of the buildings? 3. Were there any conditions imposed on Geocon from the sale of the West Block building in terms of when it must be developed? 	Written	8/12/17
57	69	Finance	2/2.5	Senator McALLISTER	John Gorton Building Restoration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide an update on the restoration? 2. How much has already been spent on the restoration works? 3. What is the total budget? 4. Is it still on schedule? 	Written	8/12/17

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58	70	Finance	2/2.3	Senator McALLISTER	WTO Agreement on Government Procurement	The Finance 2016-17 Annual Report states that one key achievement was related to negotiations on the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement. Where is this up to?	Written	8/12/17
59	71	Finance	2/2.3	Senator CARR	Government Procurement Rules	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regarding the Lateral Economics' report 'Template for tender responses regarding economic benefit to the Australian economy' please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The contract value of the report b. The government's response to the report c. A summary of recommendations made by the report that have been implemented (i.e. has the Department implemented a follow-up reporting regime?) d. An explanation for the Department's decision to include 'competitive pricing' in the Procurement Co-ordinator's guidance for ways tenderers can provide economic benefit to the Australian economy e. Clarification on whether Commonwealth procurement officials now consider pricing in their evaluation of economic benefit. 2. Please advise how Commonwealth officials document how they have considered economic benefit. 3. At what stage in the tender process do Commonwealth procurement officials required to consider economic benefit? 4. Regarding the JSCGP report Buying our Future – Review of amendments to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, please advise: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When the government will respond to the report b. Whether it will be made publically available c. How many of the 16 recommendations have been implemented <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Specifically, whether the government has developed any techniques for assessing the veracity of suppliers' claims of economic benefit and for ensuring these benefits are delivered on? d. What training programs have been established for procurement officials <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. When these commenced ii. What is the budget for these programs iii. How many people have completed the programs to date. 	Written	8/12/17
60	72	AEC	General	Senator FARRELL	AEC Annual Report	<p><i>Reference:</i> http://annualreport.aec.gov.au/annual-reports.html</p> <p>Regarding the recently released Australian Electoral Commission Annual Report 2016-2017, I refer to page 38 which discusses some of the challenges faced by the AEC in the way of voter satisfaction.</p> <p>This includes a 9% drop in voter satisfaction for those who experienced lengthy queues and wait times on election day, particularly due to the Government's Senate voting changes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What action is being taken by the AEC to ensure these delays are rectified? 2. Does the AEC have any information regarding those who may not have cast a ballot at all, due to lengthy wait times? 	Written	8/12/17

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						<p>3. Has the AEC found any correlation between those booths when lengthy wait times occurred, and those numbers of voters who failed to cast a ballot?</p> <p>The Commissioner notes in the annual report that the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (JSCEM) recommended further funding for the AEC to meet some of its challenges.</p> <p>4. Has the Government considered further funding arrangements or discussed this with the AEC?</p>		
61	73	AEC	General	Senator FARRELL	AEC – Northern Territory	<p>1. Can you provide an update on the AEC staff cuts in the Northern Territory?</p> <p>2. How many staff were relocated? To which jurisdictions?</p> <p>3. How many staff were made redundant?</p> <p>4. How many staff does that currently leave in the Northern Territory?</p> <p>5. Have all savings targets been achieved?</p> <p>6. Are there any further cuts to other state or territories that are being considered?</p>	Written	8/12/17
62	74	AEC	General	Senator FARRELL	Data Breach – AEC Staff	<p>I refer to the recent media reports about a data breach that affected the Australian Electoral Commission, amongst other agencies.</p> <p><i>Reference:</i> http://www.canberratimes.com.au/national/public-service/data-breach-sees-records-of-50000-australian-workers-exposed-20171102-gzdef3.html</p> <p>1. How many staff from the Australian Electoral Commission were affected by this breach?</p> <p>2. What details were released due to this breach?</p> <p>3. Did this breach reveal or release any information pertinent to the electoral roll, or the maintenance of the electoral roll?</p> <p>4. On what date was the Australian Electoral Commission notified about this breach?</p> <p>5. What action is being taken by the Australian Electoral Commission to ensure the released information cannot be used to compromise security further?</p>	Written	8/12/17
63	75	Finance	1/1.1	Senator McALLISTER	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme	<p>Regarding to the 2017-18 Budget measure ‘Improving Access to Medicines – cheaper medicines’:</p> <p>1. At the last Senate Estimates an official from the Department of Health said that a component of the savings that have been achieved through measures agreed in the five year strategic agreement with Medicines Australia will be kept in the contingency reserve and made available for future medicines listings.</p> <p>a. How much has been provisioned in the contingency reserve from the agreement with Medicines Australia?</p> <p>b. Was this provisioned as an estimates variation or a decision?</p>	Written	8/12/17
64	76	Finance	1/1.1	Senator McALLISTER	Welfare Compliance Measures	<p>1. Is Finance tracking actual savings against the target savings from the 2016-17 MYEFO measure “Better Management of the Social Welfare System”?</p> <p>2. How much has been saved so far?</p>	Written	8/12/17

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65	77	Finance	2/2.3	Senator CARR	Paper Procurement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For each Australian Government Department and/or government agency, can the Department of Finance please provide an updated breakdown of the percentage of Australian made copy paper purchased by the Department in the 2016-17 financial year, as well as the total percentage of Australian made copy paper purchased by the Australian Government in the 2016-17 financial year. In the Department's response, please include information on volumes, a breakdown by country of origin, the supplier and the percentage of recycled content. 2. For each Australian Government Department and/or government agency, can the Department of Finance please provide a breakdown of the percentage of Australian made copy paper purchased by the Department in the 2017-18 financial year to date, as well as the total percentage of Australian made copy paper purchased by the Australian Government in the 2017-18 financial year to date. In the Department's response, please include information on volumes, a breakdown by country of origin, the supplier and the percentage of recycled content. 3. Please advise whether any other Australian Government Departments and/or government agencies have changed their paper procurement policies to only purchase Australian made paper. 4. Given a number of government entities still purchase paper from countries that have had dumping duties imposed against them, has any guidance been issued to Departments on the application of the new CPR 10.18, in relation to the procurement of goods under investigation by the Anti-Dumping Commission? 	Written	8/12/17
66	78	Finance	2/2.3	Senator McALLISTER	Whole of Government Travel	Since the start of the financial year, detail all travel for Department travel across all Australian Government departments, agencies and offices. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. What travel is planned and budgeted for in financial year 2017/2018? How does that compare to the actual spent?	Written	8/12/17
67	79	Finance	2/2.3	Senator McALLISTER	Government Owned Cars	<p>For the 2016-17 financial year and separately since the start of the 2017-18 financial year, detail all travel for Department travel across all Australian Government departments, agencies and offices for the financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many cars are owned by each department/agency? b. Where is each car/s located? c. What is the car/s used for? d. What is the cost of each car in total? e. How far did each car travel for the financial year to date? f. How many cars are leased by each department/agency? g. Where are the cars located? h. What are the cars used for? i. What is the cost of each car for the financial year to date? j. How far did each car travel for the financial year to date? k. For both owned and leased vehicles, who has access to each car, list. 	Written	8/12/17
68	80	Finance	1/1.1	Senator McALLISTER	CBMSR	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the timetable for the final rollout of CBMS-R? 2. Will it be used for MYEFO? 3. How long did consolidations for FBO take? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is that longer than the old system? 	Written	8/12/17

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						<p>b. Is it less manually intensive?</p> <p>4. Do you expect to be able to meet the usual timeframes for MYEFO?</p> <p>5. How long after the national accounts are issued are you able to run the final consolidation?</p> <p>6. Can you reveal the final cost?</p>		
69	81	Finance	General	Senator McALLISTER	Freedom of Information	<p>The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act):</p> <p>For the 2016-17 financial year and separately since the start of the 2017-18 financial year, how many requests for documents under the Act have been received? For how many has a redacted document been provided?</p>	Written	8/12/17
70	82	Finance	General	Senator McALLISTER	Recruitment	<p>1. How many ongoing staff were recruited for the financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created for the financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>3. For the financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written	8/12/17
71	83	Finance	General	Senator McALLISTER	Market Research	<p>List any market research (defined broadly as any formal research undertaken to assess the opinion of those external to the department) conducted by the department/agency for the 2016-17 financial year and separately the 2017-18 financial year to date:</p> <p>a. List the total cost of this research;</p> <p>b. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program.</p> <p>c. Who conducted the research?</p> <p>d. How were they identified?</p> <p>e. Where was the research conducted?</p> <p>f. In what way was the research conducted?</p> <p>g. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used?</p> <p>h. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?</p>	Written	8/12/17
72	84	Finance	General	Senator McALLISTER	Media Training	<p>Since the start of the financial year., please provide the following information for all media training services or any other public appearance training (including training for the purpose of officials appearing at senate or other committee hearings including estimates hearings) purchased by each department/agency detail:</p> <p>a. Total spending on these services</p> <p>b. an itemised cost breakdown of these services</p> <p>c. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>d. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification</p> <p>e. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>f. the location that this training was provided</p> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed above, please provide:</p>	Written	8/12/17

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						<p>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>e. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a. The location used</p> <p>b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location, including all costs associated with travelling and staying at the location.</p> <p>What was the budgeted amount for these services before the financial year commenced?</p>		
73	85	Finance	General	Senator McALLISTER	Contactors Payments	<p>a. For the 2016-17 financial year and separately since the start of the 2017-18 financial year, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?</p> <p>b. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?</p> <p>c. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?</p> <p>d. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?</p> <p>e. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days?</p> <p>f. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?</p> <p>g. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the financial year to date?</p> <p>h. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written	8/12/17
74	86	Finance	General	Senator FARRELL	Data Breach: MOP(s) Staff	<p>I refer to the recent media reports about a data breach that affected the Department of Finance, amongst other agencies.</p> <p><i>Reference:</i> http://www.canberratimes.com.au/national/public-service/data-breach-sees-records-of-50000-australian-workers-exposed-20171102-gzdef3.html</p> <p>1. Were any of the staff affected by this breach engaged under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984?</p> <p>2. Were the personal details of any staff engaged under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 in any way accessible as a result of this breach?</p> <p>3. On what date was the Department of Finance notified of this breach?</p>	Written	8/12/17
75	87	Finance	General	Senator	Section 44(i) -	In respect to Barnaby Joyce, and Senators Nash, Roberts, Waters, and Ludlam;	Written	8/12/17

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				FARRELL	Citizenship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was any advice provided by the Department of Finance to the aforementioned parliamentarians with respect to spending on Employees, Office Accommodation, Office Administration, Parliamentarians' Travel, Printing and Communications and/or Salary and Allowances while their eligibility was uncertain? 2. Was any advice provided by the Department of Finance to the Government with respect to expenses spending on Employees, Office Accommodation, Office Administration, Parliamentarians' Travel, Printing and Communications and/or Salary and Allowances while the eligibility of these parliamentarians was uncertain? 3. Was any advice drafted or prepared by the Department of Finance with respect to expenses spending of the aforementioned parliamentarians on Employees, Office Accommodation, Office Administration, Parliamentarians' Travel, Printing and Communications and/or Salary and Allowances while their eligibility was uncertain? 		
76	88	Finance	General	Senator McALLISTER	Storage, shredding and disposal of official documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of since the start of the financial year? b. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal c. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed for the financial year to date? d. How many of these printed documents were also published online? e. Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs for the financial year to date f. If so, what companies were used? How were they selected? g. What was the total cost of this printing? 	Written	8/12/17
77	89	Finance	General	Senator McALLISTER	Digital Transformation Agency	<p>As at 31 October 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 2. For each project: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What criteria are you using for assessing success? b. What is the role of the DTA in the project? c. What is the timeframe for completion? 	Written	8/12/17
77	90	AEC	General	Senator McALLISTER	Digital Transformation Agency	<p>As at 31 October 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 4. For each project: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What criteria are you using for assessing success? b. What is the role of the DTA in the project? <p>What is the timeframe for completion?</p>	Written	8/12/17
77	91	CSC	General	Senator McALLISTER	Digital Transformation Agency	<p>As at 31 October 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 6. For each project: 	Written	8/12/17

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						a. What criteria are you using for assessing success? b. What is the role of the DTA in the project? What is the timeframe for completion?		
77	92	Future Fund	General	Senator McALLISTER	Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 7. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 8. For each project: a. What criteria are you using for assessing success? b. What is the role of the DTA in the project? What is the timeframe for completion?	Written	8/12/17
77	93	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Senator McALLISTER	Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 9. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 10. For each project: a. What criteria are you using for assessing success? b. What is the role of the DTA in the project? What is the timeframe for completion?	Written	8/12/17
77	94	ANI	General	Senator McALLISTER	Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 11. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 12. For each project: a. What criteria are you using for assessing success? b. What is the role of the DTA in the project? What is the timeframe for completion?	Written	8/12/17
77	95	IPEA	General	Senator McALLISTER	Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 13. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 14. For each project: a. What criteria are you using for assessing success? b. What is the role of the DTA in the project? What is the timeframe for completion?	Written	8/12/17
78	96	Finance	1/1.1	Senator McALLISTER	Wage Cost Indices	1. Regarding QoN F8 from May, what was the forecast for the wage component of the WCI was for 2017-18? 2. Did the Fair Work Commission's minimum wage determination affect that forecast?	Written	8/12/17

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						<p>3. How much was the difference?</p> <p>4. What does that mean for the expenditure side of the budget for 2017-18?</p> <p>5. Does this adjust Finance's estimate of the wage component going forward?</p>		
79	97	Finance	General	Senator McALLISTER	Service Delivery Function	<p>Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?</p> <p>If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 2. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 3. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? 4. Who provides this training? 	Written	8/12/17
79	98	AEC	General	Senator McALLISTER	Service Delivery Function	<p>Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?</p> <p>If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 6. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 7. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? <p>Who provides this training?</p>	Written	8/12/17
79	99	CSC	General	Senator McALLISTER	Service Delivery Function	<p>Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?</p> <p>If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 9. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 10. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? <p>Who provides this training?</p>	Written	8/12/17
79	100	Future Fund	General	Senator McALLISTER	Service Delivery Function	<p>Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?</p> <p>If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 12. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 	Written	8/12/17

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						13. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?		
79	101	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Senator McALLISTER	Service Delivery Function	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public? If yes: 14. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 15. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 16. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
79	102	ANI	General	Senator McALLISTER	Service Delivery Function	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public? If yes: 17. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 18. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 19. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
79	103	IPEA	General	Senator McALLISTER	Service Delivery Function	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public? If yes: 20. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 21. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 22. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
80	104	Finance	General	Senator McALLISTER	Staffing, IT and Security Statistics	Please provide as at 30 June 2017: 1. ASL by state 2. Headcount of people employed as a. Labour Hire, b. Contractors, or c. outsourced staff,	Written	8/12/17

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						<p>d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</p> <p>3. The total number of people who have a log in to the departmental IT system, and the breakdown by category of these log-ins (permanent, non-ongoing, casual, labour hire, outsourced, contractors, and any other category that has access to the system).</p> <p>4. The total number of people who have a security/access pass into your departmental buildings, and the breakdown by category of these pass holders (permanent, non-ongoing, casual, labour hire, outsourced, contractors, and any other relevant category).</p> <p>5. A list of organisations/companies that have staff who can log into your departmental IT system.</p>		
80	105	AEC	General	Senator McALLISTER	Staffing, IT and Security Statistics	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>6. ASL by state</p> <p>7. Headcount of people employed as</p> <p>a. Labour Hire,</p> <p>b. Contractors, or</p> <p>c. outsourced staff,</p> <p>d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</p> <p>8. The total number of people who have a log in to the departmental IT system, and the breakdown by category of these log-ins (permanent, non-ongoing, casual, labour hire, outsourced, contractors, and any other category that has access to the system).</p> <p>9. The total number of people who have a security/access pass into your departmental buildings, and the breakdown by category of these pass holders (permanent, non-ongoing, casual, labour hire, outsourced, contractors, and any other relevant category).</p> <p>A list of organisations/companies that have staff who can log into your departmental IT system.</p>	Written	8/12/17
80	106	CSC	General	Senator McALLISTER	Staffing, IT and Security Statistics	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>10. ASL by state</p> <p>11. Headcount of people employed as</p> <p>a. Labour Hire,</p> <p>b. Contractors, or</p> <p>c. outsourced staff,</p> <p>d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</p> <p>12. The total number of people who have a log in to the departmental IT system, and the breakdown by category of these log-ins (permanent, non-ongoing, casual, labour hire, outsourced, contractors, and any other category that has access to the system).</p> <p>13. The total number of people who have a security/access pass into your departmental buildings, and the breakdown by category of these pass holders (permanent, non-ongoing, casual, labour hire, outsourced, contractors, and any other relevant category).</p>	Written	8/12/17

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81	111	Finance	1/1.1	Senator McALLISTER	Final Budget Outcome	<p>1. On the non-tax receipts in Table 3 (Page 6) could you explain the significant increase in dividends (from an estimate of \$5.82 billion to \$6.87 billion)?</p> <p>a. Could you explain the significant changes?</p> <p>b. How much of that is from the Future Fund?</p> <p>c. Did the RBA dividend come in higher?</p> <p>2. There is a \$1.8 billion change in the 'Other non-taxation receipts' in Table 3 (Page 6).</p> <p>a. How much of that related to the Future Fund?</p> <p>b. How much related to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)?</p> <p>3. Is the higher payments under the PBS (Para 3 of Page 7) of about \$1.2 billion greater than the extra receipts related to the PBS?</p> <p>4. Related to lower student loans (Table 8 on page 12).</p>	Written	8/12/17

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is the \$2 billion in headline cash estimates primarily related to lower takeup? b. What is driving that? <p>5. Note 13 on Page 40 refers to the stock of student loans in ‘Advances Paid’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. This has decreased significantly (\$8.4 billion) and there is a brief note in Paragraph 1, Page 13 – “This was partly offset by an \$8.4 billion decline in the value of student loans. The decline was driven by a range of factors, including changes to modelling methodology, the application of updated discount rates, and reductions in new loans issued.” b. Are you able to break that down? c. What was the modelling change? d. What was Finance’s role in this modelling change? e. How does a change in discount rates affect the value of the loans? 		