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1	1	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Declaration of Gifts	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Has the Prime Minister granted the foreign minister an exemption from the requirement to declare gifts to the House? <b>Senator Brandis:</b> Not that I'm aware, but I'll take that on notice.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 47	8/12/17
2	2	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b> <b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Declaration of Gifts	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> To accommodate the circumstances you describe, Senator Brandis, there is a threshold value of a gift that must be declared. Generally, hospitality would fall below that threshold. I suppose the core question is: does Ms Bishop declare all of the gifts she is required to declare under the provisions of the House of Representatives? <b>Senator Brandis:</b> I'm sure the answer to that question is 'yes', but, if you want me to make an inquiry, I'll take it on notice. But I can assure you that Ms Bishop is compliant with her obligations. The letter of 29 August 2017 referring to hospitality offered to her in her official capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs, consistent with the practice of previous ministers, does not fall within that rule. <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> In relation to the last sentence, which is, 'I am advised that this approach is consistent with the practice of former foreign ministers,' did the Prime Minister's department provide this advice to the Minister for Foreign Affairs? Who provided the advice? <b>Senator Brandis:</b> I don't know. <b>Dr Gruen:</b> You may need to take that on notice, Senator. <b>Senator Brandis:</b> I'll take that on notice.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 48	8/12/17
3	3	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	Finkel Review	<b>Senator WONG:</b> And on how many occasions did the Finkel review go to cabinet? <b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I'm not in a position to discuss. It's cabinet— <b>Senator WONG:</b> Well, you are. I have asked for dates or numbers of times; I'm not asking what happened with it. <b>Dr Gruen:</b> Senator, we can take that on notice and try and get you an answer before the end of the day.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 50	8/12/17
4	4	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	Advice from AEMO	<b>Dr Gruen:</b> Senator, the Minister for the Environment and Energy requested advice from AEMO—of course, the CEO of AEMO is one of the members of the Energy Security Board—on the risks to reliability and affordability posed by the exit of thermal generation. And that request was made on 28 June. <b>Senator WONG:</b> The second part of my question was what involvement did PM&C have with the decision to request that advice? <b>Mr Yeaman:</b> No direct involvement, beyond the normal discussions with the department. <b>Senator WONG:</b> Was there a cabinet decision that gave rise to that request? <b>Dr Gruen:</b> That goes to an issue of whether or not something went to cabinet, doesn't it? <b>Senator WONG:</b> Did it go to cabinet? <b>Dr Gruen:</b> I'm not sure that we answer questions about things that went to cabinet. <b>Senator WONG:</b> Dates—on which date did this go to cabinet? <b>Dr Gruen:</b> We'll take that on notice and answer it if we can.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 51	8/12/17
5	5	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	Finkel Review	<b>Dr Gruen:</b> And of course Minister Frydenberg was at that meeting, as well. On 25 August, COAG Energy Council provided advice to COAG on implementation of the Finkel review. <b>Senator WONG:</b> Which was? <b>Dr Gruen:</b> If my memory is correct, the government had committed to 49 of the 50 recommendations. <b>Senator WONG:</b> Did it provide advice in relation to the CET—the 50th recommendation? <b>Dr Gruen:</b> We would have to take that on notice, about whether COAG Energy Council provided that advice.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 51	8/12/17
6	6	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	Energy Security Board meetings	<b>Senator WONG:</b> Was Mr Frydenberg in the meeting of 19 September? <b>Dr Gruen:</b> I would have to check but that is my recollection. ... <b>Senator WONG:</b> When was the first meeting of the ESB, do you know? <b>Dr Gruen:</b> We could find that out. <b>Senator WONG:</b> I think you said to me Dr Schott and Ms Savage were brought in on 8 August, so I presume they were meeting prior to 19 September. <b>Dr Gruen:</b> Yes, I would presume so too. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Do you know on how many occasions, Dr Gruen? <b>Dr Gruen:</b> We can find out what we can tell you. I'm happy to do that. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Thank you. ... <b>Senator WONG:</b> Right. Okay. So that's first raised by the ESB with the Prime Minister formally on the 19th, but that's actually prior to Mr Frydenberg's request for advice. Is that right?	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 53	8/12/17

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					<p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> We'd have to check the detail, but certainly, by the 19th, the outlines of what the ESB had in mind were made clear.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sorry. I understand that response.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Okay.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> What I was asking was: on the chronology you identified, and I think this has been publicly indicated too, Mr Frydenberg formally requests advice on 3 October. Is that right?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> That's certainly what that says. If there's anything more to add to that, we'll let you know.</p>		
7	7	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	Copy of Letter to Minister Frydenberg	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So how did you receive a copy? From the ESB, presumably.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> It was made public, I think, when it was transmitted to the minister.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes. But you didn't have to wait for this on a website. You're the PM&amp;C, so presumably you got a copy of it. I'm just trying to work out how you got it.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> On the same day.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Very possibly.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I'd have to check.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 54	8/12/17
8	8	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	RIS – National Energy Guarantee	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did a RIS get done for the—what is it called?—national electricity guarantee?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> It's called the National Energy Guarantee.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sorry, 'energy'.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> That's all right.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> It isn't actually a guarantee, but anyway.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> The process of preparing a RIS is part of the cabinet deliberation, so I'm not at liberty to discuss that. But I can tell you that the government remains fully compliant with its RIS requirements.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Was an exemption provided? I can tell you that, when I was Minister for Finance, our government did make public, including on a website, which I don't think you do any more, whether we published RISs and also whether an exemption was given.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I'm happy to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did you publish a RIS?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We'll take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I'm happy to take it on notice. Do you mean, 'Is there a RIS for this on the website?' Is that what you're asking?</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You declined to answer on the basis of cabinet process. I'm putting to you that that is not consistent with precedent. We can go and get Mr Frydenberg's lengthy discussions under former Prime Minister Abbott about how important regulation impact statements are. I'm not interested in all of that history. I just want to know whether a RIS was done or whether an exemption was granted.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 55	8/12/17
9	9	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	National Energy Guarantee	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Mr Poels, when were you first aware of the government's decision in relation to the National Energy Guarantee?</p> <p><b>Mr Poels:</b> As part of the normal process of cabinet.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> When?</p> <p><b>Mr Poels:</b> I'd have to take that on notice; I haven't got the dates off the top of my head.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Are you able to assist us as to whether a RIS was performed?</p> <p><b>Mr Poels:</b> As Dr Gruen said, the government is fully compliant with its RIS requirements.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> How?</p> <p><b>Mr Poels:</b> Every cabinet decision requires a RIS.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> How?</p> <p><b>Mr Poels:</b> Sorry?</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> How is it fully compliant in relation to this matter?</p> <p><b>Mr Poels:</b> Every cabinet submission requires a RIS.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No, no, no—please listen to the question. How is it compliant in respect of this matter?</p> <p><b>Mr Poels:</b> One of the things about the COAG process is that's the ultimate decision-making body.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 54	8/12/17
10	10	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	National Energy Guarantee	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. When, to your knowledge, were state governments first advised of the energy policy?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I think I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 60	8/12/17

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11	11	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	National Energy Guarantee	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Just in relation to the timetable that's set out here, it indicates the Prime Minister meeting for the first time with the ESB on 28 September. Is that correct—there's no contact between the Prime Minister and the ESB between its formation on 8 August and 28 September?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I'm happy to take that one on notice, but there's no suggestion that there might not have been contact between the PM and members of the ESB before that. But I'm happy to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> If you could provide an indication of any meetings between the Prime Minister and either the ESB as a whole or members of the ESB in the period between its formation and 28 September, that would be appreciated.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I'm happy to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I wonder if that could happen over the course of today.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> We'll do what we can.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Thank you.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 61	8/12/17
12	12	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	National Energy Guarantee	<p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Of course, your questions are about PM&amp;C, and of course the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet wouldn't ordinarily be expected to know what individual contact the Prime Minister may have, either with the ESB or with individual members of it. They may if they were involved in organising meetings.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Are you able to confirm anything, Senator Brandis?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Thank you. In a similar vein, is there any correspondence with either the Prime Minister or Prime Minister and Cabinet between 8 August and 28 September?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Once again, PM&amp;C can answer in relation to correspondence from PM&amp;C. They may, but would not necessarily, have visibility of correspondence from the Prime Minister. So, as to the latter, I'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Thank you. For clarity, what I'm trying to establish is what kind of tasking was provided to the ESB. The press release that was put out at the time of their formation provides an extremely high-level description of what their job is, and yet by 19 September they've come up with a kind of detailed substitute proposal that replaces the clean energy target, or at least some version of it, and I'm interested to understand what motivated them to do so. It may be that these are questions better directed to Mr Frydenberg, but I'm keen to understand it from the Prime Minister's perspective and the perspective of this department.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> From the Prime Minister's perspective, as I've said, I'll take the question on notice, and from the department's perspective, to the extent to which they're aware or were involved, they can provide answers. But the assumption shouldn't be made that, because PM&amp;C may not have had visibility of every aspect of what passed between the prime minister and the ESB, any conclusions would be drawn, because you wouldn't expect them to.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 61	8/12/17
13	13	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	Appointment of Mr Billson to Franchise Council of Australia	<p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Yes. So Mr Billson was appointed as executive chair of the Franchise Council of Australia. It was announced in a media release by the Franchise Council on 23 March 2016.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> When did he leave parliament?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> On 9 May.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Was he receiving remuneration from the Franchise Council while an MP?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> That I don't know, but we can find out for you.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I'd like to know that. That is the assertion that's been made public. I want to know if that's what Dr Parkinson found out.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> We can find that out.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 62	8/12/17
14	14	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	Response to Parliamentary Question on Notice 3377	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> On what date did that answer first go to the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> I don't know.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Senator Wong—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I'm allowed to ask that question. I know it is embarrassing that a bloke that was on your front bench was getting money from another source. I am actually allowed to ask this question.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I have heard your questions and I'll make an inquiry.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Let me finish the questions.</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> I'll be needing to take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. I would like to know whether an answer was prepared by the department, or a draft answer, in relation to 3377 and, if so, on what date it was submitted to the Prime Minister's office. That's my first question. My second question—</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 63, 64 & 65	8/12/17

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					<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Just one question at a time, perhaps, Senator Wong.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> One at a time, please.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Is he chairing now?</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> No, Senator Wong.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will take that on notice. Nevertheless, let it be clear this is a lapsed question submitted in a previous parliament. Whether it is possible—</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I have resubmitted the question.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Okay. On what date did you do that?</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I am asking a question. I have resubmitted the question. I think Ms Cass said—if you had listened to her—that it has been resubmitted and she confirmed it was question No. 514. Was that the number?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> That's correct.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Right. When did you prepare an answer to 514?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> I will take that on notice and I will find out for you.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Do you know whether you have provided that to the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> All of these questions will be taken on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So just so you're aware, Ms Cass, I've just been provided with a few more details. In fact, the first question was submitted in April—it must be 2016—and was 3075. It then became 3377, lapsed again at dissolution and was then resubmitted again as 514. So we've actually asked it three times. Rather than re-traversing, my question will be in respect of all of those times. So three times it's been asked and not answered. No answer has been filed in the Senate as required. I'd like to know, on each of those occasions, was an answer prepared by the department and, if so, when it was provided to Mr Turnbull's office. Now I want to come back—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We'll take those questions on notice, Senator Wong. But the point is that the question has been answered. It's been answered by me, because I've just told you what the outcome of Dr Parkinson's inquiry was.</p>		
15	15	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	Mr Billson	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Right. And just remind me—Mr Billson was or was not a member of the frontbench at the time he took the job?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> The timing is the following: on 21 September 2015, Mr Billson ceased to be Minister for Small Business in the Treasury portfolio; on 23 March 2016, Mr Billson's appointment as the executive chair was announced in a media release; and on 9 May 2016, Mr Billson ceased to be a member of parliament when parliament was dissolved.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Is he paid from March 2016?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I think I have already taken that on notice, and we'll get you that information if we can.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> As I understand what you have just told me, Dr Parkinson's investigation consisted of speaking to Mr Billson, emails from Mr Billson and a public statement from Mr Billson. Is it correct to say that the investigation did not involve discussions with or information being provided by anyone other than Mr Billson?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> The only information I have is that he did not interview any ministers, and I am happy to take the rest of that question on notice. I can give you more information about the nature of the decision that Dr Parkinson came to if you would be interested.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sure.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 66	8/12/17
16	16	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	Mr Billson	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I will try and finalise this. I am conscious there is a lot more to do. Dr Gruen, I think you have agreed that the only information you have about a person or persons to whom Dr Parkinson spoke to in the context of this investigation is in relation to contact with Mr Billson. No ministers were consulted, but you are taking on notice whether any other contact with any other person occurred?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I think I am taking on notice whether we have anything further to add to that answer.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes, agreed. That is the first point. Secondly, I want to confirm that the circumstances in which Dr Parkinson's letter was made public was after a media request—is that right?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I think it was made public in two different ways. The Prime Minister tabled the letter in question time on the 16th, but the letter was also released to the ABC's 7.30 by Dr Parkinson on the 5th.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Prior to the Prime Minister tabling it?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Prior to the Prime Minister tabling it.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> The ABC reported that the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet only made Dr Parkinson's letter public after a request from the ABC. Is that correct, and if so why?</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 67, 68	8/12/17

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					<p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I don't have any information on that, but I can also take that on notice and get back to you if we have anything to add.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Who made a decision that it was not to be released, and then who made that decision, if any—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> You are assuming that a decision—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I said 'if any' at the end of it. If I can say the next bit: who made the decision to release the letter on the 5th?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Again, I'm happy to add anything we can add to that answer.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> It's the case, isn't it, that Mr Billson was receiving, based on your time frame, remuneration from an external body—as executive chair of the Franchise Council, was it?—from 23 March to 9 May, relevantly while still an MP?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I'm not in a position to confirm or deny whether his appointment was remunerated over that period, but I'm happy to get back to you. That is not something that I am aware of.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I don't think that is disputed. I think Mr Billson has publicly admitted it, but that is fine.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> We can certainly confirm.</p>		
17	17	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	Mr Billson	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I am asking you the question now, and I assume you will need to take it on notice to confirm what is on the public record—that Mr Billson was engaged by the Franchise Council. I would like to know whether Mr Turnbull thinks it is appropriate for a member of the Liberal Party representing the people of Dunkley to take a salary from a third party while sitting in this parliament?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I will take that on notice—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 69	8/12/17
18	18	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator XENOPHON</b>	Energy Policy	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> You may be able to answer this: what role will there be for South Australia, noting that South Australia is the lead legislator in respect of the rules because the national electricity laws are contained in the schedule that is the National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996? Given the conflict between the Premier of South Australia, energy minister Frydenberg and the Prime Minister on this, what role will South Australia have in the context of these rule changes?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I am happy to defer to you on questions of South Australia.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> No, don't do that.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I am not an expert on the details of how this applies to South Australia, though I am aware that the arrangements are different for South Australia than for other states. With that level of detail, I am sure the officers from the Department of the Environment and Energy can cite you chapter and verse.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Sure. I might ask you take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Happy to.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> My final question is: has your office been contacted by any large gas users recently, or in the last several months, suggesting that such is the pressure on energy prices that it may put them in an untenable position in terms of continuing to operate and with it potential job losses?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I can take on notice whether the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet has been approached. I can take that on notice; happy to do that.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 69	8/12/17
19	19	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator XENOPHON</b>	Energy Policy	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> I understand that and I appreciate that, but my understanding is that there are a number of businesses out there, significant employers, who say that however welcome the government's policies are or may be, crunch time is coming for them now. They're saying that any relief from government policy, as a result of government policies recently announced and those from several months ago in terms of gas policies and reservation schemes and export controls and the like, will be too late for them. Are you aware of any feedback from industry to that effect—that is, they are running out of time?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Not in the terms that you have—</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> In any other terms, similar terms?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Simply reading the press, it is very clear that there have been several companies that use gas that are feeling under pressure, and that is why the government has been so active in trying to do something about this. If the specific question is, 'Has Prime Minister and Cabinet received specific representations from companies', I can take that on notice and get back to you.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Yes, in the context of no matter how welcome the government's policy changes are, some of these companies are running out of time and they need immediate relief in order to be sustainable.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Yes; okay.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 69, 70	8/12/17
20	20	Department of the Prime Minister and	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Enterprise Agreement	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> So why wasn't it included in the enterprise agreement itself?</p> <p><b>Ms Greenwood:</b> It's not necessary to the agreement. It's a level of detail as a policy or guideline.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA	8/12/17

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		Cabinet		Negotiations and Policies	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> It wasn't to keep it away from government and the Fair Work Commission?</p> <p><b>Ms Greenwood:</b> No, Senator. As per a range of other policies and guidelines, they were negotiated with staff directly and as part of that process, but they were separate to the formal enterprise agreement negotiations.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Who asked for this side agreement?</p> <p><b>Ms Greenwood:</b> I would need to get further information on that and take that on notice.</p>	Committee, page 71	
21	21	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<p><b>Senator WONG</b></p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER</b></p>	Energy Policy	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> We went back to energy momentarily, and it did prompt me to reflect on your evidence that there really haven't been any final decisions made yet. As you stated, Dr Gruen, the final decision is for COAG, and a RIS will be prepared at that time et cetera. Given that there is no final decision on the energy direction for Australia, I'm questioning why the government has elected to spend at least \$760,000 on advertising promoting the energy plan when the plan has not in fact been finalised? Actually, I misspoke. I believe it's \$760 million.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No, \$7 million was what the article says—</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS:</b> I think that's wrong, Senator. You seem to be confused about the figure.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I am confused about the figure, Senator Brandis. You can enlighten me.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> <i>The Australian</i> says \$7 million. We don't know. This is what we're asking.</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS:</b> You're asking how much, if anything, has been spent on advertising. I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> ...Senator McAllister has asked a question about the grand final spend, which is clearly different to the broader campaign spending.</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS:</b> I will take the question on notice.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I'd rather she asks her questions rather than all this commentary on her questions.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Thank you. Why is it that a substantial amount of money, Senator Brandis, is being provided for advertising for a plan that has not yet been finalised?</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS:</b> There is a process, as you know, within the government in relation to government advertising. I will take on notice the manner in which this advertising has been approved. I'm sure it's been approved in the orthodox manner. In any event, I'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So you can't tell us why you're spending money on a policy you haven't finalised?</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS:</b> No, Senator. I think you're just being provocative.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No, I'm asking the question. You can't tell us—</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS:</b> You've asked a question; I've said I'll take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you take this on notice. Why are you spending money on a policy that hasn't been finalised? Secondly, are you able to confirm or not confirm the figure that is now appearing in media reports, which is that you are going to spend an estimated \$7 million on this?</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS:</b> You've asked me about the cost of advertising and I've said I'll take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I've asked you two questions and I've asked you to take them both on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 72, 73	8/12/17
22	22	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	Mr Hadgkiss	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. Was Mr Hadgkiss's appointment conducted in accordance with the <i>Cabinet Handbook</i> or not?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I have no reason to believe that it wasn't, but I'll take the question on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 74	8/12/17
23	23	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	Mr Hadgkiss	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Perhaps you could take on notice: when did the Prime Minister first become aware of the behaviour that Mr Hadgkiss engaged in which subsequently gave rise to him conceding that the behaviour was illegal?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I'll take that question on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you also advise: when was the Prime Minister first aware that there were Federal Court proceedings in relation to Mr Hadgkiss? They're two different questions.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> By the way, in taking that question—and I will take your immediate question on notice as well—but in doing so, please do not understand me to be conceding the premise of the question that the Prime Minister was made aware of it, because I do not concede that.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> If that's the case, can you explain why the Prime Minister was not made aware of it, given that the cabinet handbook clearly requires ministers to disclose any sensitivities associated with such appointments?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> You're making certain assumptions, not least in relation to chronology.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Nevertheless, I've taken the questions on notice whether or not the Prime Minister was made aware of any particular matter or whether an occasion arose whereby the Prime Minister should have been made aware of any particular matter. That is something about which I don't know and make no concession. Nevertheless, we'll take the whole issue as a</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 74, 75	8/12/17

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24	24	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WONG</b>	Mr Hadgkiss	<p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Senator Cash acknowledged that she was made aware of allegations that had been made against Mr Hadgkiss. Anyway, we can check.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Why don't you go ahead and check? You have lots of staff to do that. Anyway, she's aware in October 2016 of the conduct which was subsequently found to be unlawful.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I think you'll find she was made aware of allegation.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> The conduct which was subsequently found to be unlawful. I want to know at which stage the Prime Minister or his office became aware of that conduct?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> If at all.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes. I'd also like to know, did the department attend, or does the department have any record of Senator Cash advising the Prime Minister of Mr Hadgkiss's conduct?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet wouldn't ordinarily keep a record of a meeting or a conversation between the Prime Minister and a minister.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Thank you, Senator Brandis.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Hang on. He hasn't answered the question. I'll ask it again. Is the department aware of any interaction? Are you taking it on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We'll take that question on notice. But I simply make the point that ordinarily, if a minister has a conversation with the Prime Minister, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet will not ordinarily have visibility or awareness of that conversation. It may, but not ordinarily.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 75, 76	8/12/17
25	25	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Appointment of Former MPs	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Can I ask you to provide, on notice, a list of all the former MPs appointed since the last election, including the total remuneration provided for each of these appointments?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Yes, I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I have another question about the appointment process. In August this year it was reported that Minister for Urban Infrastructure Paul Fletcher appointed Mr Paul O'Sullivan as the chair of the Western Sydney Airport Corporation. Is this one where the provisions of paragraph 108 of the <i>Cabinet Handbook</i> apply?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Just read that to me, please.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Mr Paul O'Sullivan has been appointed as chair of the Western Sydney Airport Corporation. My question is whether the provisions of paragraph 108 in the cabinet handbook apply. That is specifically where, if it is a significant appointment, the minister must write to the Prime Minister seeking approval of the appointment.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I don't know. I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Can anyone help me with the terms of Mr O'Sullivan's engagement? Do we know how much he is paid as chair of the Western Sydney Airport Corporation?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Is that what you are now asking, because you wanted to know a moment ago whether—</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I did, and you took it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> So you want me to take his salary on notice as well?</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> If you could provide the information now, I would appreciate it.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I can't; but, if you want me to take it on notice, I will.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Are you talking about the reference that Mr Fletcher sought when he was seeking preselection?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> You have referred to it. I'm not aware of it; but, if that's the case, I am merely making the point that it's hardly surprising that a senior executive in the telecommunications industry might seek a reference from another senior executive in the same industry.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> That's so, but I am not really interested in the propriety of that interaction. I am interested in the subsequent appointment and whether or not a potential conflict of interest, perceived or real, was advised to the Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I don't know, and I've taken that on notice. Might I remind you, Senator McAllister, if you're not already aware, that Mr Paul O'Sullivan is one of the most respected senior business people in Australia. His name is regularly to be found on lists of the most significant business figures in Australia, so there could be no question of his suitability for the role that you have mentioned.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 77, 78	8/12/17
26	26	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Appointment of Former MPs	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Indeed, as Senator Smith says, you're probably stretching it. I am interested to know whether the department has provided any advice. Are you saying that there is no conflict, or are you just saying that there may not be one?</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 79	8/12/17

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					<p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Well, I'm asking what you're saying, Senator, but it's not apparent to me why you're even using the term 'conflict of interest', because nothing you've said to me suggests there is one.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Mr O'Sullivan provided support to Mr Fletcher in a preselection campaign that was obviously very important in Mr Fletcher's political career. There were a range of other candidates in the field at that time, as I recall. I am just wondering whether that support was considered a relevant factor and whether the department has provided advice on whether that might be considered a conflict of interest.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Well, we'll look. It's a silly suggestion, but we'll take it on notice.</p>		
27	27	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	PM&C Staffing	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> What's been the total cost of the department from the increase in the number of SES staff?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> We will take that on notice and provide that to you.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Thanks, Ms Cass. What does this mean for the overall staff increase, including the additional SES staffing? What has that done to the wage bill, and how much has it grown over the past year? I am happy if you take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 79, 80	8/12/17
28	28	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Senator PATERSON</b>	ABCC	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Perhaps the minister can assist. Have the CPSU or Ms Flood raised with you any issues about ABCC employees or their safety?</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> Not directly with me, no. I have raised with Ms Flood the issues but she has not raised them with me.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Do you know if she's raised them with her department?</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> I don't know.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Can you share with the committee what Ms Flood's response was when you raised the issue with her?</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> Unfortunately, I don't have that with me. I can take it on notice though and provide it to the committee.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> If you could, that would be helpful. It's been reported publicly that Ms Flood is seeking the endorsement for the Senate, of the Labor Party, to replace Senator Cameron and that a grouping that may support her in the party includes the CFMEU. Minister, do you think that's a relevant factor in her failure to raise the behaviour of the CFMEU?</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> It may well be but I'm not able to provide those details.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 84, 85	8/12/17
29	29	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Senator WONG</b>	Resignation of Mr Hadgkiss	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Mr Lloyd, you also said the arrangements would be worked through. Can you tell me, what were some of the things you had to 'work through', using your words?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> It was things like the timing of the resignation, and also the timing of an announcement of the resignation, which obviously precedes the resignation itself. They were the two main things.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> How long—or what about payout? Was that discussed?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> No. That's set by the—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And the timing of the resignation—were there options considered around that?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> There's obviously back and forth on that. It ended up, I think there was a two-week period, and that is what was settled on, I think.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you say that last thing again?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> The resignation was two weeks—he gave two weeks notice of his resignation.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I'm asking what options were discussed between you.</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> We discussed how it would occur—when it would be announced and the timing. It could be one week or two weeks. Those sorts of things were discussed with him and me going back and forth.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So, backwards and forwards. On notice, I'm asking: was there a longer period of notice discussed?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I don't think so, no.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 88	8/12/17
30	30	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Contact with IPA and the HR Nicholls Society	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> So you'd have no problem providing the committee with a log of your contact with the IPA and the HR Nicholls Society over the last 18 months? I would be happy if it were in the form of an FOI disclosure log, which you'll see an example of in this bundle of documents.</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 94	8/12/17
31	31	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Phone Records	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I do want to go on to another issue. I'm going to ask if perhaps you could, as you have with other documents, give the committee your appropriately redacted phone records for the last 18 months, whether they are from your landline or your mobile, showing your contact with members of the IPA.</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Okay. I might put on notice some questions about providing research assistance to the IPA, but I do want to go page 29. On page 29 you'll see that there's a transcript of a doorstep from Senator Wong. Your email says that you'd like to catch up with the IPA to discuss Senator Wong's comments. Would this meeting be in your capacity as the APS Commissioner? At the top, where it says '29 of 32', you'll see the first one from you, redacted due to section 47F. This is your email: 'In para 2 of Penny Wong's interview she takes a swipe at two of the IPA's former directors. I would like to catch up</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 95	8/12/17



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					soon for a chat. Regards, John Lloyd.' Can I just ask: was that meeting in your capacity as the APS Commissioner? <b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I'll take it on notice. It's a fair while back now. It was back in 2015. <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> While you're taking that on notice perhaps you could also take on notice what connection you think those comments have to your work as the APS Commissioner. Also, did you end up meeting? I presume that if it was a work meeting you would have diarised it or it would be in your calendar. <b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Yes.		
32	32	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Commonwealth Enterprise Agreements	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Can I just go back to page 14 and page 15, which are talking about generous arrangements in Commonwealth enterprise agreements. Did that meeting take place? <b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Which meeting are you referring to? <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> It says, 'I'm free to discuss this at any time.' Did you end up having a meeting? <b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I'll take it on notice. As I say, it's 2015, so it's some time ago.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 96	8/12/17
33	33	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Senator McKENZIE</b>	Commonwealth Enterprise Agreements	<b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> I would just like an update on how many enterprise agreements have now been signed up and approved under the government's current bargaining policy. What proportion of the Commonwealth Public Service do these agreements cover? <b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I will get Mr Spaccavento to answer that. <b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> As at 4 October, which is the most recent data I have, 125 enterprise agreements had been voted up in 117 leaders. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> What proportion of the Commonwealth Public Service is that? <b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> It is approximately 88 per cent. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> How many have been approved since the 2016 election? <b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> I don't have a figure since the 2016 election. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Could you provide that on notice? <b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> I have a figure since the current policy was introduced in November 2015, if that's helpful to you. Otherwise I could take it— <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> I think we've traversed those figures. <b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> I'll take that other question on notice, then.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 97	8/12/17
34	34	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Senator McKENZIE</b>	Commonwealth Enterprise Agreements	<b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Can you advise the committee, on notice, of the wage increases in dollar terms that public servants have received in agencies that have successfully voted up an agreement? <b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> I'll need to take that on notice. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Thank you. And can you also, I guess conversely, tell me, for those agencies and departments that haven't voted up their enterprise agreement, what the loss has been? <b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> Again, I can take that on notice, yes. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Thank you. Can you specifically advise the committee, on notice, of the wages lost by public servants in the Department of Human Services? <b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> Yes. I'll take that on notice. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> And could you total that up? And how much has the entire Public Service lost in wages as a result of not voting up enterprise agreements with the two per cent wage increases as advocated by the CPSU? <b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> It may be difficult to come to an exact figure, but on notice we will see if we can— <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Yes, on notice is fine. Thank you so much.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 97, 98	8/12/17
35	35	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator LEYONHJELM</b>	Domestic Violence	<b>Senator LEYONHJELM:</b> I will be as quick as I can. The 1800RESPECT or the website for the Office for Women refers to violence against women as one of its objectives or one of its issues that it is dealing with. There are two aspects that it focuses on. One is female genital mutilation, the other one is domestic violence. What it says is that there is a clear link between violence towards women and attitudes of disrespect and gender inequality. I raised this at estimates last time, not with you but with the Department of Social Security—I think it was DSS— <b>Senator Cash:</b> It would have been DSS then—not with this particular officer. <b>Senator LEYONHJELM:</b> I asked them for references to corroborate that statement and they had a certain amount of difficulty, and there's quite a lot of contradictory opinion in the literature. In the interests of time, I am wondering whether you can substantiate that statement, because I can't really find anything that absolutely confirms that, and it's quite a disputed area. When you look at what other causes there might be for domestic violence—specifically your role is looking at women—obviously economic circumstances and cultural factors become important, or look to me to be important. What's your response to that? <b>Ms Hatfield Dodds:</b> Certainly, I've seen a range of evidence that supports disrespect being one of the key factors that can	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 101	8/12/17

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					result in violence against women, but I think perhaps we should take that question on notice, because certainly we don't have in front of us now that evidence or those data sources, but we'd be happy to find those and provide them to you. <b>Senator LEYONHJELM:</b> Yes, I think that would be a good idea. The point is that the issue that was just raised by Senator Dodson is clearly cultural. Female genital mutilation is clearly cultural. The implication that violence towards women is a function of disrespect and gender inequality suggests that culture is not a key consideration, wouldn't you agree?		
36	36	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator MOORE</b>	Women's Workforce Participation	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> We have talked about the strategy in the past, without having the strategy document—we talked about the commitment. In the budget estimates in May, Ms McIntyre stated that the G20 workforce participation target was based on the 2014 participation rates of men and women in the workforce. The strategy—and I have read it—actually says it is based on 2012 data. What was the reason for that? We talked about the importance of having a bottom line on which we could build and we were told it would be 2014 data. What was the basis for going with 2012, and does it have any particular impact? <b>Ms Livingston:</b> This was actually a piece of evidence that we corrected after the last estimates. My understanding is that this is a decision that G20 nations have taken with respect to what the appropriate baseline is. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> Your correction didn't explain why. Seeing as the commitment was made in 2014 and that was when the public statement was made that we were going to make this international commitment, why is 2012 the baseline? <b>Ms Livingston:</b> I might need to take that on notice. That is certainly something that the Department of Employment might be able to assist with. They take the lead in terms of tracking Australia's performance against the G20 target but my understanding is that it wasn't a decision that Australia took in isolation—we have looked to like-minded as well as to what the appropriate baseline is.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 102	8/12/17
37	37	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator MOORE</b>	Women's Workforce Participation	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> In the website, which I really like, can I find out how much that cost and also the documents because we have had a number of discussions at this meeting about glossy documents. These are very glossy, the strategy documents, and you can take that on notice but I would like to know what that cost. Maybe I am wrong, but I don't think that that website was internal. Was that website developed internally, or did you have someone— <b>Ms Livingston:</b> We did engage an external provider to assist us. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> I thought so. Can we get the name of that provider and how much it cost as well. In the strategy it says: ... the Government is taking action to boost women's workforce participation by: ... .. c. Examining the tax and transfer system and its impact on women ... You know that we've had a number of discussions about effective marginal tax rates and the tax and transfer system. We were told this examination would be considered as part of what was then—in May—the soon to be released <i>Towards 2025: An Australian government strategy to boost women's workforce participation</i> . Can you tell us which department undertook the analysis of the tax and transfer system that informed the strategy? <b>Ms Cranfield:</b> There were a number of departments that contributed and worked on an interdepartmental committee that developed the workforce— <b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can you tell us who they were? <b>Ms Cranfield:</b> I can look that up for you. One of those departments was certainly the Department of the Treasury. We made a correction to the evidence provided at the last hearings that Treasury had not undertaken specific EMTR modelling for the workforce participation strategy; the issue was discussed in the context of the strategy. But I would point out that EMTRs are not the sole or the most significant driver affecting women's workforce participation, and there is, in fact, research from the Australian Bureau of Statistics from 2014-15 that says that things like access to affordable child care and flexible working conditions are rated more highly—it was a survey based report—as issues that will affect women's participation in the workforce. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> But it's still considered to be a factor— <b>Ms Cranfield:</b> That's right. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> and it is mentioned significantly in the strategy document. It was taken as being an important element. So, within that process, can we find out who did the modelling around that on marginal tax rates? <b>Ms Cranfield:</b> There wasn't specific modelling in the women's workforce participation strategy. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> There was no specific modelling at all about the impact of marginal tax rates? <b>Ms Cranfield:</b> That's right. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can we find out on notice, because of the time constraints that we have, who did what modelling on what? I'm not going to restate the ongoing discussion we have been having about modelling, but I would like to know, in terms of this document, who provided the statistical basis for the various claims that are made in the document and the link	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 103	8/12/17

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					between that and the information in the strategy document. <b>Ms Cranfield:</b> We can take that on notice.		
38	38	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Women's Workforce Participation	<b>Ms Cranfield:</b> The strategy also discussed how EMTRs are a feature of our progressive tax system and the interaction with our welfare system. They are a point-in-time measurement. They're very complex and they differ so much. Mine, compared to my colleagues', differs considerably depending on the factors that are at play in my life at any one stage. Modelling on EMTRs is not done as a matter of course for all policy development. It may be undertaken if there are significant or complex policy changes that may be considered to impact on EMTRs. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Can you think of any occasions when that has taken place? <b>Ms Cranfield:</b> EMTR modelling, if it is undertaken, is usually undertaken by the Department of the Treasury. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> But you're talking about it now. As an officer in the agency who is meant to be conducting whole-of-government coordination of women's policy, is there a single occasion you can think of when that kind of modelling has been undertaken under this government since 2013? <b>Ms Cranfield:</b> I would have to take that question on notice for you.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 104	8/12/17
39	39	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator MOORE</b>	Women's Workforce Participation	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> Reading through the document, it seems to be—and I'm picking up on the fact that we held it over so we could get the last year's budget initiatives mentioned in it—that there's a whole lot of things already announced by the government as part of their ongoing action. Was there anything new in the strategy that was first made public for the release of the strategy? Was there anything in either of the two documents that are out there that was brand new and had not been previous government policy? <b>Ms Cranfield:</b> Can I take that question on notice? <b>Senator MOORE:</b> Sure. <b>Ms Cranfield:</b> There are a lot of measures in there. We'll check for you. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> There are a lot of measures there, but I've been through them. I wanted to see whether, as part of this announcement, there was anything new that hadn't already gone through previous budget discussions or whether it's just a compilation of what had already been created. <b>Ms Cranfield:</b> There certainly were new measures that were part of the budget announcements— <b>Senator MOORE:</b> The 2014 budget? <b>Ms Cranfield:</b> It was the budget in May of this year that was ahead of the release of the strategy on 6 July. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> If you can get back to me on if there's anything in this paper—which is a particular one about strategy for women—that is a new initiative, that would be great. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Perhaps the minister can assist? <b>Senator Cash:</b> I think there's been some confusion. This is a document that sets out the whole-of-government approach, but the answer to your question is that there are strategies in there from this budget, hence the implementation plan looks at this budget. We've said that the document will be updated every budget so that it's literally a living document. New policies that are announced are added to the strategy. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> But I'm keen to know whether there's anything here, because it seems to me that the document I read is a list of things that are from previous budgets. <b>Senator Cash:</b> Can we take that on notice then? <b>Senator MOORE:</b> That's fine.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 104, 105	8/12/17
40	40	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	2015-16 Underspend	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> What about the underspend in the 2015-16 financial year? Was it carried forward? <b>Ms Livingston:</b> It wasn't carried forward. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> So \$716,000 could have gone to women's organisations but didn't? <b>Ms Livingston:</b> It wasn't carried over. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> So that means it didn't. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> So there's \$700,000 that could have gone to community organisations but hasn't. What's going on with support in the disability sector for women, particularly disability advocacy? ... <b>Ms Hatfield Dodds:</b> If I can go back briefly to the 2015-16 financial year, I'd like to take on notice your question about the underspend of around \$700,000. I suspect that the timing of the election got in the way of the expenditure of those funds, so if we could check that and come back to you on notice, that would be good. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> If we can find out what period of time there was no money spent, that would be useful, to see what the window was.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 106, 107	8/12/17
41	41	Department of the	<b>Senator LINES</b>	Court Access	<b>Senator LINES:</b> Ms Livingston, you can take this on notice, I just want to add detail as to what first nations women or	Hansard Proof, 23	8/12/17

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		Prime Minister and Cabinet			groups were consulted around the court access issue. <b>Ms Livingston:</b> I'll take that on notice. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> I had a long look at the Office for Women website, and there's nothing in there about the women who work in the Office for Women. Perhaps it would have been better if information about your background and what you're hoping to achieve in the Office for Women had been on the website and could be shared more widely, rather than using the time in Senate estimates. Lots of websites have, 'Who are we?' and you go in there, see a picture of someone and what their background is. That would be a positive element in the website. <b>Ms Livingston:</b> I'll take that, thank you.	October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 107	
42	42	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Enterprise Agreement - CPSU Material	<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Then the next point is: the right to e-mail employees in their workplace. How on earth would a union get a worker's e-mail address? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> We would expect those e-mails to be sent out through a central e-mail address that we would have. <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> So Prime Minister and Cabinet provides all the workers e-mail addresses to the union? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> No, sorry: we would send that information on behalf and we would only send it on an opt-out basis. Staff would obviously be able to opt-out or choose not to receive any information. <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> So it is an opt-out situation, so how did you do that? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> We would ask staff to let us know. <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Wait a minute, we would or have you? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> I would need to check, whether we have yet or not.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 111	8/12/17
43	43	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Enterprise Agreement - CPSU Material	<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> What sort of time limit would be given to the employees in relation to exercising this so-called opt-out? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> Sorry, I don't understand the time limit. <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> If a worker does not respond to your e-mail— <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is it a bit like the unsubscribe function— <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Are they then— <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> You can opt-out from getting emails from GetUp! anytime you want? <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Have we finished, Senator? <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I was just trying to help <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Thanks you. Can you tell me if a worker or employee has not opted out, is there a time frame? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> So what I expect we will do—and I will come back to you with details—is provide— <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> If you could provide me with a copy of the message, that would be very helpful. But nobody at the table is aware of the time? <b>Ms Cass:</b> I don't believe that this policy has actually been implemented as yet. It is wiser for us to come back to you with a description of how it is planned to be implemented in PM&C. <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> So we don't know how it's going to be implemented at this stage. And so what makes us think that opting out is good enough as opposed to asking workers to register an interest in receiving union material? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> That was the discussion that took place at bargaining. <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Yes, but Prime Minister and Cabinet agreed to it, so why did you agree to opt out as opposed to opt in? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> I would need to look into that; I wasn't part of that process or negotiation.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 112	8/12/17
44	44	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Enterprise Agreement - CPSU Material	<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Thank you—not a difficult question, I would have thought. Are you able to provide me with a copy of the information at paragraph 5.2? 'Facilities for the CPSU section secretary or equivalent will be subject of letters of agreement between PM&C and the CPSU.' <b>Ms Cass:</b> We are not aware that this letters of agreement process has been undertaken, nor am I aware of an actual implementation strategy being discussed or agreed in relation to this policy. I think, rather than all of us having some conjecture about that, we should go back, take it on notice and actually provide you with a description of the intended implementation strategy. <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> There's no sort of option here, is there, in 5.2? 'Facilities for the CPSU section secretary will be the subject of letters of agreement.' So it will be. So you are saying that has not happened? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> It hasn't happened at this stage, Senator. <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> All right, we might revisit that. Are there any drafts that have been sent backwards and forwards to the CPSU? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> Not that I am aware of.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 112	8/12/17
45	45	Department of the Prime Minister and	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Enterprise Agreement -	<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> I am a brand new employee fronting up to PM&C and this tells me that PM&C will include—will include—this information in onboarding material for new employees. I'm a new employee fronting up and undoubtedly I will	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA	8/12/17

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		Cabinet		CPSU	be told, 'But you haven't opted out, so here's the union information.' What opportunity has the new employee had of actually opting out from receiving this information? <b>Dr Gruen:</b> I think, as has been made clear, none of this has been implemented. I think it would help everyone if the officers were able to come back to you about whatever plans are underway. This document has not been implemented. It's all very well for you to say all these things that are going to happen, but at this stage it's hypothetical.	Committee, page 113	
46	46	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Enterprise Agreement - CPSU	<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> And then 6.3: 'PM&C will invite the union to orientation sessions for new employees.' That is also a new initiative, is it not, and it has not occurred in recent years in PM&C? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> To my knowledge no, but I would need to check.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 114	8/12/17
47	47	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Enterprise Agreement - CPSU	<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> How would all this work with the possibility of adverse action if people don't opt out? Does that mean PM&C could have a list of people open to union information? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> Sorry, Senator, I don't understand the question. <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Take that on notice. I'm sure when you read it you will. The policy is in place, you are telling us, but has not been implemented as yet. <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> Yes; that's my understanding. <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Is that because there has not been a new intake since the enterprise agreement was ratified? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> We've certainly had staff commence since the new agreement was ratified. <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Has union material being provided to those new employees in there onboarding material? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> No; not to my knowledge, Senator, but again I will check.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 114	8/12/17
48	48	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Enterprise Agreement – Bargaining Policy	<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> The workplace bargaining policy requires, at paragraph 9: A draft enterprise agreement, or other collective workplace arrangement, is to be provided to the Commissioner for approval prior to tabling a final position to staff. Why was this not provided to the Public Service Commissioner? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> We have regular contact with the APSC, and we provided all the documents that the APSC required at that stage as part of the drafting process. I was not part of that process, so I can take on notice your question and find out on what basis the information was or wasn't provided.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 114	8/12/17
49	49	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Enterprise Agreement – Bargaining Policy	<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> I know that, and that is why the policy talks about an enterprise agreement or other collective workplace arrangement. I think we can be agreed that this was collective, because it was part of the bargaining process. I think we can be agreed that this relates to the workplace, and it is an agreement because that is what was put to the workers prior to the vote. So why was this other collective workplace arrangement—not agreement, I correct myself—not passed by the Australian Public Service Commissioner? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> I can take that on notice and confirm a response, but my understanding would be that, as a workplace arrangement, as with other internal policies, there was no requirement to pass it through the APSC and that was the reason for not passing it through the APSC. <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> In the Workplace Bargaining Policy, which is interesting, if you have a look at page 3, it tells us about all workplace arrangements. In paragraph 31, it says: The right for an employee to choose to belong or not to belong to a union will be respected. I know you say you do that by opting out, but I think most people would not accept that as being satisfactory. Then paragraph 32 says: Consultation and workplace relations arrangements in agencies are to be balanced and not unreasonably favour one group of employees over another. Agencies may make provision for consultative structures with employees, and where employees choose, their representatives, regarding employment relations matters. So 'where employees choose'—opting out is hardly an employee choosing, is it? The default is that you will be part of all this union process, and you have to actively opt out. This is not choosing, pursuant to paragraph 32 of the government's Workplace Bargaining Policy 2015. <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> I'd need to take that on notice and look at the policy. <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> If you could, please. Then paragraph 33: Employees who are not members of a union may not wish to engage with, or receive communications from, a union. Agencies are to ensure that communication arrangements within the agency respect this. So, once again, you are saying you have to actually opt out. So one assumes that there may be a number of employees, the majority of whom—one assumes; I don't know—are not union members, in PM&C, who would nevertheless be receiving this union information, despite not being union members.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 115	8/12/17
50	50	Department of the	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Enterprise	<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Senator McAllister, that was very unwise: I now have a second wind—just joking! To sum up, paragraph	Hansard Proof, 23	8/12/17

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		Prime Minister and Cabinet		Agreement – Bargaining Policy	58 of the bargaining policy also requires, to assist the APSC in providing advice on bargaining across the Commonwealth public sector, that agencies are requested to advise the APSC about any significant employment relations matters. I would have thought that changing your policy in relation to union involvement with a side agreement from the enterprise agreement might have been considered to be a significant employment relations matter, because you have actually changed the way you are doing business in relation to the union and the induction of new employees. <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> Senator, can I take that on notice? <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Yes. <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> Because what we will need to do is look back across the two key agreements, which are the FaHCSIA agreement and the old PM&C agreement, and look at what representational rights are in each agreement, given that the negotiations involved, in effect, those two key agreements in trying to come to a single agreement. I will take that on notice and provide some more information.	October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 116, 117	
51	51	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McKENZIE</b>	Enterprise Agreement - Implementation Arrangements	<b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Thank you, Ms Cass. Dr Gruen, I have one last question: how is it envisaged that this time for communication activities will get approval from whoever the organiser's superior is? Do they have to slip in a form? Or is it just a stamp and, 'on your way; here is the whiteboard'? <b>Ms Cass:</b> The implementation arrangements still need to be drafted and settled. We don't have the answers for you, Senator. This policy has only just been entered, and there needs to be a process of actually clarifying what implementation might look like. We are very happy to come back and provide more information once that is settled. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Yes, could you take on notice the approval process, and whether there is any maximum time? That would be great, thanks.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 117	8/12/17
52	52	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Home Affairs Portfolio	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Each of these two streams is being managed by a multi-agency working group, one led by PM&C, with you at the helm, and the other led by Immigration. Which other agencies are engaged in your part of that project? <b>Mr McKinnon:</b> There are a very large number of them: all of the intelligence agencies; Finance, of course, because it involves money; DHS; the Office of National Assessments, which is affected by it all, of course; the Attorney General's Department, of course, which is obviously affected by it; and the Office of Transport Security which is coming out of Infrastructure, so that's obviously involved as well. It is quite a significant list. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is the list you just provided a comprehensive list? <b>Mr McKinnon:</b> We have a regular weekly meeting, and the attendance at that fluctuates a lot, but it is pretty comprehensive. I can get the last attendance list and provide that to you. ... <b>Mr McKinnon:</b> Senator, could I make a very minor correction to the record. I said an element of DHS going into the department; it is DSS, of course, the multicultural bit. I also forgot that the counterterrorism coordinator from Prime Minister and Cabinet will also be moving into that department. I have a list of the agencies which are consulted, if you want that complete list. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Could it just be tabled? <b>Mr McKinnon:</b> I will find a way to do that.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 118, 121	8/12/17
53	53	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McKENZIE</b>	Enterprise Agreement - PM&C Orientation Program	<b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> This refers to some questioning from Senator Abetz earlier. Is orientation compulsory for every new employee? <b>Dr Gruen:</b> There is an orientation program for new employees. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Is it compulsory? <b>Dr Gruen:</b> I believe it is, but the thing that we were talking about earlier is something that has yet to be implemented. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> You've made that very clear; it's all over <i>Hansard</i> . The question was about orientation. <b>Dr Gruen:</b> Yes. If anyone has evidence to the contrary they should let me know, but I believe that the orientation program is compulsory. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> And then you get the on-board process—is that compulsory or is that a package of information? <b>Ms Cass:</b> It is much better if we give you some definitive information, Senator.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 126	8/12/17
54	54	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Classifying Documents	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> What guidelines are provided to members of the executive government about how they might go about classifying documents, perhaps generated by themselves, that don't meet any of those earlier tests that you set out, Senator Brandis? <b>Mr MacGibbon:</b> I think it's the Protective Security Policy Framework, which comes out of the Attorney-General's department. From there, the Information Security Manual talks about the technical side and the use of technologies. But the PSPF, as it's known, I think is the foundational document, Attorney? <b>Senator Brandis:</b> I think that's right, but if you want a more detailed answer that sets out the various documents that set out	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 127	8/12/17

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					the levels of protection or classification, we'll take that on notice and give it to you.		
55	55	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Declaration of Conflict – Minister Dutton	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I want to talk about Minister Dutton's register of interest forms. In particular, I want to ask in relation to his register of interest and his owning of child-care centres. If it helps, Dr Gruen, I want to also go to the <i>Cabinet Handbook</i> and the guidelines contained within. I will just try to be as quick as possible. If we go to the <i>Cabinet Handbook</i>—I'm looking at the 10th edition: is that the most up-to-date version?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> It is the most up-to-date version, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I particularly want to go to section 56, which states: Ministers and officials attending Cabinet or Cabinet committee meetings must declare any private interests of which they are aware. This can include pecuniary interests, held by them or by members of their immediate family, which may give rise to a conflict with their public duties. Any such declarations will be recorded by the Cabinet note takers. Can you confirm if Minister Dutton has declared any conflicts in cabinet, as outlined in a section 56, under both prime ministers Abbott and Turnbull.</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> I can talk you through the process that is undertaken to record statements of interest or conflicts of interest. I cannot confirm here for you whether it has occurred in this particular instance that you are mentioning. Ministers, in a cabinet discussion, may raise a conflict of interest. That is recorded in the cabinet notebooks by each of the note takers. And those notebooks, as you know, are retained for the record. So we keep a record of that. In this instance, I can't confirm whether it happened.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Are you able to take it on notice?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> I can take it on notice and see if there is any specific information that might be able to be found.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 128	8/12/17
56	56				A question has not been allocated to this number		8/12/17
57	57	Infrastructure and Project Financing Agency	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	City Deals	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I am a little bit confused because I asked you whether you were providing policy advice or specific advice on concrete propositions. You said that you do not provide policy advice, but you now tell me that these City Deals conversations are about nothing in particular. I am just trying to understand what you are actually doing in this next stage of the City Deals process.</p> <p><b>Mr O'Neil:</b> In terms of City Deals, a key component of City Deals is innovative funding and finance. As I said in the Townsville case, we are actively looking at two parts of the Townsville City Deal: one is the port channel widening for the Port of Townsville and the other is the TEARC—Townsville Eastern Access Rail Corridor. Both are potentially eligible for private participation in the funding.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Okay. But in the other conversations you are having about the next stage of the City Deals, what are you talking about?</p> <p><b>Mr O'Neil:</b> That is really a matter for the cities division. I would rather not comment on prospective City Deals.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> You will be aware that under the standing orders, you are required to provide information unless there is a good reason not to provide it. The minister may make a claim of public interest immunity if, for some reason, this cannot be disclosed to the committee .</p> <p><b>Mr O'Neil:</b> Senator, do you mind if I take that one on notice and I will refer it back to my minister, if that's okay?</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 133	8/12/17
58	58	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	<b>Senator XENOPHON</b>	Public Interest Disclosure Act	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Ms Stone, I want to go to the issue of disclosures. How many disclosures have been made to IGIS under the Public Interest Disclosure Act?</p> <p><b>Ms Stone:</b> In the PID scheme?</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Stone:</b> In our annual report, which was tabled this morning ...</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> I am sorry I didn't have a chance to digest it.</p> <p><b>Ms Stone:</b> I didn't really expect you to be waiting for it.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> You would be surprised at the sorts of things I wait for, including High Court judgements.</p> <p><b>Ms Stone:</b> Now I am disappointed. There were 11 last year, and, so far, none in this financial year.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Okay, and how many of those 11 were actually investigated? Were they investigated?</p> <p><b>Ms Stone:</b> Yes, indeed they were. All of them were investigate.</p> <p><b>Mr Blight:</b> Yes, all 11 were investigated by our office to the point where we decided that no further investigation was required and no action was required.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Right, so that was the outcome, that no further action was required. For how many of those was action required in the view of IGIS?</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 134	8/12/17

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					<b>Ms Stone:</b> I think I would have to take that on notice. It was a small number, from memory, but I don't have the actual number here. My guess is about four or five, but I would like to take that on notice.		
59	59	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	<b>Senator XENOPHON</b>	Investigation of Complaints	<b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Thank you. You've been very helpful. Do any of the complaints relate to the refusal of a passport being issued? <b>Ms Stone:</b> Did we have any, Mr Blight? <b>Mr Blight:</b> Yes, we have had some. <b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> In other words, as a result of an intelligence agency, the refusal of an Australian passport being issued— <b>Ms Stone:</b> The refusal of a passport would presumably arise, if there was an adverse security assessment. <b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> But have you had any complaints about that? <b>Ms Stone:</b> In the last year, I don't think so. Did we, Mr Blight? <b>Mr Blight:</b> Can we take that on notice? It's certainly an area we inspect. The decision, which is made by the foreign minister, is of course not a decision we look at, but ASIO's security assessments are an area we inspect regularly.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 134, 135	8/12/17
60	60	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	List of Projects	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> You've identified 17 that fall into this category of strategic importance. Having identified them, what is it that you are doing? <b>Mr Slater:</b> There are a range of activities that we get involved in, but I might hand over to Dr Lesley Seebeck, who has accountability for this function. She can provide you with some more information. <b>Dr Seebeck:</b> We engage in a number of ways. A lot of what we do is get involved in the governance committees and the governance arrangements in those committees. It gives us the best oversight of what the responsible agencies are doing. We can offer advice about how to do things like change management programs. We can also offer support—for example, in the user-centred design and delivery, user research, agile delivery methodologies and so on. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Are you doing that for each of these 17 projects? <b>Dr Seebeck:</b> It depends on what the projects are engaged in. In almost all of them, we're engaged at that governance layer—so we will sit in the IDCs, and so. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is it possible to get a list of the 17 projects? <b>Dr Seebeck:</b> Yes, we can give you that. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Can you provide details of the engagement you have with those projects? It sounds like you have some categories—and then you have options for engagement? Can you tell us what they are for each project? <b>Dr Seebeck:</b> Yes, we can provide those.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 138	8/12/17
61	61	National Australia Day Council	<b>Senator PATERSON</b>	Australia Day Activities	<b>CHAIR:</b> Sure. Has the Australia Council put in place any measures to ensure that the activities it supports on Australia Day do not become inappropriately politicised? <b>Ms Barbour:</b> To give you some context: this is day 3 of my job at the National Australia Day Council—so, if we can just take what I say in that context. <b>CHAIR:</b> Of course. <b>Ms Barbour:</b> I understand that the National Australia Day Council is very conscious of risk and does a risk strategy and mitigation for every event it does. In terms of detail around your question, I haven't got that. <b>CHAIR:</b> Perhaps you can come back on notice with a bit more detail, if you're able to. I'd also be interested to know—on notice, if necessary—whether you would reconsider any activities hosted by councils, with the Australia Day Council, if they were to be done in a politicised way? <b>Ms Barbour:</b> I would have to take that on notice. <b>CHAIR:</b> Could you also take on notice whether you are aware of any planned activities with the councils in question, particularly the City of Yarra or Darebin council. <b>Ms Barbour:</b> Yes, I'll take that on notice.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 138	8/12/17
62	62	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Remote Indigenous Employment	I am interested in understanding IBA's contribution to remote, indigenous employment, and I refer the 2016-17 Annual Report.  In relation to the Business Development and Assistance Program (table 2): - How many of the 533 people in jobs resulting from IBA loans are employed in remote areas (defined as those areas subject to the CDP)? - How many of the 97 jobs created by new IBA lending were created in remote areas (defined as areas subject to the CDP)  In relation to the Equity and Investment Program (table 3):	Written	8/12/17



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					- Of the jobs held by indigenous people representing 29% of total employment associated with the investment program, how many of these jobs are located in remote areas (defined as those subject to the CDP)		
63	63	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Australian Coat of Arms	1. Who is entitled to use the Australian Coat of Arms? Is there a need to obtain a licence or permission to use the Australian Coat of Arms?  2. Are there potential penalties for the misuse of the Australian Coat of Arms? If so, what are they?  3. Is the Department aware of the use of the Australian Coat of Arms by an organisation called “The Juice Media” to criticise government policy on forestry?  If yes, what action if any has been taken in relation to this apparent breach of the law relating to the use of the Australian Coat of Arms?	Written	8/12/17
64	64	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	65	Aboriginal Hostels Limited	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	66	Anindilyakwa Land Council	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	67	Australian National Audit Office	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	68	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	69	Central Land Council	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	70	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
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64	72	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	73	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	74	Indigenous Land Corporation	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	75	Infrastructure and Project Financing Agency	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	76	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	77	National Australia Day Council	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	78	Office of National Assessments	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	79	Office of Township Leasing	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	80	Office of the Official	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and	Written	8/12/17

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		Secretary to the Governor-General		Staff	Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.		
64	81	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
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64	83	Tiwi Land Council	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	84	Torres Strait Regional Authority	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	85	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	86	Northern Land Council	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	87	Executive Director of Township Leasing	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	88	Outback Stores Pty Ltd	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
64	89	Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	Messages to Staff	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary/Agency Head of the Department at the relevant time.	Written	8/12/17
65	90	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and all PM&C Agencies	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	91	Aboriginal Hostels Limited	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	92	Anindilyakwa Land Council	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	93	Australian National Audit Office	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	94	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	95	Central Land Council	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	96	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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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65	98	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	99	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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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65	100	Indigenous Land Corporation	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	101	Infrastructure and Project Financing Agency	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	102	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	103	National Australia Day Council	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	104	Office of National Assessments	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	105	Office of Township Leasing	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	106	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	107	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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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65	109	Tiwi Land Council	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	110	Torres Strait Regional Authority	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	111	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	112	Northern Land Council	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	113	Executive Director of Township Leasing	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	114	Outback Stores Pty Ltd	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
65	115	Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	<b>Senator ABETZ</b>	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
66	116	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator MOORE</b>	Australian Government Board Appointments	1. When will the Gender Balance of Australian Government Boards 2016-17 be released? 2. At Budget Estimates Senator Cash discussed increased transparency around data for board appointments and said “as at July 1 [2017], the data will go live... We are trying to encourage as much transparency as possible; you will be able to go and see who is appointing to a particular board, and the gender analysis.”	Written	8/12/17

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Has this information been made available since July 1? Where can it be accessed?</li> <li>3. How many Boardlinks candidates have been successfully placed on Government boards? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In each year?</li> <li>b. To which boards, in which portfolios?</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Does the Office for Women monitor the success of the Boardlinks program?</li> <li>5. Has there been any evaluation done of the Boardlinks program?</li> </ul>		
67	117	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator MOORE</b>	Gender Analysis – Budget Estimates 2017-18 PM163	<p>In Question on Notice #163, the Office stated that they are working closely with the APSC on tools to facilitate gender analysis across the Australian Public Service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When did this work commence?</li> <li>2. Could you please provide an update on the progress of this work?</li> <li>3. When will the materials and training to be implemented?</li> <li>4. Will the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet require these materials and training be rolled out across all departments?</li> <li>5. If not, which departments is it intended for use in?</li> </ul>	Written	8/12/17
68	118	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator MOORE</b>	Womens Leadership and Development Strategy	<p>Please provide further detail on what the following WLDS grants are being used for (what program or activities are being funded, what is the purpose of the program/activity, how will the program/activity be delivered, how many people will benefit from the grant):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 14 June 2017 – National Association of Women in Operations – \$44,000</li> <li>b. 28 April 2017 – DW Behind Closed Doors Pty Ltd - \$102,000</li> <li>c. 1 May 2017 – The Opportunity Collective Inc - \$35,000</li> <li>d. 20 May 2017 – Chief Executive Women – \$113,190</li> <li>e. 25 May 2017 – Inspiring Rare Birds Pty Ltd - \$98,890</li> <li>f. 8 June 2017- Australian Institute of Company Directors- \$76,854</li> </ul>	Written	8/12/17
69	119	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator MOORE</b>	Staffing	<p>Could you please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The budgeted ASL, how many of these positions are currently filled and whether staff are permanent or on contract</li> <li>b. The rate of staff turnover in the Office for Women: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Since the beginning of 2017</li> <li>ii. Since the beginning of the 2017-18 financial year</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. The rate of turnover for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet since the beginning of 2017 and since the 2017-18 financial year</li> <li>d. The current organisational chart of the Office for Women – has this changed since the chart provided in response to Questions on Notice at the last estimates?</li> </ul>	Written	8/12/17
70	120	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator MOORE</b>	National Action Plan for Women, Peace and Security	<p>Please provide an outline of the consultations to help inform the next National Action Plan for Women, Peace and Security: who will be consulted, how many consultations will be held, when and where will the consultations be?</p>	Written	8/12/17
71	121	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator MOORE</b>	Women's Leadership and Development Strategy Grants	<p>The information provided on the Women's Leadership and Development Strategy Grants reporting page appears to show grants amounting to \$2.75 million made in the 2016-17 financial year. At the Estimates hearing on 23 October, Ms Livingston stated (p. 105): "The total expenditure to date is around \$3.5 million – noting, however, that some of the funds have been accrued into this financial year where there have been milestones under funding agreements that still have to be met." Could you please provide a full list of grants for the 2016-17 financial year, amounting to the \$3.5 million expenditure to date, including funds that have been accrued into this financial year?</p>	Written	8/12/17
72	122	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Senator CAMERON</b>	VET Student Loans Ombudsman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many complaints and/or requests for assistance has the VET Student Loans Ombudsman received since commencement of the Ombudsman?</li> <li>2. How many investigations has the VSLO undertaken on the basis of student complaints?</li> <li>3. How many requests for assistance and/or complaints have been resolved?</li> <li>4. How many remain unresolved?</li> <li>5. How many are unlikely to be resolved under current policy arrangements?</li> <li>6. What types of complaint or request for assistance have been beyond the powers of the VSLO to investigate or resolve?</li> <li>7. How many have been referred onwards? And where have they been referred?</li> </ul>	Written	8/12/17

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					<p>8. Has the VSLO received complaints from sources other than students? Please outline the types of sources and the number of complaints or requests for assistance that have been made from those sources.</p> <p>9. Please provide a breakdown of the number of complaints and/or requests for assistance, by the nature of the complaint, in as much detail as reportable.</p> <p>10. How many requests for assistance and/or complaints has the VSLO received from people who were unaware that they have a VFH debt?</p> <p>a. Under what circumstances are people being made aware that they have a VFH debt?</p> <p>b. What is the average quantum of the debt amongst those people?</p> <p>c. Are any of the complaints coming from people who have ‘phantom’ debts from RTOs that are still operating?</p> <p>11. How many requests for assistance and/or complaints has the VSLO received from people with a VFH debt that believe the debt is unfair?</p> <p>a. What are the grounds for which people are assessing their VFH debt as unfair?</p> <p>b. What is the average quantum of the debt amongst those people?</p> <p>c. Are any of the complaints coming from people who have ‘unfair’ debts from RTOs that are still operating?</p> <p>12. What action is the VSLO taking where they receive complaints from people unaware that they have a VFH debt?</p> <p>13. What action is the VSLO taking where they receive complaints from people who believe they have a VFH debt that is unfair?</p> <p>14. Will the VSLO be publicly publishing information, analysis and data relating to complaints? Please describe the information that will be made publicly available and where it will be located.</p> <p>15. What reporting is provided by the VSLO to the Minister and/or the Department of Education and Training?</p> <p>16. Does the VSLO have any other reporting requirements? Please provide details.</p>		
73	123	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE</b>	Closing the Gap	<p>At the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Council on Indigenous Affairs meeting on Monday 23 October 2017 the Council said:</p> <p><i>“Council members agreed the importance of moving to a strength-based approach to Closing the Gap that celebrates Indigenous achievement, as well as addressing persistent disadvantage...All jurisdictions highlighted their commitment to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to refresh the agenda for the next ten years of Indigenous Affairs in Australia.”</i></p> <p>1. Can the Minister provide any detail of what the main focus of the refreshed agenda will be?</p> <p>2. How it will differ to the 2007 COAG commitment?</p> <p>3. What is the timeline for the refreshed agenda?</p> <p>4. Aside from engaging the Congress to assist COAG in developing the refreshed agenda, what other consultation has the Government sought, or will seek, from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups?</p> <p>5. Will the refreshed agenda put a strong focus on addressing the rising rates of indigenous imprisonment?</p>	Written	8/12/17
74	124	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE</b>	Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP)	<p>1. How many small indigenous businesses, those with less than 20 employees, have been awarded contracts under the Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP) throughout its duration?</p> <p>2. What percentage of those IPP contracts have been awarded to small businesses?</p> <p>3. The IPP first year review was completed in September 2017.</p> <p>a. What changes have been made?</p> <p>b. What recommendations are being implemented?</p> <p>4. It was reported in February by The Australian that most of the IPP contracts have been awarded to long established companies who have less than 20 per cent of their workforce identifying as indigenous.</p> <p>a. Has the department identified this as an issue?</p>	Written	8/12/17

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. How is the department addressing this issue?</li> <li>c. Since this information was made public have any changes been made to the relevant policy?</li> </ul> <p>5. While the IPP aims to foster indigenous economic development and grow indigenous employment outcomes the first year review found that this was not occurring, and that there were concerns for contracted work not providing long term employment options. How is this concern being addressed?</p>		
75	125	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE</b>	CDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Community Development Program (CDP) inquiry has heard that there are a number of different courses and training programs that can be included in the CDP. Is a small business skills course being introduced?</li> <li>2. Has the government considered expanding Indigenous Business Australia's capacity to expand into training and skills development for people in CDP to start small businesses?</li> </ul>	Written	8/12/17
76	126	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE</b>	Higher Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. May 2017 estimates question reference number 98 provided figures showing indigenous higher education enrolments. Can I please be provided with current figures and 2016 figures for the same breakdown – total enrolments and total commencements – as well as; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. whether those students were from regional and remote areas;</li> <li>b. whether they were from low socio-economic status areas; and</li> <li>c. whether they had a disability?</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Can I also be provided with current dropout rates for indigenous higher education students with the same breakdown?</li> </ul> <p>The Indigenous Student Success Program commenced on 1 January 2017 and it replaced a number of other programs and strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Was the funding for each of the previous programs (being the Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships Program, the tutorial assistance under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy and the Indigenous Support Program) rolled into the funding for the current Indigenous Student Success Program?</li> <li>4. Can you provide a breakdown of the funding for the Indigenous Student Success Program outlining the funding that was rolled over, and highlighting any new funding that was announced from January?</li> <li>5. How much of that funding has been awarded to universities?</li> <li>6. How many student completions was that for?</li> <li>7. What is the total uptake of students in the program?</li> </ul>	Written	8/12/17
77	127	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE</b>	Aboriginal Deaths in Custody	<p>On 11 September 2017 the Senate passed a motion relating to the implementation of the custody notification service consistent with the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, after the fourth aboriginal death in police custody in South Australia in the past year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. South Australia has not implemented the service. Which other states and territories are yet to implement it?</li> <li>2. Has SA and these other jurisdictions provided reasons as to why they haven't implemented the service? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If reasons have been provided by SA and other states, please outline what they are.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Have there been any meetings with those states and territories regarding the uptake, since the motion was passed?</li> <li>4. If not, is there a plan to hold any meetings with those states and territories regarding the uptake?</li> </ul>	Written	8/12/17
78	128	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator RHIANNON</b>	Lobbying Code of Conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the penalties for breaching the Lobbying Code of Conduct, including penalties for individuals or firms failing to register on the Register of Lobbyists when they should have?</li> <li>2. Please provide the number of times the Lobbying Code of Conduct has been found to have been breached since its establishment, any penalties that have been issued, and any documents associated with those breaches, including but</li> </ul>	Written	8/12/17

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					<p>not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Investigation referrals</li> <li>b. Evidence used in the investigation</li> <li>c. Correspondence with lobbyists or their firms</li> </ul> <p>3. Please provide the number of times the Statement of Ministerial Standards (and previous iterations of this document) has been found to have been breached and any documents associated with those breaches, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Investigation referrals</li> <li>b. Evidence used in the investigation</li> <li>c. Correspondence with individuals or their organisations</li> </ul> <p>4. Please provide all documents and correspondence relating to the question of whether Larry Anthony from the SAS Group should be on the Register of Lobbyists.</p> <p>5. Please provide all correspondence with lobbyists or their firms regarding FOI requests for the past six months.</p> <p>6. Has the department ever proactively checked with individuals to ascertain whether they are engaging in lobbying activities? If so, please a list these individuals, the outcome and the circumstances surrounding the issue being investigated.</p>		
79	129				A question has not been allocated to this number		
80	130	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ASL by state</li> <li>2. Headcount of people employed as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Labour Hire,</li> <li>b. Contractors, or</li> <li>c. outsourced staff,</li> <li>d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>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).</li> <li>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).</li> <li>5. A list of organisations/companies that have staff who can log into your departmental IT system.</li> </ul>	Written	8/12/17
80	131	Aboriginal Hostels Limited	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. ASL by state</li> <li>7. Headcount of people employed as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Labour Hire,</li> <li>b. Contractors, or</li> <li>c. outsourced staff,</li> <li>d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>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).</li> <li>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).</li> </ul> <p>A list of organisations/companies that have staff who can log into your departmental IT system.</p>	Written	8/12/17
80	132	Anindilyakwa Land Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. ASL by state</li> </ul>	Written	8/12/17

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80	133	Australian National Audit Office	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>14. ASL by state</p> <p>15. 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>16. 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>17. 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	134	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>18. ASL by state</p> <p>19. 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>20. 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>21. 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	135	Central Land Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>22. ASL by state</p> <p>23. 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>24. 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>25. 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</p>	Written	8/12/17



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80	136	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	Please provide as at 30 June 2017: 26. ASL by state 27. Headcount of people employed as a. Labour Hire, b. Contractors, or c. outsourced staff, d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year. 28. 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). 29. 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). A list of organisations/companies that have staff who can log into your departmental IT system.	Written	8/12/17
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80	138	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	Please provide as at 30 June 2017: 30. ASL by state 31. Headcount of people employed as a. Labour Hire, b. Contractors, or c. outsourced staff, d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year. 32. 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). 33. 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). A list of organisations/companies that have staff who can log into your departmental IT system.	Written	8/12/17
80	139	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	Please provide as at 30 June 2017: 34. ASL by state 35. Headcount of people employed as a. Labour Hire, b. Contractors, or c. outsourced staff, d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year. 36. 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). 37. 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). A list of organisations/companies that have staff who can log into your departmental IT system.	Written	8/12/17
80	140	Indigenous Land Corporation	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	Please provide as at 30 June 2017: 38. ASL by state 39. Headcount of people employed as a. Labour Hire, b. Contractors, or c. outsourced staff, d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.	Written	8/12/17

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80	141	Infrastructure and Project Financing Agency	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>42. ASL by state</p> <p>43. Headcount of people employed as</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Labour Hire,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Contractors, or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. outsourced staff,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</p> <p>44. 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>45. 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	142	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>46. ASL by state</p> <p>47. Headcount of people employed as</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Labour Hire,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Contractors, or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. outsourced staff,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</p> <p>48. 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>49. 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	143	National Australia Day Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>50. ASL by state</p> <p>51. Headcount of people employed as</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Labour Hire,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Contractors, or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. outsourced staff,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</p> <p>52. 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>53. 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	144	Office of National Assessments	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>54. ASL by state</p> <p>55. Headcount of people employed as</p>	Written	8/12/17

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80	145	Office of Township Leasing	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>58. ASL by state</li> <li>59. Headcount of people employed as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Labour Hire,</li> <li>b. Contractors, or</li> <li>c. outsourced staff,</li> <li>d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>60. 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).</li> <li>61. 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).</li> </ul> <p>A list of organisations/companies that have staff who can log into your departmental IT system.</p>	Written	8/12/17
80	146	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>62. ASL by state</li> <li>63. Headcount of people employed as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Labour Hire,</li> <li>b. Contractors, or</li> <li>c. outsourced staff,</li> <li>d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>64. 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).</li> <li>65. 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).</li> </ul> <p>A list of organisations/companies that have staff who can log into your departmental IT system.</p>	Written	8/12/17
80	147	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>66. ASL by state</li> <li>67. Headcount of people employed as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Labour Hire,</li> <li>b. Contractors, or</li> <li>c. outsourced staff,</li> <li>d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>68. 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).</li> <li>69. 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).</li> </ul>	Written	8/12/17

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	148				A question has not been allocated to this number		
80	149	Tiwi Land Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>70. ASL by state</p> <p>71. Headcount of people employed as</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Labour Hire,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Contractors, or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. outsourced staff,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</p> <p>72. 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>73. 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	150	Torres Strait Regional Authority	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>74. ASL by state</p> <p>75. Headcount of people employed as</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Labour Hire,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Contractors, or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. outsourced staff,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</p> <p>76. 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>77. 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	151	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>78. ASL by state</p> <p>79. Headcount of people employed as</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Labour Hire,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Contractors, or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. outsourced staff,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</p> <p>80. 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>81. 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	152	Northern Land Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>82. ASL by state</p> <p>83. Headcount of people employed as</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Labour Hire,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Contractors, or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. outsourced staff,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</p> <p>84. The total number of people who have a log in to the departmental IT system, and the breakdown by category of</p>	Written	8/12/17

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					<p>these log-ins (permanent, non-ongoing, casual, labour hire, outsourced, contractors, and any other category that has access to the system).</p> <p>85. 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>		
80	153	Executive Director of Township Leasing	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>86. ASL by state</p> <p>87. Headcount of people employed as</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Labour Hire,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Contractors, or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. outsourced staff,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</p> <p>88. 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>89. 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	154	Outback Stores Pty Ltd	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>90. ASL by state</p> <p>91. Headcount of people employed as</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Labour Hire,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Contractors, or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. outsourced staff,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</p> <p>92. 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>93. 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	155	Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Staffing, Access to Systems and Expenses	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <p>94. ASL by state</p> <p>95. Headcount of people employed as</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Labour Hire,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Contractors, or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. outsourced staff,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</p> <p>96. 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>97. 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
81	156	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	<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>	Written	8/12/17

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					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness?</li> <li>2. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years.</li> <li>3. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years?</li> <li>4. Who provides this training?</li> </ol>		
81	157	Aboriginal Hostels Limited	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	<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"> <li>5. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness?</li> <li>6. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years.</li> <li>7. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years?</li> </ol> <p>Who provides this training?</p>	Written	8/12/17
81	158	Anindilyakwa Land Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	<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"> <li>8. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness?</li> <li>9. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years.</li> <li>10. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years?</li> </ol> <p>Who provides this training?</p>	Written	8/12/17
81	159	Australian National Audit Office	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	<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"> <li>11. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness?</li> <li>12. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years.</li> <li>13. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years?</li> </ol> <p>Who provides this training?</p>	Written	8/12/17
81	160	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	<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"> <li>14. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness?</li> <li>15. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years.</li> <li>16. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years?</li> </ol> <p>Who provides this training?</p>	Written	8/12/17
81	161	Central Land Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	<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"> <li>17. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness?</li> <li>18. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years.</li> <li>19. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years?</li> </ol> <p>Who provides this training?</p>	Written	8/12/17
81	162	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	<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"> <li>20. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness?</li> <li>21. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years.</li> <li>22. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years?</li> </ol> <p>Who provides this training?</p>	Written	8/12/17

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81	163				A question has not been allocated to this number		
81	164	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 23. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 24. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 25. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
81	165	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 26. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 27. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 28. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
81	166	Indigenous Land Corporation	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 29. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 30. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 31. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
81	167	Infrastructure and Project Financing Agency	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 32. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 33. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 34. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
81	168	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 35. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 36. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 37. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
81	169	National Australia Day Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 38. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 39. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 40. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
81	170	Office of National Assessments	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?	Written	8/12/17

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81	171	Office of Township Leasing	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 44. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 45. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 46. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
81	172	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 47. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 48. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 49. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
81	173	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 50. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 51. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 52. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
81	174				A question has not been allocated to this number		
81	175	Tiwi Land Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 53. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 54. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 55. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
81	176	Torres Strait Regional Authority	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 56. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 57. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 58. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
81	177	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 59. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 60. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years.	Written	8/12/17



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					61. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?		
81	178	Northern Land Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 62. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 63. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 64. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
81	179	Executive Director of Township Leasing	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 65. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 66. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 67. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
81	180	Outback Stores Pty Ltd	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 68. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 69. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 70. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
81	181	Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Service Delivery Functions	Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?  If yes: 71. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness? 72. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years. 73. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years? Who provides this training?	Written	8/12/17
82	182	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and all PM&C's Agencies	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 1. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 2. For each project: 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
82	183	Aboriginal Hostels Limited	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 3. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 4. 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
82	184	Anindilyakwa Land Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 5. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 6. 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

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82	185	Australian National Audit Office	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with 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
82	186	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with 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
82	187	Central Land Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with 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
82	188	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with 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
82	189				A question has not been allocated to this number		
82	190	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 15. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 16. 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
82	191	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 17. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 18. 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
82	192	Indigenous Land Corporation	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 19. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 20. 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
82	193	Infrastructure and Project Financing Agency	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 21. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 22. 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
82	194	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation	As at 31 October 2017: 23. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 24. For each project:	Written	8/12/17

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		Security		Agency	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?		
82	195	National Australia Day Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 25. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 26. 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
82	196	Office of National Assessments	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 27. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 28. 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
82	197	Office of Township Leasing	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 29. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 30. 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
82	198	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 31. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 32. 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
82	199	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 33. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 34. 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
82	200				A question has not been allocated to this number		
82	201	Tiwi Land Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 35. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 36. 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
82	202	Torres Strait Regional Authority	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 37. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 38. 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
82	203	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 39. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 40. 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

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82	204	Northern Land Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 41. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 42. 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
82	205	Executive Director of Township Leasing	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 43. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 44. 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
82	206	Outback Stores Pty Ltd	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 45. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 46. 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
82	207	Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	As at 31 October 2017: 47. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency? 48. 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
83	208	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator RHIANNON</b>	Ministerial Code of Conduct	1. Regarding former MP Bruce Billson's undisclosed salary from the Franchise Council of Australia received whilst serving as Minister for Small Business: a. Did the Franchise Council of Australia benefit from any government policy or decisions made during Mr Billson's time as Minister for Small Business? b. What government actions were instigated or legislative instruments introduced affecting franchise businesses or employees during this time or since? c. Please confirm that Mr Billson began receiving a \$75,000 salary from the Franchise Council of Australia while an MP? When did Mr Billson start accepting payments from the Franchise Council of Australia? d. MPs may be fined up to \$5,000 and declared in contempt of Parliament for failing to disclose such activities on their register. Why has Mr Billson not been fined for this serious breach of the Ministerial Code of Conduct and of public trust? 2. The Ministerial Code of Conduct stipulates that former ministers "will not lobby, advocate or have business meetings with members of the government, parliament, public service or defence force on any matters on which they have had official dealings as minister in their last 18 months in office": a. It is recognised Mr Billson has been a very active political lobbyist on franchising issues since he left parliament. What has been done to ensure Mr Billson is not provided the opportunity to further breach the Ministerial Code of Conduct through his lobbying activities? b. Does or did Mr Billson have a Parliament House lobbyist pass? Who supported his application, and why was it provided? What is the responsibility of sitting MPs with regard to agreeing to meet with Mr Billson?	Written	8/12/17
84	209	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator SIEWERT</b>	Two Targeted Projects	When does the Minister intend to provide implementation details for the two targeted projects, announced on 16 October 2017, that are aimed to support the Australian Government Plan to Improve Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People with Disability?	Written	8/12/17
85	210	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator SIEWERT</b>	Cultural Barriers	How does the Minister expect to stretch \$3 million over three years to meaningfully address cultural barriers faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability as identified in the Australian Government Plan to Improve Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People with Disability?	Written	8/12/17
86	211	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator SIEWERT</b>	Five key priority areas -	How does the Minister plan to address the five key priority areas identified in the Australian Government Plan to Improve Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People with Disability, which extend much further in scope than the two	Written	8/12/17

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				Government Plan	targeted projects announced on 16 October 2017?		
87	212	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator SIEWERT</b>	Healing Foundation	How does the Minister plan to continue support for the Healing Foundation's implementation of their plan, An Action Plan for Healing, beyond their initial funding for research and development into a way to put their plan into action?	Written	8/12/17
88	213	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator SIEWERT</b>	Procurement of paper by Government agencies	Has the Government recently changed its policy in regards to procurement of paper by Government agencies? 1. Has this change involved instructing agencies to purchase 100% recycled, Australia-made, Aboriginal paper? 2. Is the Government aware that the only Australian paper mill, the Australian Paper Mill, has exclusive arrangements with Nallowilli and Staples, and that this excludes other businesses, including Aboriginal businesses, from purchasing paper made in Australia? 3. Can the Government advise how it plans to address the situation whereby the new paper purchasing guidelines for Government agencies supports anti-competitive arrangements made with the only supplier of Australian-made paper?	Written	8/12/17
89	214	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator DODSON</b>	CDP Work/training outcomes	In reply to Question on Notice (Reference # 126) the Department provided employment outcome data up to 30 April 2017 for 13 and 26 week full time and part-time outcomes broken down into ATSI and non-Indigenous. 1. Can you update that to a more recent date please? 2. In your response to questions raised in the Inquiry into CDP (Question reference 6) you provided information about the employment targets set for each region. 3. Can you tell us how the number of employment outcomes claimed compares with the aggregate target, and whether targets for ATSI participants have been met?	Written	8/12/17
90	215	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator DODSON</b>	CDP Breach Rates	In answer to Question on Notice (Reference # 200) the Department provided data for the December quarter (1 October to 31 December 2016), on the level of eight-week non-payment periods.  7,551 serious failure eight-week non-payment periods were applied to 5,258 job seekers for persistent non-compliance. 1. What is the most recent date that you can provide data for? 2. In your answer to Question on Notice Reference # 99 you advised that in 2015-6, 77.9% of penalties were fully waived 22.1% of penalties were partly waived and that the average time spent without income was 2.4 weeks. Can you please update these figures? 3. Is the rate of eight week non-payment increasing? Has there been any observable trend in the duration people are spending without payments? 4. Can you tell us how many people have received more than one serious penalty since CDP started on 1 July 2015? How many have received two, three or more 8 week penalties? Please provide figures by Indigenous vs non-Indigenous. 5. Can you please tell me whether the proportion of people who are being penalised who are Indigenous identified reflects their representation on the CDP caseload? If not can you please tell us how you explain this?	Written	8/12/17
91	216	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator DODSON</b>	Closing the Gap (CtG) Refresh	In estimates in May it was explained in Professor Anderson's evidence that there were three key negotiation parties in Closing the Gap - Indigenous leaders, State and Territory Governments and the Commonwealth. 1. Which Indigenous leaders or organisations have you negotiated with for the current refresh? 2. Can the Department provide a list of all meetings, attendees and dates? 3. How much notice did you give to the states and territories on the refresh targets released before estimates? 4. The Minister said in May estimates that the commitment is to maintain a target based approach and that this conversation will involve a phase of Indigenous engagement. 5. What targets will be maintained in the refreshed approach? 6. Will there be ongoing reporting against existing targets?	Written	8/12/17
92	217	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator DODSON</b>	Justice Targets	1. In light of the increasing calls for national justice targets (Redfern Statement UN Special Rapporteur), to what extent is the Department working towards their introduction in the refresh of the CTG strategy? 2. Which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal associations have been consulted with in the refresh process? 3. How were Indigenous people and organisations involved in the design of the key pillars of prosperity? 4. What matters relating to 'personal and community safety' and 'a safe home' is the proposed 'Community' pillar intended to cover? 5. At this stage, what local, regional and national targets are envisaged to stem from this pillar? 6. Will the targets continue to measure and be responsive to:	Written	8/12/17

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the increasing numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in prison</li> <li>○ ongoing Aboriginal deaths in custody</li> <li>○ Rates of family and domestic violence</li> <li>○ rates of children in out of home care?</li> </ul>		
93	218	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator DODSON</b>	Time to Work	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How will the Time to Work Employment Service be positioned within the refresh of the CTG strategy?</li> <li>2. How will the Time to Work Employment Service reduce incarceration rates in <i>addition to</i> domestic and family violence, and rates of children in out of home care?</li> <li>3. Why is a national prison employment service that seeks to reduce incarceration rates across Australian prisons seen as a Commonwealth responsibility, but the introduction of justice targets is not?</li> </ol>	Written	8/12/17
94	219	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator DODSON</b>	IAS Sporting Expenditure	<p>Is it correct that former Indigenous Sport funding programs, the Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Program (ISARP) and Elite Indigenous Travel and Accommodation Assistance Program (EITAAP) were previously funded through the Office for Sport but that responsibility for funding was relocated to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet after the 2013 Federal Election.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When did each of these programs begin?</li> <li>2. Can you confirm that ISARP no longer exists and that EITAAP has been wrapped up and is no longer funded?</li> <li>3. When exactly was responsibility for funding ISARP and EITAAP transferred into DMPC?</li> <li>4. When were the most recent grants under each of those programs provided?</li> <li>5. How many grants and how much funding in total were provided through each of those programs prior to the 2013 election?</li> <li>6. How many grants and what amount of funding in total has been provided under each of those programs since the 2013 election?</li> <li>7. Can you also break that down to what was provided under each program after funding responsibility was shifted to DPMC?</li> <li>8. What proportion of IAS funding is now provided for sport programs and facilities?</li> <li>9. What proportion of that funding has been granted to Indigenous organisations and non-indigenous funding?</li> <li>10. What proportion has gone directly to Indigenous people to support their participation in sport?</li> <li>11. Please provide details of IAS sports funding by different sporting codes and states.</li> <li>12. Please provide details of IAS funding provided to women's participation in sport.</li> </ol>	Written	8/12/17
95	220	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator DODSON</b>	Indigenous Procurement Policy: Supply Nation, Indigenous Businesses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the PMC Annual performance statement (page 34), the Government reports that it has awarded contracts of over \$200 million to Indigenous businesses. What process is used by the Department to determine whether these contracts are actually going to Indigenous businesses?</li> <li>2. What are your criteria for assessing Aboriginality in these businesses?</li> <li>3. How much Government funding has been received by Yuras Business Gateway (YBG) through listing on Supply Nation?</li> <li>4. Could you confirm that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ YBG was registered in September 2015 and by May 2016 they had 2 grants of \$198,000 from IP Australia for the same project?</li> <li>○ Please confirm that in December of the same year they received another \$198,000 for the same project.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Has the Department or Minister or his Office been informed at any time of concerns that the management of YBG is not accepted as Indigenous by the Adnyamathanha community and may be a bankrupt?</li> <li>6. Have these claims been investigated by the Department or Minister's Office?</li> <li>7. How many other companies listed on Supply Nation have not been rigorously authenticated?</li> </ol>	Written	8/12/17
96	221	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator DODSON</b>	Indigenous advancement strategy: Family Support	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many Aboriginal Child and Parent Centres are funded under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy?</li> <li>2. Please outline each of the locations of the funded Child and Parent Centres, the amount they are funded for and over what time period.</li> <li>3. What services targeted at the First 1000 Days are funded under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy?</li> <li>4. How much funding is allocated to services targeting the First 1000 Days under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy?</li> <li>5. What family support services are funded under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy?</li> <li>6. How much funding is allocated to family support services under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy?</li> <li>7. How much funding is allocated for children and family support services in the Kimberley region in Western Australia?</li> </ol>	Written	8/12/17
97	222	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator BROWN</b>	Women's Leadership and	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have discussions started with the six national alliances about what this work will entail?</li> <li>2. When were the discussions undertaken?</li> </ol>	Written	8/12/17

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				Development Strategy	3. Is \$50,000 the total funding for this work? Were any allocations made in previous years? 4. Has any alliance been engaged to undertake this work yet? 5. What other work are the alliances doing in regard to women with disabilities?		
98	223	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McKIM</b>	Passing Culture from Elders to Younger Generations	How important would the Department and Government consider the passing of culture (stories, heritage, and practices) from Aboriginal elders to younger generations to be?	Written	8/12/17
99	224	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McKIM</b>	Elders Council of Tasmania Aboriginal Corporation	Given the dire financial circumstance that the Elders Council of Tasmania Aboriginal Corporation faces while it continues to wait for a response to its funding application ( <i>Connecting to Aboriginal Culture Project</i> , lodged July 2017), can you provide any comfort or assurances to the Corporation that its cultural services won't be lost to the Tasmanian Aboriginal and broader communities?	Written	8/12/17
100	225	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	Asset Leasing	<b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Are you able to expand on just how much of that asset leasing you do provide, and the locations? <b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> We were funded with \$19 million to provide asset leasing across remote Australia. So far we've expended, I believe, close to \$11 million of that. I'll have to confirm the precise figure on notice. That's part of our asset-leasing offering, which also extends to other Indigenous businesses in regional areas, supporting a large number of jobs in those regions.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 5	8/12/17
101	226	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	Asset Leasing – CSP Providers	<b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> In terms of the leasing to CDP providers, could you provide to the committee who those CDP providers are? <b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> Yes, we can provide that on notice. <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Do you have an indication as to how much you would provide to each of those providers? <b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> We do. We can provide a breakdown of what we have leased to each provider.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 5, 6	8/12/17
102	227	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>Senator SMITH</b>	Home Loan Targets	<b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> There were two things in your opening statement. Firstly, you said that most of your performance targets had been met. Which ones weren't met and why? <b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> There were a small number that weren't met. I can go through each, if you like, or take them on notice. <b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> Yes. <b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> In our home loan area there was one target that wasn't met, and that related to the overall number of loans in the portfolio. The reason for that was that there were more what we call 'discharges' than we expected. Many of those discharges were people refinancing their loans and getting into mainstream banks. For this financial year we've introduced a measure around transitioning into mainstream, because we actually see that as a good thing. <b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> Yes. So, in that discharge number, there could actually be a positive story, if that discharge number is large but people are moving to mainstream, commercial arrangements? <b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> Absolutely, and that's part of our purpose. That's why, for this financial year, we've introduced that as a specific measure and we want to track that going forward. <b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> Yes. <b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> On average our customers refinance to mainstream in about eight years, but we're looking to bring that time frame down and to support people to transition. <b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> The average is eight years? <b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> Yes. <b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> So the new measurement, or the new target, will be six or five or—? <b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> The new measure is about the proportion of loans that we transition each year. I can confirm the proportion on notice.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 7	8/12/17
103	228	Indigenous Land Corporation	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	Divestment of Properties	<b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Good morning, Mr Maher, and to your team. I just have a few questions, and the rest I will put on notice. I refer to answers given at estimates in May—and I thank you for supplying the information. At the time, ILC held 46 properties, it was yet to divest. Is there an update on that number? <b>Mr Maher:</b> Yes. We now hold 53 properties. <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> So, where were those extra properties? <b>Mr Maher:</b> I can't answer that right now; I can come back to you though. <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Would you like to take that on notice. <b>Mr Maher:</b> Yes, please.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 11	8/12/17
104	229	Indigenous Land Corporation	<b>Senator SIEWERT</b>	Amendments to the Act	<b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> The issue I wanted to ask you about is the consultation on the amendments to the act. Could you provide a list on notice of the organisations that were consulted; and when they were consulted, if possible. <b>Mr Maher:</b> Sure.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 11	8/12/17

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105	230	Indigenous Land Corporation	<b>Senator SIEWERT</b>	Amendments to the Act - timeline	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Can you outline the time line for the amendments?  <b>Mr Maher:</b> We've completed Indigenous consultations. The next step is the cabinet submission process, from what I understand.  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> We expect that any amendment to that process would include the second element, which no doubt you're going to speak to in a moment, which is the marine or water based—  <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Yes. Minister, have you worked out the time line for that yet?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> It would probably be best to take that on notice, because I'm not aware of a specific time line about taking this to cabinet. We've just received this. This has been the recommendation of the report. But, first of all, whilst we've consulted widely about that, we would seek to make that a non-controversial amendment, and so we'd be speaking to all of our parliamentary colleagues about that.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 12, 13	8/12/17
106	231	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Contact with the Referendum Council	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Minister, I want to follow up on your final comment before we broke. You indicated that you have spoken to one member of the Referendum Council. Have either of the co-chairs been contacted at this point?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I'd have to take that on notice.  ...  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Did no-one think to contact them before the government made its formal response to the report and the statement that went out yesterday?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> As you've indicated, the article in <i>The Courier Mail</i> was unexpected and unhelpful, but it prefaced all those matters and laid those on the table. It was unfortunate that people found out that way, but that was outside of our choice, I'm sorry.  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Yes, but what was within your control was to contact the co-chairs—  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I'm not sure if they have been contacted. I haven't, but I'm not sure if I've been—I don't necessarily have the particular control of this. This is over a number of portfolios, the Attorney's and Prime Minister and Cabinet. I'll take that on notice and find out, today if I can, what happened in that regard. That isn't a responsibility of mine.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 20	8/12/17
107	232	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Cabinet Leak – Internal Investigation	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is there a reporting date or an expected date for a conclusion of the investigation?  <b>Mr Tongue:</b> I would have to take that on notice because that is being dealt with in another area.  <b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> But it would be done by February estimates next year?  <b>Mr Tongue:</b> I would have to take that on notice. It's not my area.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 23	8/12/17
108	233	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Meeting with the Referendum Council	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> But since that time, has the government met with any members of the Referendum Council to discuss the report?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I haven't. I can't reflect on others, but I'm happy to pass that on and take that on notice if you like. I certainly haven't. Someone is scribbling something. It's unlikely after that particular point that that happened, as I said, from my perspective, no, but it's unlikely because the council ceased to exist after that time, so official meetings are unlikely to have happened. I suspect not, but I can take the other elements on notice and I'll pass them on to PM&amp;C and Attorney-General's, just for completeness, if you like.  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Also, the Prime Minister as well, if you could take that on notice too.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 23	8/12/17
109	234	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Discussions with Indigenous Leaders	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Has the minister or any other member of the government had any further conversations about proposals with the people who were at Uluru and signed up to the Statement from the Heart?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> Again, I'd have to take that on notice. Personally, I have, obviously, a number of conversations with many of the leaders at Uluru over a whole range of issues but not specifically in meeting people as a representative of the Uluru statement per se, no.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 23	8/12/17
110	235	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Discussions with Indigenous Leaders – Attorney General	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Has the Attorney-General had any such meetings?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> That's a matter for the Attorney, but I'm more than happy to take that on notice and pass that to the Attorney, because we're still within time for questions on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 24	8/12/17
111	236	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McARTHUR</b>	Discussions with Indigenous Leaders – Prime Minister	<p><b>Senator McARTHUR:</b> Has the Prime Minister rung the people of Arnhem Land?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I'm not aware; I'll have to check.  ...  <b>Senator McARTHUR:</b> What about the Prime Minister? Has the Prime Minister spoken to the Yolngu? He spoke in language to the Yolngu people. Did he not pick up the phone to talk to them directly about this decision?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I don't know, Senator. That's a matter for the Prime Minister.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 25, 26	8/12/17



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					<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Could you find out?            ...  <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Just to confirm, Minister, there were no conversations with the former chairs of the Ref Council, Pat Anderson and Mark Leibler?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I can't confirm that.  <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> No conversation with Galarrwuy Yunupingu?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I can't confirm that. I have indicated that I have not, but the responsibility is over a number of portfolios and I wouldn't have expected myself necessarily to make those calls. I have indicated to Senator McAllister that I will take those questions on notice.</p>		
112	237	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	RECOGNISE Reports	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> There are a couple of things there. How many reports have been done by RECOGNISE?  <b>Ms Anderson:</b> They have put together and provided, as is the requirement in their funding agreement, a final report at the end of each of the financial years that they've been funded.  <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> How many years are we talking about?  <b>Ms Anderson:</b> We have funded them since 2012.  <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> That is 2012 to 2017.  <b>Ms Anderson:</b> That's right.  <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> So we should be looking at around four reports.  <b>Ms Virtue:</b> If I could correct that, they actually provide half-yearly reports, and there have been some other one-off, ad hoc reports required in addition to that. We might need to take on notice the precise number of reports.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 31	8/12/17
113	238	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	Relocation of RECOGNISE	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Who made the decision to remove and relocate, and how many people were impacted by that decision?  <b>Ms Anderson:</b> I don't know the details of the staffing levels for RECOGNISE.  <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Could you find those, please?  <b>Ms Anderson:</b> Yes, we can take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 31	8/12/17
114	239	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	RECOGNISE	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Was it government's decision to support RECOGNISE?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I'd have to look back at the data. It was some time ago. If you'd like to ask me a question I could take on notice about the times and the formulas around the history of the start of RECOGNISE, maybe that would be helpful.  <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Absolutely. I'd like to understand how RECOGNISE came into being. Was it a vehicle of the government? If so, if it comes to its demise, is that because the government agrees to that demise?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> We will take that question on notice, but if there's any other information in general on that, we can try to provide that now.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 32	8/12/17
115	240	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	RECOGNISE - Funding	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Is the funding ongoing now for Reconciliation Australia in terms of the role that RECOGNISE was conducting?  <b>Ms Anderson:</b> Reconciliation Australia does receive ongoing funding for this financial year.  <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> How much?  <b>Ms Anderson:</b> If I can just answer the question before I answer that part, PM&amp;C is not currently providing ongoing funding for the activities of RECOGNISE.  <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> There's no funding whatsoever that's gone to Reconciliation Australia to continue this work.  <b>Ms Anderson:</b> There's no ongoing funding on top of the \$878,750.  <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I will follow up that one very quickly. When you're taking that information on notice, can you provide us with as much detail about the finances, including any interest that may have been accrued? You paid funding and that's factored into the interest organisations may earn on grants and things like that. Sometimes that's taken into account as part of the grant. Other times it's not. There are usually arrangements around it.  <b>Ms Anderson:</b> We'll provide you with as much detail as we have access to, noting that RECOGNISE also received funding from a range of corporate sources.  <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Could you provide that with any detail of anything you're aware of?  <b>Ms Anderson:</b> Anything that we've got, we can provide. That's fine.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 32	8/12/17
116	241	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	RECOGNISE - Staffing	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> I have one question. That's all. In relation to the questions on staffing in RECOGNISE, have any RECOGNISE staff gone across to Reconciliation Australia?  <b>Ms Anderson:</b> I'm not aware of that level of detail, but we can seek that.  <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> You'll take that question on notice?  <b>Ms Anderson:</b> Most definitely.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 32	8/12/17

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					<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> And, if there are, could you please advise how they are being funded?  <b>Ms Anderson:</b> How they are being funded? Yes.  <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Thank you.</p>		
117	242	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator SIEWERT</b>	Referendum Council – Terms of Reference	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Minister, Senator Smith just asked a series of questions around the terms of reference. Did the Referendum Council come back to the government to clarify the terms of reference or seek agreement to address the issues that were coming up through the dialogue—because there were issues that were coming up from the dialogue? Did they come back to the government?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> My understanding is no, but we can check on that quite quickly, as somebody else may know about that. My understanding is no, but it could be outside of my—  <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Could you take that on notice—  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I can try to get that back today.  <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> and then provide any correspondence from the council and from the government—so I am really clear: any to-and-fro correspondence—  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> We understand.  <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> around those issues.  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> We'll take that on notice, Senator.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 33	8/12/17
118	243	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE</b>	Indigenous Employment	<p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> It may not be possible to get this information but if it is, I'd like it. You mentioned the contracts for the very high-value ones, and there's the minimum requirement of three or four per cent Indigenous employment. What's the average rate of Indigenous employment for those businesses? Are they generally around the three or four per cent, or are they doing much better than that?  <b>Ms Sharp:</b> That's something I'll need to take on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 37	8/12/17
119	244	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE</b>	Indigenous Employment – CDP Participatns	<p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> I know \$60 million is the value of the contracts, but I would be interested to know how many contracts that covers—  <b>Ms Sharp:</b> How many by number?  <b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Yes.  <b>Ms Sharp:</b> Sorry, I do have that figure. There were 600 remote contracts in 2016-17 in remote Australia.  <b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> That was the value of \$60 million. Do you know whether any of these businesses that have received this funding employ or offer work experience to CDP participants?  <b>Ms Sharp:</b> I think some do, but I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">...</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> There's been some suggestion that businesses who are awarded government contracts can engage work experience personnel from CDP participants and that this has led to paid work. Do you have any figures that would confirm this?  <b>Ms Sharp:</b> I'd need to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 37	8/12/17
120	245	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator SIEWERT</b>	Reform to the CDP	<p><b>Ms Field:</b> These are the kinds of details that I wouldn't like to talk about. We're only at the initial principle stage. We are having informal discussions. The details of any model is a decision for government and it is something we are undertaking initial discussions on.  <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Has there been any written material on the wage based process given to anybody?  <b>Ms Field:</b> Not to my knowledge but I will take it on notice just to be accurate.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 39	8/12/17
121	246	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator SIEWERT</b>	Cashless Welfare Card - Noncompliance Penalties	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> But of the serious noncompliance, there has been an increase as I interpret the figures. Can you take on notice how many of those have been waived, unless you have the figure directly?  <b>Ms Field:</b> I don't have the most current figures because we weren't aware that they would be published today. I only have the old figures with me, but certainly I'll take all of that on notice and we will update everything for you—  <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I would like the breakdown that you usually provide. In particular, I would like a more detailed breakdown of the exemptions and how long people have been spending. Not just the average but the longest, and the number of people who have stayed for eight weeks and a breakdown of how many people have come off at one week, two weeks and three weeks et cetera.  <b>Ms Field:</b> We'll look at what we can do. We will work with the Department of Employment about what can be broken down and provided to you.</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 41	8/12/17
122	247	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	Operation of the CDP	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> This is for you or for the department, you just said that you were talking to each of the regions. Are you able to provide a list of those regions and the dates?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> We probably can, but I'd be reluctant to do so. I'll take that on notice. The only reason I would be reluctant</p>	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, Hansard Proof, 27	8/12/17

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					to do so is that I don't know whether they'd be keen to say it publicly. This is a matter between us. It's a partnership. I'd have to check before I could say which regions, but I can confirm that there are quite a number of regions. We'd expect to be starting with six or seven, or somewhere about that number, and then moving to the rollout with the lessons from those initial rollouts.	October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 42	
123	248	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	CDP Reform – Stakeholder Consultations	<b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> If you're unable to answer, maybe the department might assist. I would like, for the period from our last estimates to now, a list of the stakeholders you've consulted with in the lead-up to the CDP reform. <b>Ms Field:</b> What we'll do is take that on notice, and we'll update what we provided to the Senate inquiry.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 43	8/12/17
124	249	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	Meetings with APONT	<b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Are you aware of APONT's media release on 19 October? Is the APONT claim correct that it has been seeking engagement with your government since December? <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I've no idea. My department and I meet with APONT pretty regularly. <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Do you want to take that on notice? <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I can tell you: I've personally met with APONT, and we have discussed this matter with some of the members of APONT in my office. I can confirm that, and I can also confirm that they've met with my department. <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> So you're saying you meet with them regularly? <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I've indicated the times that I know that I've met with them. I know there have been a number of pieces of correspondence, and I also know they've met with my department. But if you want us to take on notice the actual number of times, we'll do that.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 44	8/12/17
125	250	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	Implementation of the NPARIH in the NT	<b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Why was the commitment given to the Auditor-General, in relation to the 2011 report by the ANAO into the implementation of NPARIH in the NT, to improve reporting and transparency in relation to the program not complied with? <b>Mr Bulman:</b> My understanding is that we did comply. We made some changes, but I can look into that deeper. I must admit I haven't got it on me at the moment. <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> You say you did comply and make changes? Could you take on notice how you did comply and what changes you made? <b>Mr Bulman:</b> Yes, absolutely. We'll go away, and there were a number of recommendations from ANAO around transparency and reporting at the time. I'll take that on notice and provide some advice to the committee.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 47	8/12/17
126	251	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	Implementation of the NPARIH in the NT – Reporting	<b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Minister, why did you cease regular progress reports? <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I'm not sure that I can answer that question directly. I might seek advice from my department about ceasing— <b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> I'm not aware that the department or the minister have ceased anything in terms of progress reports on the program. <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> We're talking about 2008 when this program began, and certainly the former Labor government had progress reports. I just want to understand what happened to that continual reporting on progress. <b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> I think we will need to take on notice what regular progress reports you are referring to, but, as you know, the program was renegotiated in its last two years to focus on outcomes, and information is provided on PM&C's website as a reasonably routine—I think it's six-monthly—interval, updating the public and everyone on the outcomes of the program.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 47	8/12/17
127	252	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	Housing Review	<b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Could you table any instructions or communications issued to the review by the minister or by you, the department? <b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> There was a terms of reference for the review which I believe has actually been made public and was provided in the minister's media release when he established the review. There have been no other instructions to the panel. <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> No instructions, no communications? <b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> I think the panel met with the minister from time to time to update him on their deliberations, but, no, there've been no instructions. <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Communications, though, are a part of that question. Was there anything communicated as a result of those meetings? <b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> Nothing to my knowledge. <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Would you like to take that question on notice? <b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> I'm happy to take it on notice for you.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 47, 48	8/12/17
128	253	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	Housing Review - Costings	<b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> What was the total payment to Nous? <b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> I have got the total payment for all of the commissioned work, which is \$169,277. I will have to take on notice the split for Nous.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 48	8/12/17

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					... <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> What is the estimated cost of the secretariat working on the review? <b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> I do not have a number on that. <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Would you like to take that on notice? <b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> I can take that on notice. <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Okay. Were any declarations of conflicts of interest made by panel members and, if so, could you please list them? <b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> I will have to take that one on notice too. I know we would have informed the panel about conflict of interest, but I'm not sure whether one or any was declared. <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> The review states that public submissions were invited. Could you table a copy of the notice inviting public submissions and indicate where it was published and, if on the web, over what period. <b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> Yes.		
129	254	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator SMITH</b>	Custodial Notification Service	<b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> Before we move to health, I just want to talk briefly about the Custodial Notification Service. I did see some media reporting about some work that was being done with state and territory governments. I'm keen to understand: what is the status of that? Brevity gets a gold medal as we move into the afternoon. If we could keep it informative but tight, that would be great. My first question: what is the update with regard to negotiations with states in regard to the custodial notification service—which I understand was a recommendation of the royal commission? <b>Senator Scullion:</b> Before that, because it's important I get it straightaway: I understand I've said we consulted congress on the CDP. Now, I'd just like to take that on notice. There is congress and there is the Redfern Alliance. One's a secretariat and one's the alliance. We just want to get some fulsome—I'm not moving away from that, but, just for clarity, I'd like to take any additions around that on notice. <b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> You've lost me. <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I was asked some questions. In answer to a question, I said that my officer said that we had consulted with congress on CPD. Congress is a separate sort of an entity to the Redfern Alliance. We pay them for the secretariat. I just want ensure that we can be fulsome around that answer. We just have to check who we actually consulted with, whether it was either/or. We'll come back to you. We'll just take that part on notice.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 52, 53	8/12/17
130	255	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McCARTHY</b>	Closing the Gap – Consultations	<b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Can you outline the consultation strategy that you took to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled health organisations in achieving the new targets? <b>Ms Hefren-Webb:</b> The consultations are about to commence. I think I'd have to take on notice detail of specific engagement with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled health sector. But I can come back, unless Dr Studdert or Ms Campbell have— <b>Dr Studdert:</b> We have a number of forums in which we have regular consultation with the sector, principally through NACCHO, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation. They're at the top of the list when it comes to the stakeholders we consult with on anything related to the plan and the implementation. Clearly, they will be involved in the Close the Gap consultations, as well. <b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Were they a part of this announcement on the refresh in the lead-up to it? <b>Ms Hefren-Webb:</b> The announcement was an announcement from COAG, the Council of Australian Governments, but there have been ongoing discussions with a range of stakeholders. We're now looking at a consultation process. As I said, I'd have to get you on notice some detail of how that's going to be structured. But NACCHO would definitely be a key body.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, pages 62, 63	8/12/17
131	256	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator SIEWERT</b>	Petrol Sniffing	<b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Can I ask a question about the list. Does the petrol station at Laverton cover all distribution there? <b>Mr Arnaudo:</b> I'm not sure. I might take that on notice to be clear. <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I thought there might be a second one. <b>Mr Arnaudo:</b> There might be, yes. I understand there has been some sensitivity in the past about identifying the particular communities on that list.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 64	8/12/17
132	257	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator SIEWERT</b>	Communication with Indigenous Advisory Council	<b>Ms Field:</b> I would like to revise my former comment, sorry; I just recollected. We have provided informal written information to the Indigenous Advisory Council as we do with meetings. We have had discussions based around those principles of what a new model could undertake. We have had some informal discussions with providers I can take you through. The minister has had discussions with different stakeholders, and we've also had some dealings with the APONT model to get a greater understanding what their model principles are and the elements of the model they would like to achieve. <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Are you able to share with the committee the paper that you took to the IAC so we can get an understanding?	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 39	8/12/17

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					<b>Ms Field:</b> I would have to take that on notice.		
133	258	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WATT</b>	Community Development Program - penalties	Since the CDP started on 1 July 2015 there has been a dramatic increase in the number of penalties being applied to that group of people. Was that something that you anticipated?	Written	8/12/17
134	259	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WATT</b>	Community Development Program - penalties	a) Did the price for implementing CDP include the frequent imposing of penalties at such a high level? b) Why would the Government introduce a program that would have such high levels of breaches with no other supports or changes? c) Has DHS funding been adjusted to get any extra funding so that it could prepare its Participation Solutions team for the dramatic increase in penalties? d) Have you employed any extra staff to handle the increased volume?	Written	8/12/17
135	260	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WATT</b>	Community Development Program - penalties	a) Since the CDP started most of the penalties that have been applied by DHS through its Participation Solutions team have been applied to Indigenous people many of whom live in very remote parts of the country. 80 per cent of CDP participants are Indigenous, what is the split of Indigenous to Non indigenous participants had penalties imposed? b) When was this advice provided to PMC? c) How is the Participation Solution team now managing this issue?	Written	8/12/17
136	261	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WATT</b>	Community Development Program - Comprehensive Compliance Assessment	a) In the March 2017 DHS conducted 20,257 Comprehensive Compliance Assessments. 52% of CCAs of Indigenous jobseekers resulted in an 8 week penalty. But only 24% of CCAs applied to non-Indigenous jobseekers resulted in an 8 week penalty. Has this advice been provided to PMC? b) Has PMC requested any changes to the program's implementation to help address this disparity? c) Do you have an explanation for this? (this is a policy issue for PMC)	Written	8/12/17
137	262	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator WATT</b>	Alcohol Management Plans	a) Why has only one AMP in the NT been approved by the Minister? b) How many AMPs policies for the NT has the Commonwealth Government assessed? c) How many of these community endorsed plans are awaiting approval in Ministers' offices? How long have they been there?	Written  (Requested transfer from Department of Health— waiting on confirmation from PMC)	8/12/17
138	263	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	PM&C Staffing	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I'd like to ask some questions on PM&C staff. I am referencing particularly the annual report. In the table on page 58 of the 2016-17 annual report, the ongoing SES band 2 staffing has increased from 19 to 26 in one year. The ongoing SES band 1 staffing has increased from 74 to 82. Why is there an increase in the numbers of SES staff? ... <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> We have also, however, had a number of task forces set up over that period, and some of those SES band 2 positions relate directly to task forces. <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> What are the task forces? <b>Ms Greenwood:</b> I might need to get that for you. There are a range of them. We've had PFAS. We have an ageing task force. We have an ASEAN task force. We have a task force that's looking at one of our external territories. We've had cyber, and we've also had some temporary roles into cities.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 79	8/12/17
139	264				A question has not been allocated to this number		8/12/17
140	265	Indigenous Land Corporation	<b>Senator SIEWERT</b>	Amendments to the Act	<b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> What would be the nature of those investment parameters? <b>Mr Maher:</b> We've put together an expert panel, which is headed by David Murray, and the recommendation report, which we'd be happy to give an executive summary of— <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> That'd be great. <b>Mr Maher:</b> outlines that clearly. There are seven clear recommendations, including the risk profile that we'd be prepared to go to for the land account.	Hansard Proof, 27 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 12	8/12/17
141	266	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Declaration of Gifts	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> When you're taking the question on notice in relation to the advice given to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, I'd like to see the advice given to other foreign ministers as well. <b>Senator Brandis:</b> In relation to advice given to foreign ministers in earlier governments, you may or may not be aware that	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2017, F&PA Committee, page 48	8/12/17

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					it is not the practice of the Public Service to make available to ensuing governments advice that was given to previous governments. <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I've got examples here from both the longstanding foreign minister Alexander Downer, who did declare hospitality, and Kevin Rudd, a former foreign minister, who regularly disclosed gifts. I'm happy to table those. <b>Senator Brandis:</b> You don't need to, but you can if you like—it's a matter for you—but I've told you I will take the question on notice.		
	267-269				No questions are allocated to these numbers.		
142	270	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Release of the Solicitor-General's Advice	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I'm going to ask a series of questions about citizenship and eligibility of MPs through the prism of PM&C. I'm going to ask firstly about the legal advice. Will the Prime Minister release the Solicitor-General's advice about the eligibility of former senators and member who were deemed ineligible by the High Court? <b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> As you would be aware, guidelines pertinent to witnesses giving evidence are that legal advisers owe a duty to their clients not to disclose the existence or content of any legal advice. And I think that's a well-established principle. <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Given the public interest in this, and also given that the Prime Minister's decision was to release the former Solicitor-General's advice regarding two Labor MPs, is this refusal consistent? <b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> That's our position. <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> So it was okay to release it about two Labor MPs but not about the coalition? <b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> That's the position, and that's the position that I have this afternoon. I can take any question that you wish to make and refer it to both the Attorney and the Prime Minister, but that's my position this afternoon. <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I would appreciate that if you could—and particularly about the consistency of the approach.	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 3 & 4	20/12/17
143	271	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b> <b>Senator PATERSON</b>	Guidance for Release of the Solicitor-General's Advice	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Yes, I understand that, but that's really in relation to officials. You've said it's a matter for government, in which case this may be a question for the minister. Minister, are you aware of a principle or a policy in relation to the releasing of the Solicitor-General's advice? Obviously, you can take the question on notice. <b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> Like the officials, I'm guided by 4.8, and 4.8.1 in particular. I reiterate the comments that I made earlier. Anything beyond that I'll take on notice. <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> If you could. Again, there is an inconsistency in the approach taken. So I'm looking for some principle or policy that might guide us as to when the Solicitor-General's advice is released. <b>CHAIR:</b> And if it's available on the record, Minister, I'd like to know the approach of previous governments to releasing legal advice. I'm thinking of previous estimates advice about the Malaysia solution under the previous government—which was requested but, to my knowledge, not provided. So any advice you have on that would be welcome. <b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> We'll do that, Senator Paterson.	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 4	20/12/17
144	272	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	UK Citizenship – Senator Parry	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Senator Fierravanti-Wells, when did the Prime Minister first become aware of the possibility that former Senator Parry probably still has UK citizenship? <b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> The Prime Minister, I understand, has made comments on the record. I will take that on notice. As you can appreciate, given the events of today the Attorney has other things that he's doing, and I'm stepping in. I will try to be of assistance where I can, but I will take matters on notice if I can't. And I'm clearly not aware of that, but I will take that question on notice. ... <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> What about the departmental liaison officers in the Prime Minister's office? When did they become aware? <b>Ms Cass:</b> I don't know the answer to that. We'll have to take that on notice.	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 4 & 5	20/12/17
145	273	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	UK Citizenship – Senator Parry	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Yes, if you could that on notice, that would be good. Also, when did the media team in PM&C become aware? How were they made aware, and who made them aware? <b>Dr Gruen:</b> Again, we can take that on notice.	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 5	20/12/17
146	274	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Statement of Ministerial Standards	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I'm going to move to a slightly different topic. I want to have a discussion around the Statement of Ministerial Standards, firstly 1.3(iii) in particular: Ministers must accept accountability for the exercise of the powers and functions of their office – that is, to ensure that their conduct, representations and decisions as Ministers, and the conduct, representations and decisions of those who act as their delegates or on their behalf – are open to public scrutiny and explanation. One might view the estimates process as part of that. Has the Prime Minister had a discussion with Senator Cash about the functions of her office and those to whom she may delegate certain activities?	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 6	20/12/17

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					<p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> We're not party to the discussions that the Prime Minister has.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Senator Fierravanti-Wells?</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> Well, I think Senator Cash has made extensive commentary and extensive comments in relation to her appearance before Senate estimates. And I think other than public comments that Senator Cash has made I have nothing further to add in relation to that.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Are you aware of the Prime Minister holding Senator Cash to account?</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>		
147	275	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Statement of Ministerial Standards - Accountability	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> You understand that it's hard—I mean, for all we know she's sitting in her office having a cup of tea, but she could have been here. Anyway—I want to move on to another section of the Statement of Ministerial Standards, which is around accountability:</p> <p>Additionally, Ministers are to regard the skills and abilities of public servants as a public resource—</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Senator, could you say which section you're reading from?</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I'm in 4.3. So:</p> <p>Additionally, ministers are to regard the skills and abilities of public servants as a public resource, and are expected to ensure that public servants are deployed only for appropriate public purposes. The political and other personal interests of career public servants are to be disregarded unless such interests pose a conflict of interest or give rise to a breach of established conventions of public service neutrality. Has the Prime Minister had a discussion with Senator Cash and held her accountable for the misuse of public resourced public servants?</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> Well, I don't accept the premise of your question. I will take that question on notice insofar as it doesn't raise assertions of any infringement of section 4.3.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Going further than just the appropriate use of public servants and treating them as a public resource is, of course, misusing them. In the case of the Australian Federal Police, there's now going to be an AFP investigation, but 419 of the Criminal Code Act, which relates to hindering or obstructing a public official—are her staff being held accountable? Is she being held accountable for her staff, given that they are in her office and she is accountable for them as we've just seen in 1.3(iii)? Is she being held accountable for the actions of her staff?</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> Senator Kitching, I think that your questions now are going beyond the purview of Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I don't agree with that, because there's the Statement of Ministerial Standards. This is an estimates spillover of Prime Minister and Cabinet. It is entirely appropriate, as we've just agreed, that estimates is a part of keeping a government to account, so I would like to know whether the Prime Minister has held her accountable.</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> I will take that part of the question on notice.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 7	20/12/17
148	276	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Legal Costs – AFP Investigation	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> What I would also like to know is—and maybe you can take this on notice—who is paying for the staff's legal costs? The staff who are being investigated in the AFP investigation: who's paying for their costs?</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 8	20/12/17
149	277	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Prime Minister's Office Discussion of Staff and AFP Investigation	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I would like to know whether there has been a discussion between the Prime Minister and Senator Cash about what those staff may say to the AFP investigators. And how broadly has that discussion been held? For example, has the Prime Minister been involved in a discussion? Has the Prime Minister's chief of staff been involved in a discussion? That would be good to know.</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 8	20/12/17
150	278	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	AFP raids on the AWU Offices	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I want to move to some discussion about Senator Cash's involvement and conduct in the AFP raids on the AWU, because this is our first opportunity to make inquiries of the Prime Minister. We learnt in the education and employment estimates that it was someone in Senator Cash's office who tipped off the media of the impending raids of the AFP on the AWU offices. When did the Prime Minister first learn of the impending raids?</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> Other than comments that the Prime Minister may have made on the record in relation to this, I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Particularly, did he learn of those impending raids in the meeting he held with Senator Cash prior to question time on 25 October 2017?</p> <p><b>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS:</b> As I said earlier, Senator Cash has made a series of statements both before estimates and in the chamber in relation to this matter. I would refer you to those, and anything beyond that I will take on notice.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 8	20/12/17

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					<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> The questions may be elucidated by the fact that Senator Cash herself, in Education and Employment estimates, states—I'm just going to find it for you—that her chief of staff was there, her media adviser was there and some staff from the PMO were there. So what I'd like to know is who was there and what was discussed at that meeting. When did the Prime Minister first learn that it was Senator Cash's office who tipped off the media?</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>		
151	279	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	AWU Raids – Information Leaks	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Senator Brandis, in estimates on Monday, the 23rd, when we were actually having another discussion about the Statement of Ministerial Standards said: The Prime Minister, as the person who appoints ministers and issues the statement of what is expected of them, has the overall superintendence of the conduct of members of the government. I then asked if anyone is ever granted an exemption from the ministerial standards, and Senator Brandis said, 'I can't think of any occasion' and that he had never heard of the concept of having an exemption. The reason we're asking is we're trying to actually ascertain who knew what and when. Has the Prime Minister actually thought: 'Oh, this is a bit bad. This is a sort of a Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen type of operation I'm running here or type of cabinet I've got going on here. I'd better ensure that some people follow through on the Statement of Ministerial Standards which is dated September 2015.' I would assume that, given that the Prime Minister, as Senator Brandis says, has the overall superintendence of the conduct of the government, he might like to see that people actually follow through on it.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> It's there and basically those two pages. Can you guarantee that no employee of the Prime Minister played a role in giving information to any media outlets, including television stations—particularly Channel 9—and that they played no role in giving information about the AWU raids to any media outlet?</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> I'm not in a position to answer that question, but I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I'm particularly interested in if anyone in the Prime Minister's office told Channel 9.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 9	20/12/17
152	280	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Special Purpose Aircraft – Minister Bishop	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Maybe someone can take this on notice. There was a special purpose flight taken on 17 and 18 October by the foreign minister and her partner, Mr Panton. You'll see that down the bottom of page 34 of 63. On the Department of Finance website, it indicates that a commercial airfare from Sydney to Perth was charged to the foreign minister on the same day that she's noted on the Special Purpose Aircraft manifest.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Yes. I'm trying to reconcile why she had a flight on 17 October—a commercial flight from Sydney to Perth worth \$1,844.11—and then why she's also got a special purpose flight that she and her partner, Mr Panton, took—also from Canberra to Perth and then Perth to Canberra—on 17 October and then 18 October respectively that was worth \$14,648. I'd like to know what the reconciliation process is. Does the Prime Minister take the statement of ministerial standards seriously and particularly 4.1, which is that due economy is to be observed?</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> Well, if I can take the second part: the Prime Minister, of course, takes the prime ministerial statements very, very seriously. We will, insofar as the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet have any involvement, clarify that. But I think from what Ms Philippa Lynch said, we don't really have any involvement. We can it take on notice and pass it on to Finance, and that's probably where Finance may be able to assist as to why that discrepancy is there. Senator Kitching, I'm not making any comment whatsoever in relation to these documents, but in my experience over the years sometimes there are discrepancies in our documents and sometimes these discrepancies are pointed out. I'm just saying that for the record; but insofar as we can pass that on, we will.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I presume Ms Bishop has signed off, as we are all required to do, on her Finance department documents, so I'd like to know if there is a discrepancy, why didn't she pick it up? If there is no discrepancy, did she just cancel the flight because the special purpose flight came along?</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> I understand the question. I'm not sure that we can take it any further now, but we will refer it on.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 11	20/12/17
153	281	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Special Purpose Aircraft – Review Protocol	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Could I ask you then: is there any review protocol about the special purpose aircraft use? Does the Prime Minister review that? I understand it's from Defence and the Minister for Defence signs it off, but does the Prime Minister then have an overview process around it?</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> Senator Kitching, let me just have a word here. Dr Gruen might—</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I can give you something, which is that the reconciliation of parliamentary expenses is the responsibility of the Finance portfolio and I think it makes most sense to refer those questions to them.</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> Senator Kitching, why don't we try to assist you with this. It may be worthwhile if we provide the process to you. In other words, provide what's the process with the use of VIP flights. I'm sure that we'll be able to</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 11 & 12	20/12/17



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					<p>provide, in response to your question, a document that shows at least general information pertinent to the use of VIP flights—</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> That would be helpful.</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> and in that process, indicate to you what role, if any, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet have in that process, and what process, if any, the Prime Minister's office have in that. Does that cover the ambit of your question?</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Yes, thank you, that would be great. Then could I specifically ask, in addition to that, whether former Deputy Prime Minister Joyce flew in any special purpose aircraft between 27 October 2017 and today's date? And if so, I would like a manifest for each flight. I would also like to ask whether former Senator Fiona Nash flew in any special purpose aircraft between the date of her disqualification and today's date. I would like the manifest provided and whether the Prime Minister had any knowledge of that.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Yes, but I want to know whether the Prime Minister overviews that, given 4.1—</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> We can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Right, thank you. Also, is the Prime Minister aware of people's usage of those flights, given the vast difference between taking a commercial flight and the use of that?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Understood.</p>		
154	282	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Prime Minister's Travel Arrangements	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Thank you. I wanted to ask about the Prime Minister's trip to the Snowy to discuss a funding injection into the feasibility study on 28 August. Is there someone from the department who can assist with that?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Quite possibly.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I'm particularly interested in the travel arrangements, if that assists.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I'm not sure if we have people here who can tell you about the travel arrangements, but if you ask a question, we'll—</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> I think Senator McAllister asks the question and then—</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> We know about the policy.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> It's just sometimes good to know if the people are here. I am interested in the travel arrangements. I understand that Mr Turnbull travelled by helicopter to make that announcement. Why were helicopter flights deemed necessary for that trip?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Again, I don't think we are the people who make judgements about whether a helicopter is used or not. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Really? Who would make judgements about that? Who does make the Prime Minister's travel arrangements?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I think the Prime Minister's office does.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Right, so the department was not involved in organising helicopter flights?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> Not to my knowledge, no. I will canvass people here to see if anyone who might know about the policy also knows about the travel—no.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 12	20/12/17
155	283	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Prime Minister's Travel	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Right, okay. Do you have any knowledge about who paid for the flights?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> I don't. I will have to take that and find that out.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Did the department pay for the flights? Presumably they did not, given your earlier answer?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> I can't answer that question. I will find out the information for you.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> In doing so, could you please find out if a third party paid for the helicopter flights? If a third party did pay, since I'm putting a series of questions on notice around this, I would be interested to know if the department reimbursed any part of that cost.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> We can take that on notice.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 12 & 13	20/12/17
156	284	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Open Government National Action Plan	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is there anyone in the room who can talk with me about the Open Government National Action Plan? Can just someone talk me through the genesis of the Open Government National Action Plan and, in particular, which members of the government executive initiated it? Was it an initiative of the Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Ms Graham:</b> I'm actually not aware of the genesis of the plan and where that came from, but I can take that on notice for you.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 13	20/12/17
157	285	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Beneficial Ownership Transparency Commitment	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Right, so what was the basis on which this particular initiative was marked as completed?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Okay. Has any recommendation been provided to government and to the Prime Minister in relation to the implementation of the beneficial ownership register for companies?</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 13	20/12/17

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					<p><b>Ms Steel:</b> Again, I think that would be a matter for Treasury, and it may go to advice to government.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Right, well it arises directly from the plan, which you are overlooking, but you've got no idea whether or not a recommendation has taken place. I'll just point out that the milestone itself is: ... a recommendation to Government on the details, scope and implementation of a beneficial ownership register for companies (informed by public consultation).</p> <p><b>Ms Steel:</b> Senator, we'd have to take that question on notice. We don't have the information to hand today.</p>		
158	286	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Beneficial Ownership Transparency Commitment - Revised Timeline	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Okay, milestone No. 3 is to: Begin work to implement Government decision on transparency of beneficial ownership of companies. The mid-term report notes that the proposed timeline, August 2017 until the end of the plan, is delayed. What is the revised timetable for the delivery of recommendations to government and the proposed internal timetable for a review, decision and implementation by government?</p> <p><b>Ms Steel:</b> Senator, I'd have to take that on notice. We don't have that information to hand today.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Will a register be implemented before the action plan concludes in 2018?</p> <p><b>Ms Steel:</b> Again, we'd have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 13	20/12/17
159	287	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Acting Arrangements	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Was Ms Bishop required to return to Australia earlier than she may have because there was no-one else to act as Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Well, that's demonstrably true, but I don't know the answer to your question.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Could you take it on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 17	20/12/17
160	288	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	APEC Summit and ministerial meetings	<p><b>Ms Yu:</b> Perhaps I could answer. The summit is actually aimed at leaders, and more often than not foreign ministers do not accompany all leaders. Different countries are different, but certainly in Australia's case we do not have the foreign minister accompanying the Prime Minister for the East Asia Summit or the APEC summit.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> But according to her media release, she was attending the APEC ministerial meeting in Da Nang?</p> <p><b>Ms Yu:</b> That's right—which is for the foreign ministers and the ministers, not for the leaders.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> So that did go for two days only?</p> <p><b>Ms Yu:</b> I'm not sure about the exact details.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Could you take it on notice? Could you find out whether it went beyond 8 November? What are the arrangements for the appointment of an Acting Prime Minister? Does the Prime Minister sign a letter? Is that how it works?</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 18	20/12/17
161	289	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Acting Prime Minister Arrangements	<p><b>Mr Rush:</b> The department supports the Prime Minister's office on arrangements, which include correspondence from the Prime Minister's office to the Office of the Governor-General, and correspondence between the Prime Minister's office and the office of the minister that is acting as Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Is that paperwork available?</p> <p><b>Mr Rush:</b> I don't have paperwork of that kind with me, and, of course, those letters would be made on a case by case basis. There would have been letters to that effect for the period between 9 and 15 November that has just gone.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Is it not gazetted? I couldn't find anything</p> <p><b>Mr Rush:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Could we get a copy of those?</p> <p><b>Mr Rush:</b> I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 18	20/12/17
162	290	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Changes to Turnbull Ministry	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Like all senators, it would be good to see him back soon. How many changes have been made to the ministry since Mr Turnbull became Prime Minister on 15 September, 2017?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I don't know. I'll take it on notice. 2015?</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Yes, 2015. Why is Mr Turnbull the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources but the other ministers are acting ministers?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I don't know. I'll take it on notice.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 19	20/12/17
163	291	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Arrangements for Ministers Acting in Alternative Portfolios	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Okay. Are the arrangements for Senator Cash acting on behalf of Senator Sinodinos different?</p> <p><b>Ms P Lynch:</b> Senator Cash is from outside Senator Sinodinos's portfolio, so she is acting under an Acts Interpretation Act instrument. She's not sworn to administer the department of industry.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Is the paperwork around these arrangements publicly available?</p> <p><b>Ms P Lynch:</b> In the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet we don't necessarily have copies of the acting instruments that ministers in one portfolio use for another minister in another portfolio. So I don't have them with me and would not necessarily have them.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> So it's not gazetted?</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 19	20/12/17

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					<p><b>Ms P Lynch:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I couldn't find anything. Okay. Could we get a copy of those arrangements?</p> <p><b>Ms P Lynch:</b> I can take that on notice. We would not necessarily have them all. For example, when a minister travels, we know that they have another minister acting for them, but that's an arrangement that's usually made between the ministers' offices rather than through PM&amp;C.</p>		
164	292	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Okay. Mr Hartsuyker's duties as Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources—what are those duties, for a start, given that Senator Ruston also has that title?</p> <p><b>Ms P Lynch:</b> I'd need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> If you could take that on notice, that would be good. In addition to that, has he gained responsibilities from Senator Ruston?</p> <p><b>Ms P Lynch:</b> I'd need to take that on notice, because that would be a matter between the ministers in the portfolio, how they divide it up day to day.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 19	20/12/17
165	293	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Assistant Minister to the former Deputy Prime Minister	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> What did Mr Hartsuyker do as the assistant minister to the former Deputy Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Ms P Lynch:</b> I would need to take on notice as to what the arrangements were or how the agriculture portfolio divided matters between the ministers in it</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 20	20/12/17
166	294	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Conflicts of Interest	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Different words, though. Does the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet have a role in advising ministers and assistant ministers about conflicts of interest?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> I don't believe that we play that role. Yes, there may be instances in which the Prime Minister, under the Statement of Ministerial Standards, will seek advice from the secretary of the department about the application of the standards. That has occurred on occasions.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> What occasions?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Those are probably private matters. If there have been any during the life of this government, I don't know. We'll take that on notice and think about, if there have been any instances, whether we can tell you about them.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Perhaps while you're taking that on notice, Senator Brandis, you could tell us whether any advice has been provided to Senator McGrath?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> About what?</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Whether any advice has been provided to Senator McGrath?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> About what?</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> About whether there is a conflict of interest given that he says: I am balancing running my new business with renovating my home and pottering around in the garden.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Senator McGrath has, I understand, acquired a rural property. As I said before, I imagine there may be some horticulture. I don't know.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 20 & 21	20/12/17
167	295	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Portfolio Ministers Biographies	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Who's responsible for checking material such as this? Is it the Prime Minister's office or PM&amp;C?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I don't know who hosts the website. Perhaps the department knows who hosts the website.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> We could find out.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We'll find out who hosts the website.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I realise that the government has been under significant pressure, but perhaps you could update the website or ensure it is updated, because I presume the department is not actually responsible; it's the ministers and the assistant ministers who are responsible for providing some of this information. The department is just doing what it can with a bad lot of information.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I don't know, Senator—</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I'm sure you don't.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> who chose this particular biography. I'm just letting you know, as you pointed out yourself in your—</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Ms Ganly, did you choose this biography?</p> <p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> This will be a link, I understand. What I will do is have a look. I'll see if I can get some further information for you now from my staff. Otherwise, I'll get back to you. I'll have this looked at as well.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Maybe also, Ms Ganly, you could take on notice when the other biographies that are on that website were updated. I think you'd be able to track when changes were made to the website and the dates on which those changes were made. Perhaps Senator Brandis might like to update his as well. His might also be—</p> <p>...</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 20, 22	20/12/17

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					<p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> So the ones on the pmc.gov.au website are the ones that we would link to in our department. As Senator Brandis has said, they're ones relating to ministers sworn to our portfolio.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> So the ones on the PM&amp;C website, perhaps you could see when they were last—</p> <p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> Yes, certainly.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> And can you inform us as to when they were last updated?</p> <p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> We'll certainly do that.</p>		
168	296	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Parliamentary Eligibility	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> When Senator Nash's case commenced, did you contact Ms Hughes, Senator Brandis?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> When Ms Nash's case commenced—not that I recall.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Did the Prime Minister contact Ms Hughes?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I don't know.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Would you take that on notice, Senator Brandis?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I'll take it on notice, but it's not the sort of question I would imagine either I or the Prime Minister would respond to if it's about a private conversation.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I'm interested to understand whether anyone contacted Ms Hughes and explained to her that she would be able to take the Senate seat if she resigned from the AAT. Was that information communicated to Ms Hughes?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I'll take the question on notice for the purpose of considering whether it's a question that can be responded to.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 24 & 25	20/12/17
169	297	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Ms Hughes Resignation	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> It's been reported that Ms Hughes resigned from her position on the AAT 45 minutes after the High Court ruled that former Senator Nash was ineligible. Is that true?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I don't know. I've not seen that report and I'm not aware.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Would you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Yes, although I should say that these questions do seem to be rather remote from PM&amp;C.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Well, I was trying to establish the role the Prime Minister may have played in this, and you've been unable to provide any advice. You've taken those questions on notice, so—</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 25	20/12/17
170	298	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	SRO On-boarding Assistance	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I'm asking specifically about NAPLAN, because you're engaged with the SRO and senior stakeholders to assist with onboarding requirements across state and territory jurisdictions. I'm sure it's language that communicates a great deal to people in the sector, but I don't understand what that means.</p> <p><b>Dr Seebeck:</b> Again, this is one where I'll suggest that probably the people with the best expertise and knowledge about the in-depth nature of the program would be Education.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> But this is a description of what you're doing in relation to that program. It says that you're engaged to assist with onboarding requirements across state and territory jurisdictions. And my question is: what does that mean?</p> <p><b>Dr Seebeck:</b> This is one I'll have to take on notice about the exact specifics. But again, it's going to be a fairly high-level response in terms of: we'll sit down, we'll talk to them, we'll understand what they're attempting to do, we'll make suggestions and we might talk about things like platforms, platform delivery, levels of technology, user research and those specific sorts of things that we have expertise in and where we can provide guidance. We also provide suggestions around things such as governance program delivery plans and those sorts of things.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 30	20/12/17
171	299	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Whole-of-Government Framework for ICT Procurement	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> That's a sensible answer. Is there a work plan that articulates how you are going to move through the recommendations, accepting that some of them might be disaggregated and be not addressed linearly?</p> <p><b>Mr Slater:</b> We do have a work plan. We've already broken it down, and provided that to the minister, around those short-term actions that we're taking. I've mentioned some of those, because we have a lot more certainty around their delivery. It's really testing what we call a minimal viable product, and it's putting that into the market so it's standardising terms of conditions for contracts under \$200,000 dynamic pricing, as another example. Some of those actions require us to do more industry engagement and to give more thought to understand the implications of implementing those, what it would take to implement those and the costs and benefits.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Would you be in a position to provide that work plan?</p> <p><b>Mr Slater:</b> I see no reason why not.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> You will do that on notice. On notice, could you also provide a list of the elements of this report which you intend to have completed by the end of this financial year?</p> <p><b>Mr Slater:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 34 & 35	20/12/17
172	300	Department of the	<b>Senator</b>	Citizenship	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I'm going to ask a series of questions, and you may wish to take these on notice. These are questions</p>	FPA Wednesday	20/12/17

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		Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>KITCHING</b>	Status	to the department, to Senator Fierravanti-Wells and, through you Senator Fierravanti-Wells, to the Attorney-General. Has the department or the Prime Minister sought legal advice on the citizenship status of Julia Banks? Has the department or the Prime Minister sought legal advice on the citizenship status of Ann Sudmalis? Has the department or the Prime Minister sought legal advice on the citizenship status of Tony Pasin? Has the department or the Prime Minister sought legal advice on the citizenship status of Jason Falinski? Has the department or the Prime Minister sought legal advice on the citizenship status of Luke Hartsuyker? Has the department or the Prime Minister sought legal advice on the citizenship status of Concetta Fierravanti-Wells? And I understand you're here; you might be able to answer that rather than take it on notice. ... <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Has the department or the Prime Minister sought legal advice on the citizenship status of Bert van Manen? Has the department of the Prime Minister sought legal advice on the constitutional implications of Senator Barry O'Sullivan's businesses having contracts with the government and whether he should be referred to the High Court? Have you had advice about that?	15 November 2017, page 5	
173	301	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Lobbying Code—SAS Group Consulting	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Are you aware that SAS Group Consulting Proprietary Limited appears on the lobbyists register representing a number of companies? <b>Senator Brandis:</b> I don't know—actually, Dr Gruen tells me that it does. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Thank you. I understand that those interests include coal and gas interests and the company that operates the cashless welfare card trials. Is that correct, Dr Gruen? <b>Dr Gruen:</b> I'm not sure what interests it has. We'll have a look and see if we can let you know about that. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> The Lobbying Code of Conduct is very clear that you may not be a lobbyist and a member of a federal or state executive. Can you explain to me how Mr Anthony can continue serving in both roles, as a director of SAS Group Consulting and as a member of the National Party federal executive? <b>Senator Brandis:</b> I think the best course is to take that question on notice so we can look at the matter carefully. I don't know what the relationship between Mr Anthony and SAS is. So let us have a look at that.	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 25	20/12/17
174	302	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Senator KITCHING</b>	Assistant Minister to the former Deputy Prime Minister	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Senator McGrath became the Assistant Minister for Regulatory Reform in addition to being the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, but that role wasn't listed on the 27 July 2017 Ministry List. <b>Ms P Lynch:</b> No, that was an additional title. <b>Ms Cass:</b> My understanding is that that additional title was authorised by the Prime Minister on 26 March 2017—we can verify that. <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> That would be good, because I don't think it's listed on the 27 July list. What does he do in each of those roles?	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 20	20/12/17
175	303	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	Projects Structure	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Have you articulated that structure, that framework, in a written document? <b>Mr Slater:</b> I do have that structure and can provide that.	FPA Wednesday 15 November 2017, page 29	20/12/17
176	304	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Senator McALLISTER</b>	APSC document ministerial review	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Mr Lloyd, I wanted to ask you about this document headed 'Making public comment on social media: a guide for employees'. That's an APSC document, as I understand it. ... <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Okay, thank you. Was it reviewed by ministers' offices before publication? <b>Senator Cash:</b> It wasn't reviewed, no. I was briefed similarly to the way you are being briefed now on the process et cetera. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Was Minister Cash the only minister briefed prior to its release? <b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Yes. <b>Ms Crosthwaite:</b> Yes. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I'm just trying to understand this. Did the minister provide any feedback or any requests for changes or alterations? <b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I can't recall. <b>Senator Cash:</b> I would need to take that on notice and speak with the relevant staff member. But, no, it was literally very similar to this. I was briefed on the process that was put in place and that it was going to be released.	FPA Thursday 7 December 2017, page 2, 3	18/01/18

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