

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
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1.	1.	Australian Public Service Commission	Paterson	Deductible Gift Recipients through Salary Sacrifice – Union Aid Abroad- APHEDA charity	Australian Public Service Commission	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> The reason why I ask is: I'm interested in whether the Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA charity is an eligible recipient with any departments. The reason why I asked that question is: there was a report in <i>The Courier-Mail</i> in September that Queensland Health was allowing its employees to choose to salary sacrifice towards Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA. The relevancy of that particular charity is that it's being audited by DFAT at the moment over possible terrorist links. Are you familiar with any of those reports?</p> <p><b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> I'm not, no.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> You might need to take on notice then whether any Commonwealth departments or agencies have sought advice from the APSC on this matter and whether any Commonwealth departments or agencies currently allow employees to salary sacrifice to Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA.</p> <p><b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> Yes, I will need to take that on notice. Generally the management of those sorts of issues is handled at the agency level. The APSC tends not to have a role, but we will come back with information when we can.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 39
2.	2.	Australian Public Service Commission	Paterson	Deductible Gift Recipients through Salary Sacrifice	Australian Public Service Commission	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Thank you. Finally, either now or on notice, can you tell me whether there are any plans on behalf of the APSC to consider whether additional criteria beyond 'deductible gift recipient status' is appropriate.</p> <p><b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> We'll take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 39
3.	3.	Australian Public Service Commission	Abetz	APSC Enterprise Bargaining	Australian Public Service Commission	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Yes. So that sort of information is provided, and that information is then made freely available in the event that a journalist were to ring the APSC and say: 'Well, the minister has said that there are restrictive practices. Can you mention a few? Can you give us examples?' The APSC would then provide such examples?</p> <p><b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> I would have to take on notice as to whether that's occurred previously, but it hasn't been uncommon for journalists to request information from the APSC on enterprise bargaining—</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 40-41
4.	4.	Australian Public Service Commission	Abetz	Freedom of Information	Australian Public Service Commission	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Yes, so I'll go to the end of the table again, if I may. Usually you don't require a request to go through FOI, do you? When it's just for the data in relation to the matter that I raised, FOI would not be the common track that an individual would have to go down, would it?</p> <p><b>Mr Woolcott:</b> I'll take that question on notice, specifically to Mr Spaccavento. In regard to the public release of data, as I said, there is a great deal of information that we do hold. That which we ought to release, we ought to do so in a transparent</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 41

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						<p>and accountable way. We need to be part of the debate in that regard—I agree with that. But obviously some of these areas can get controversial, so we just need to be sure that we come at this in a very transparent and accountable fashion and we make sure that the information is widely released. As I said, that will be my approach. I'm happy to take all the other questions you've asked about specific examples in the past on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Is Mr Spaccavento able to tell us from his experience?</p> <p><b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> I would need to echo the commissioner's comments and take those on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> When did the APSC media unit come into existence?</p> <p><b>Mr Woolcott:</b> I might have to take that on notice, but certainly it's been there since I've been in the job.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Which hasn't been all that long?</p> <p><b>Mr Woolcott:</b> It has not been long, indeed. It's been more than two months. I'll take it on notice.</p>	
5.	5.	Australian Public Service Commission	Abetz	Requests for Information	Australian Public Service Commission	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Thank you. Coming back, how do you normally deal with requests for information from the APSC? Do you require people to go through FOI?</p> <p><b>Mr Woolcott:</b> Not that I'm aware of. They can come through FOI, and obviously that's a different process, or they can come through our media unit and ask them for information.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Yes, and before the existence of the media unit, when the APSC was asked for information, I suggest, Mr Spaccavento, that it was not required of them to put in an FOI request.</p> <p><b>Mr Woolcott:</b> I should clarify: I wasn't saying that you have to put in an FOI request to get information from the APSC. They're happy for you to come through the media unit.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Yes, but before the media unit was set up, if, let's say, an academic from the ANU wanted some information about facts and figures or details within the Australian Public Service for a research project, the academic would not have been required to go through the FOI process would they, Mr Spaccavento? You've got the experience. I think you used to be responsible for certain information coming to my office.</p> <p><b>Mr Woolcott:</b> I'll just jump in here for a second. Of course, Mr Spaccavento is the group manager for one particular area of the commission's work. Obviously the</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 41

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						media requests come in on a wide range of issues, particularly around census data and other things which we collect. I'm very happy to provide you with information on notice with regard to the processes in the past with regard to this. But, as I say, certainly I think a debate is to be encouraged, transparency is to be encouraged and the provision of information is to be encouraged—that will be my approach.	
6.	6.	Merit Protection Commission	Abetz	Mr Lloyd Investigation	Merit Protection Commission	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Does the Merit Protection Commission and the Public Service Commission trawl through every Public Service decision to decide whether something was ill-advised or as well advised as it might have been? It's none of their business, is it?</p> <p><b>Ms Waugh:</b> You will find, in code of conduct inquiries, there are often comments of that type that are made by the investigator that may be described perhaps as an adverse comment—although I don't think it gets to that point.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Why we need such a gratuity, I don't know. Mr Lloyd wasn't asked to respond to: 'Was this a breach?' This is on page 7 of the report. Under the heading 'Event', second paragraph: 'How do you respond to the criticism that it was unwise for you to deal directly with the IPA?' That was never part of the allegation—that it was 'unwise'—was it? This was just a new thing thrown in by Professor McMillan as something of which Mr Lloyd had no notice of.</p> <p><b>Ms Waugh:</b> This extract here is an extract of questions put to Mr Lloyd.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Yes, by Professor McMillan.</p> <p><b>Ms Waugh:</b> That's right. That's all it is. It's just a record of the questions.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Yes, but what was Professor McMillan doing asking questions, saying, 'Was it unwise?' Mr Lloyd was there to deal with alleged breaches.</p> <p><b>Ms Waugh:</b> There's a lot more to conducting an investigative interview than simply asking, 'Did you breach the code of conduct?' There's usually contextual questions. This would be one of those contextual questions.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> How many pages was this record of interview, by the way?</p> <p><b>Ms Waugh:</b> I couldn't tell you precisely the number of pages.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Is somebody able to tell us?</p> <p><b>Ms Waugh:</b> I can probably take that question on notice. I don't have any staff.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 46
7.	7.	Merit Protection Commission	Abetz	Mr John Lloyd Investigation Transcript	Merit Protection Commission	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Would you agree that your draft finding was longer than or about the same length as his submission to you?</p> <p><b>Ms Waugh:</b> I couldn't tell you that. I don't have the page numbers with me.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> You don't recall doing it?</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 48

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						<p><b>Ms Waugh:</b> The exact page numbers—no, I don't.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Alright. Take that on notice for us.</p>	
8.	8.	Merit Protection Commission	Abetz	Mr John Lloyd Investigation Transcript	Merit Protection Commission	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> If I were to tell you the transcript—I may be wrong on this, but I think it was about 100 pages. Would that be about right, in your memory?</p> <p><b>Ms Waugh:</b> It probably would have been between 50 and 100.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> When was that transcript provided to Mr Lloyd?</p> <p><b>Ms Waugh:</b> I understand it was provided to him on the day that Professor McMillan gave him his report on 25 July.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Have a look at that, because I suggest it may have been on 30 July.</p> <p><b>Ms Waugh:</b> Can I take that on notice?</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 48
9.	9.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Confidence and Supply	Prime Minister's Office	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Has the Prime Minister, anyone from his office, you or any member of the government sought any written assurances from any House of Representatives crossbencher as to confidence and supply?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> We have received assurances in the past.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I asked a very specific question. I would request that you answer it. Have any of you from the government sought written assurances from any crossbencher in relation to confidence and supply?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I have not myself sought any written assurances. Obviously I am aware of the public statements that have been made by a number of crossbench members of the House of Representatives. I am happy to take on notice whether any other correspondence has been entered into. As far as I'm concerned, up until Saturday the government needed 75 out of 148 votes in the House of Representatives. If the result in Wentworth goes the way most of us expect it to go we will need 75 out of 149 seats in the House of Representatives. The Labor Party has 69 seats in the House of Representatives. There is clearly no capacity for the Labor Party to get to a vote higher than 75, in the context of the Speaker reducing the number from 150 to 149.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 53
10.	10.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Religious Freedom Report	Government Division	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> And a copy of that report has also been received by the Attorney-General; is that correct?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> My understanding is that the Prime Minister passed the report to the Attorney-General, but I'll have that checked.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> That's my understanding also. What date did that take place?</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 53

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11.	11.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Prevention of discrimination against LGBTIQ students	Government Division	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Ms Foster, when did the department first become aware that the Prime Minister was considering amending laws to prevent discrimination against LGBTIQ students?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> To my knowledge, that was when the matter was being debated publicly.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Well, it was being debated publicly from 10 October. Was it on 10 October?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I'll have to get advice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Would we be able to get advice this afternoon?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Would you also be able to advise how this was communicated to the department?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 59
12.	12.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Discrimination against LGBTIQ	Prime Minister's Office	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Ms Foster, when did the department first become aware that the Prime Minister was considering amending laws to prevent discrimination against LGBTIQ students?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> To my knowledge, that was when the matter was being debated publicly.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Well, it was being debated publicly from 10 October. Was it on 10 October?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I'll have to get advice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Would we be able to get advice this afternoon?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Would you also be able to advise how this was communicated to the department?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Was this a decision of cabinet?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> The deliberations and decisions of cabinet are protected—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Let's not do this dance. We are not entitled to ask you the contents. We are entitled to ask you timing questions.</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I think the question Senator was, 'was it a decision of cabinet', which goes to the deliberation of cabinet.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No, it's a public decision. For the decision that has been made public, what is the date of the cabinet decision in relation to that?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take on notice on what date which decisions were taken.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 59

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13.	13.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Religious Freedom Report	Prime Minister's Office	<p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> As I've indicated publicly on a number of occasions now, the report was received by the then Prime Minister on 18 May. I understand that the then Prime Minister made a decision that a copy of the report should also go to the Attorney-General. I wasn't personally aware if or when Prime Minister Morrison received the report. I'm quite happy to take on notice the specifics around any such date.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> We can assume he had a copy of it by 10 October.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm happy to take on notice which precise day. I'm not going to make assumptions. I'm happy to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 62
14.	14.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Assurances from Crossbenchers	Prime Minister's Office	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. As I understand it, amidst all of that repetition you have actually agreed to take on notice whether the Prime Minister has sought to obtain any verbal assurances.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm happy to explain it again. As I've indicated—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Please don't.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> The relevant number of crossbenchers in the House of Representatives has given past indications of support in terms of supply and confidence. A number of them have repeated more recently that they want to see the government serve its full term—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I'm just checking you are taking on notice my question.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> And as I've also indicated, Mr Shorten noted those assurances by crossbenchers, and I've also indicated previously that I would take on notice what other information I might be able to provide about conversations that Mr Morrison has had—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> bearing in mind that Mr Morrison, of course, and the government more generally engage with the crossbench all the time.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> When did the Prime Minister last meet with the crossbench?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did he meet with them today?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I've been here—not that I'm aware.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 67-68
15.	15.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Crossbencher Assurances - Ms Cathy McGowan AO,	Prime Minister's Office	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Is the Prime Minister aware of comments from Ms McGowan, one of the crossbench members, which indicate she may reconsider her support for the government if the National Party rolls Mr McCormack as leader?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I don't believe that is on the cards, so that's a hypothetical</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 68

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				MP		question. <b>Senator WONG:</b> No, I was actually just asking as to the Prime Minister's state of knowledge. That's a relevant question. Is he aware of those comments? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll have to take that on notice. I'm not aware of the Prime Minister's state of mind in relation to matters that he may or may not have read.	
16.	16.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Crossbencher Assurances - Ms Cathy McGowan, AO, MP	Prime Minister's Office	<b>Senator WONG:</b> Has the Prime Minister given any assurances to Ms McGowan as to the leadership of the National Party in that context? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> Not that I'm aware of, but I'm happy to take that on notice.	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 68
17.	17.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Comments by Mr Katter, Member for Kennedy	Prime Minister's Office	<b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. Is the Prime Minister aware of various comments made by Mr Katter, the member for Kennedy, including, for example, in September when he said he would 'cause mayhem until we get some decent government in this country'? Has he discussed any of Mr Katter's demands with him? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take that on notice.	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 68
18.	18.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Comments by Mr Katter, Member for Kennedy	Prime Minister's Office	<b>Senator WONG:</b> Mr Katter, on 20 October, is reported as demanding (1) government loans for farmers, (2) Hughenden irrigation scheme, (3) action on diabetes and malnutrition, (4) no more privatisation and (5) proof of profitability for Hell's Gate irrigation, and he is quoted as saying: 'Do it. Or face the consequences.' Is the government engaging with Mr Katter about these and other demands? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> You've asked me questions in the broad in relation to these matters. This now goes into specifics, based on public reporting. I've taken on notice any engagement or any conversations that may or may not have taken place, bearing in mind that the Prime Minister and others in the government engage with the crossbench all the time. But, if I can add anything in relation to the specific question that you're putting up, I will provide that on notice.	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 68
19.	19.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	The Hon Bob Katter MP meeting with Prime Minister	Prime Minister's Office	<b>Senator WONG:</b> I'm actually asking about what you've done in relation to Mr Katter. It's reported that Mr Katter met with the Prime Minister on Monday, 10 September 2018, to discuss his concerns. Can you confirm whether or not that meeting took place? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take on notice the question about the specific, but in the broad that is entirely consistent with—	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 68
20.	20.	Department of	Wong	The Hon Bob	Prime	<b>Senator WONG:</b> Did you attend—	FPA Monday

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		the Prime Minister and Cabinet		Katter MP meeting with Prime Minister	Minister's Office	<p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> If I may: in the broad, that is entirely consistent with what I've previously indicated, and that is that the Prime Minister and the government have got a very good relationship with the crossbench and of course engage with the crossbench on a regular basis, as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did you attend the meeting?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> No. I've already taken on notice whether there was such a meeting. I'm not confirming whether there was, because I don't have that knowledge, but I was not part of a meeting between the Prime Minister and Mr Katter.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Do you know who attended the meeting?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I've just indicated to you that I'm not aware of whether there was a meeting. I've taken that on notice. If you want to add to the question on notice 'If it did happen, who attended?'—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I'd like to know who attended and I'd like—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm happy to take on notice who attended, if the meeting took place.</p>	22 October 2018, page 68-69
21.	21.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	The Hon Bob Katter MP meeting with Prime Minister	Prime Minister's Office	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Given that Mr Katter, out of his own mouth, has suggested a range of issues that go directly to whether or not he'll continue to support the government, what I'm asking is what undertakings the Prime Minister has given to Mr Katter.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm not aware of any specific undertakings, but I'm happy to take on notice that question, in the same context as I've previously indicated that the government engages with the crossbench all the time. Incidentally, a range of members of parliament—a range of members in the House of Representatives and a range of senators—put propositions to the government all the time, and from time to time the government will agree that something is a good idea, a good suggestion, and we'll take relevant proposals on board.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 69
22.	22.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Crossbencher Assurances - Mr Kevin Hogan MP	Prime Minister's Office	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Has Mr Hogan provided any indication to the Prime Minister about his intentions in relation to legislation?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> My advice is that Mr Hogan supports confidence and supply for the government. Beyond that, I take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> You've repeatedly referred to the government possessing 75 elected representatives in the House of Representatives. Does that include Mr Hogan?</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, pages 70-71



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						<p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes, it does.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> How can that possibly be consistent with Mr Hogan's own public statements that he is on the cross bench?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Well, he obviously does sit on the cross bench. But he has given certain indications repeatedly, publicly, and, based on the advice that I have in front of me, Mr Hogan supports supply and confidence for the government.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is he a member of the coalition?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Let me get that answered on notice. He doesn't attend the coalition party room, if that's your question.</p>	
23.	23.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Economic Security Statement	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> In the minister's media, she said that she would be delivering the economic security statement. Will the statement be delivered as a ministerial statement to parliament? Is that the format that you're expecting?</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> Those issues are a matter for government.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I understand that. Minister, are you aware whether, at this time, it will be produced as a statement to parliament?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I'm not, Senator Moore. In terms of Ms Bergin's observation about the timeline, that was my understanding. The nature of the statement, I am not sure whether it was to be in parliament or otherwise, but I can happily take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 81
24.	24.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Economic Security Statement - Consultation	Office for Women	<p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> There are a number of other departments. I can't comment on exactly which ones at this stage, because that goes to the heart of the content of the package.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Taking a stab in the dark: if it's an economic statement, there possibly would be economic departments involved?</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> I can't make any comment on the content.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> So it's on track. It was actually announced several months ago, and at this stage we don't know who's going to be involved. In terms of the consultations around the process—I don't expect you to give me a list of all the consultations today, but, if we can get on notice who has been consulted and in what way, that would be very useful.</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> Senator Moore, I can give you the high level of the consultations. Three round tables were held in July: one for the community sector, one for small and medium enterprise and one for big business. There were also a number of one-on-one consultations.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 81-82

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						<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> And the alliances?</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> The alliances were certainly part of the community round table.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Is information on the people who participated in those round tables public?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> The list of participants. If we take that on notice.</p>	
25.	25.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Towards 2025 Strategy: Economic Security Statement	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> So you can tell us that the economic statement will have a format of regular reporting to the parliament? That's a little bit of information you can share?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> The women's economic security statement has been envisaged as being an annual statement, so, yes, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Because we talked at length about the value of having that link between the statement, the parliament and the process. It is envisaged that that format will be retained in the economic statement?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> Broadly retained, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> You said superseded. Will that mean that the whole program of the 2025 process will not exist and it will be taken up?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I think the word was integrated.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> It's a very different word.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> It is. Integrated, in terms of progress reporting particularly, is how I understand it to be structured.</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> That's correct. The Towards 2025 strategy stands as the government strategy for closing the participation gap in accord with the G20 commitment. The method of reporting, which is the implementation plan to date, will be integrated into the women's economic security statement.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> If we can provide any further detail, we will do so on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 82
26.	26.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Women's Leadership and Development Program 2017-18	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I just want to know where the full \$3.306 million has gone. There has been a discussion over many, many years about how these grants are allocated and where the money, and for the first time there was the actual grant round so that people applied. That was a different step that was taken. You've said that all the money has gone out. I know where \$1.2 million has gone. What about the other bits?</p> <p><b>Ms Nattey:</b> As you know, approximately half the appropriation each year goes to the National Women's Alliances.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 83-84

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						<p><b>Ms Nattey:</b> That's in the order of \$1.68 million. Plus there is the \$50,000 for the disability sector, which in 2017-18 was to Women with Disabilities Australia. In addition to that, funding was committed to the Museum of Australian Democracy for a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of women in parliament.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Do you know how much?</p> <p><b>Ms Nattey:</b> I don't have that detail to hand.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I will put that on notice as well.</p>	
27.	27.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Women's Leadership and development Program - funding	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> A number of the organisations that got the allocation that we saw in the media release got it over three years. In the process for awarding that, did they get all the money up-front, or would they be getting money in each of the three years of the forwards?</p> <p><b>Ms Nattey:</b> The funding was phased according to the requirements of each project. Some of it was phased over the three years and some over a shorter period, depending on what was negotiated with the funding recipient.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> A few of them had three-year funding, Community Hubs Australia and also Dress for Success Sydney got money over the three out years. On notice, would it be possible to find out what they were allocated in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20?</p> <p><b>Ms Nattey:</b> I'm certainly happy to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 84
28.	28.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Women's Leadership and Development Strategy and Grants	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I did not check the website today, but I did check it recently. The Office for Women's website states: All new grants will be published on our WLDS grants reporting page within twenty days of entering into the agreement ...</p> <p>Have all those grants gone up on that page?</p> <p><b>Ms Nattey:</b> My understanding is that they have, because it's a requirement of the Department of Finance.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> That's why I'm asking. Great. We'll go back on notice, but I'm just trying to tie down exactly where the money is. So we'll put that on notice as well, just to make sure we get that whole process.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 84
29.	29.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Review of the Office for Women - Recommendations	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> ... .. I think I've got a minute left. We talked last time about the review of the Office of Women as well. Can you update me on any changes in the Office of Women in response to the review.</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> Thank you very much for your question in relation to the review. Yes, phase 2 of the review was completed in August this year. Certainly it has resulted</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, pages 84-85

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						<p>in a number of key changes in terms of the development of our capability of the staff within the Office for Women. It has not changed the number of resources in terms of the size of the staffing at all, but it has really allowed us to bring in expertise and train up our existing people to better support greater economic, data and evidence analysis.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> This will have to be on notice now: are you able to outline the key recommendations?</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> I will be able to take that on notice, thank you.</p>	
30.	30.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Review of the Office for Women	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I'll ask this question: is it possible to have the review made public or not?</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> That's a government decision not to do so? Okay. In terms of what we can put on notice, can we get a list of the recommendations out of the review and any actions that have come out of that review?</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 85
31.	31.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Review of the Office for Women	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> You've said there's no impact on staffing levels or recruitment. Can we have an updated organisation chart and the levels of people.</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 85
32.	32.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Review of the Office for Women	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Is it possible also, on notice, to get a list of the projects being worked on by the office?</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> Yes, I can give you that.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 85
33.	33.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Waters	Women's Budget Impact Statement	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Thanks for joining us today. I've got a number of questions across a few different issues, and it may be that not all of them fall within your purview, so please tell me where I can ask them if it's not you good folk. Can I start off just quickly with a question on the women's budget impact statement that Senator Moore and I have been asking about for many, many years. It was scrapped in 2014, from memory, by then Prime Minister Tony Abbott. Has there been any moves to restore that?</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> In terms of the gender responsive budgeting or budget impact statement, there has not been any move to reinstate that.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Is that an issue that the Office for Women has been pushing to reinstate?</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> It's one of the things that we look at—what other governments are</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 85

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						<p>doing, to understand how they're doing it, to understand the impact. But at this stage, certainly, it's not our role to push for that.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Could you perhaps provide on notice the results of your investigations into what other governments are doing? I'd find that very interesting.</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> Certainly.</p>	
34.	34.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Leyonhjelm	Gender Equality	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator LEYONHJELM:</b> If gender equality were achieved by those methods, would your office be wound down, do you think?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> That is a matter for government. That is a matter for government, not for Ms Bergin.</p> <p><b>Senator LEYONHJELM:</b> Yes, I guess that's probably true. What proportion of your staff in the office are men?</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> At the moment, approximately 25 per cent in our office are men.</p> <p><b>Senator LEYONHJELM:</b> What proportion are Indigenous?</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> I believe one person has just moved out. I would have to take that on notice. I'm sure we have one.</p> <p><b>Senator LEYONHJELM:</b> Of Asian descent?</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> Again, I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 89
35.	35.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Waters	Menstrual hygiene products in Indigenous communities	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> I have a question on Indigenous issues. I understand that, through the Indigenous Affairs minister, PM&amp;C are looking into a shortage of menstrual hygiene products in regional and remote communities. I'm interested in what form that investigation is taking. What's your role in that? Is there a report? Are there any steps being taken to ensure greater supply? Are you working with a group called Share the Dignity? Will you look at supporting similar programs to be rolled out in Indigenous communities in an culturally appropriate way?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> Given the number of questions, Senator Waters, the officers might take those on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 90
36.	36.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Waters	1800Respect	Office for Women	<p><b>Ms Hatfield Dodds:</b> I will make one small correction to the record. Senator Waters, we said that all counsellors for 1800RESPECT are trauma trained. I will correct that. The first response and online counsellors are all experienced and qualified counsellors, with three-year tertiary counselling qualifications in a related field and a minimum of two years full-time counselling experience. They answer the online or telephony contacts straightaway and, if required, they escalate those contacts to trauma specialist counsellors who have a three-year tertiary qualification in a related field and three years minimum specialist trauma-</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 90

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						counselling experience. <b>Senator WATERS:</b> Could you take on notice the number of those specifically trained trauma counsellors. <b>Ms Hatfield Dodds:</b> I will take that on notice.	
37.	37.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Briefing to the Prime Minister - Relocation of Australia's embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem - Briefing	International Division	<b>Senator WONG:</b> Mr Hayhurst, you were going to, I think, use the break to get me a timeline or the dates of briefs and so forth. <b>Mr Hayhurst:</b> I've done that, and I can advise the committee that we provided a briefing in relation to these matters on 27 August and then again on 20 September, 25 September and 10 October. Those last three were all requested by the Prime Minister's office. <b>Senator WONG:</b> Were they PM&C briefs but with consultation with DFAT et cetera? Can you tell me who was engaged in the preparation of those? <b>Mr Hayhurst:</b> They were briefs prepared by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, but on those matters, as is common, we consulted the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. <b>Senator WONG:</b> Home Affairs? <b>Mr Hayhurst:</b> Not to my knowledge, but I'd have to check.	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 90
38.	38.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Relocation of Australia's embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem - Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	<b>Senator WONG:</b> Cabinet meets on Monday night; Mr Hayhurst was called on Monday morning. So can I take that—together with your answer, which avoids the question, Senator Cormann— <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I disagree. <b>Senator WONG:</b> I'm inviting you to tell me if this is incorrect, but I'm putting it to you that it is clear that this decision did not go to the cabinet? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> The government made a decision using the processes that were used during your period in government. There is obviously a range of processes from time to time. <b>Senator WONG:</b> What are they? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take on notice the specific process steps—	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 91
39.	39.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Bipartisan Foreign Policy	Prime Minister's Office	<b>Senator WONG:</b> What is the appropriate process for a decision to overturn decades of bipartisan foreign policy? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> That is your characterisation. All the government— <b>Senator WONG:</b> I'll withdraw that. I'm actually interested in the answer here: what do you say is the appropriate process in relation to changing the government's position, Australia's position, on the location of our embassy?	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 91

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						<p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> The Prime Minister, as is appropriate, consulted, of course, relevant ministers; he consulted the leadership group; he consulted the cabinet in relation to a review process.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So when were the leadership group consulted?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You were part of it?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes, but—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Was it Monday morning?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I take that on notice.</p>	
40.	40.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Bipartisan Foreign Policy - Process	Prime Minister's Office	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Well, what is the process?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I've indicated to you that I have taken the specific process steps on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Senator Cormann, this has occupied a lot of political, community and media focus since Monday. I've given you the opportunity in the Senate to answer this question. Are you seriously saying you're rocking up to estimates, representing the Prime Minister the following Monday and you can't tell us what the decision-making process was?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I've indicated to you already several times now that the Prime Minister consulted relevant ministers, that the Prime Minister consulted the leadership group, that the Prime Minister consulted the cabinet and, obviously the announcement is not an announcement of a change in policy; it's an announcement of a process to review relevant policy positions, and that is something that governments can do from time to time.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So you are going to take on notice what the process was? You are going to take on notice—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> The specific dates of relevant process steps.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 92
41.	41.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Relocation of Australia's embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem – Minister for Foreign Affairs	Prime Minister's Office	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> When did the Prime Minister speak to the Minister for Foreign Affairs?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take on notice the precise time.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 92
42.	42.	Department of	Wong	Relocation of	Prime	<b>Senator WONG:</b> OK, so the Prime Minister took a proposal to the leadership	FPA Monday

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		the Prime Minister and Cabinet		Australia's embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem – Proposal	Minister's Office	group after consultation with relevant ministers. Was that proposal in writing? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'd have to take that on notice.	22 October 2018, page 92
43.	43.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Engagement with the President of Indonesia	Prime Minister's Office	<b>Senator WONG:</b> I apologise; I can't recall whether this was confirmed in the parliament or outside, but the Prime Minister had had a text exchange with the President of Indonesia—can you tell me, were you aware of that before it was reported publicly? <b>Mr Hayhurst:</b> Was I aware that the Prime Minister had contacted the President of Indonesia? <b>Senator WONG:</b> By text? <b>Mr Hayhurst:</b> I was aware, yes. <b>Senator WONG:</b> You were aware? <b>Mr Hayhurst:</b> I was. <b>Senator WONG:</b> Before it was made public? <b>Mr Hayhurst:</b> I'm not sure when it was made public actually so I don't know for sure, but I was aware of it. <b>Senator WONG:</b> Were you advised by the PMO of that fact? <b>Mr Hayhurst:</b> I would have to check and take that on notice. <b>Senator WONG:</b> The alternative being possibly DFAT? <b>Mr Hayhurst:</b> Yes. Possibly. <b>Senator WONG:</b> If you were aware of it, how did you become aware? <b>Mr Hayhurst:</b> I would like to check to be sure.	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 96
44.	44.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	WhatsApp Message Leak	Prime Minister's Office	<b>Senator WONG:</b> There were obviously some asserted ASIO assessments on the consequences of the move, which was reported by the media. All I really want to know is whether or not the Prime Minister sought the advice of national security agencies before announcing this—in relation to any risks—on 16 October? <b>Senator WONG:</b> The Prime Minister consulted with NSC ministers prior to the announcement, and I'll take on notice whether there were any further consultations beyond NSC ministers.	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 97
45.	45.	Department of the Prime Minister and	McAllister	WhatsApp Leak – Source of Advice	Prime Minister's Office	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Can I just ask a question? Sorry to interrupt your line of questioning, Senator Kitching. Minister Cormann, you said you could inform us that this leak did not come from the government. What is the basis of that	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page



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		Cabinet				information and that advice? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> That is the advice I've previously been provided with, but, if you want me to go back and review the source of that advice, I'm happy to do that on notice.	97
46.	46.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	WhatsApp Leak - Agencies	Prime Minister's Office	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> So you are taking on notice the source of that advice? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> This is obviously a matter that has not only just arisen. It is a matter that was in front of us when the Senate was last sitting and it was a matter that I expected to be questioned on in the context of Senate question time. My advice, to the best of my recollection, is that we did not believe that this information came from within government. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> From which agencies did you seek advice about this question? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I get briefed, as the Leader of the Government in the Senate, representing the Prime Minister, in the same way as previous holders of that office would have been briefed in previous governments. As I've already indicated, I'm going to go back and review the source of the advice. <b>Senator WONG:</b> It's reported publicly that those same messages, identical messages, were also sent to the current Prime Minister. Is that correct? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm not aware, but I can take that on notice. <b>Senator WONG:</b> It has also been reported that the same messages were sent to the former Prime Minister. <b>Senator Cormann:</b> Again, I'm not aware, but I'm happy to take that on notice.	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 98
47.	47.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Waters	Lobbying Register	Government Division	<b>Senator WATERS:</b> Thank you. I'll move on. How many complaints have been made against those on the lobbying register, presumably in relation to a breach of the code of conduct? <b>Ms Foster:</b> Do you have a period in mind? <b>Senator WATERS:</b> It depends on how many complaints there are. At all times would be useful—unless the list is longer than this room, in which case I could constrain the time frame—but I'm interested in since the lobbying register's inception. How many complaints have been made, and how many of those complaints have been upheld? <b>Ms Foster:</b> I'm not aware of any recent complaints. We're just seeing how far we can go back. <b>Senator WATERS:</b> Thank you.	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 99

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						<b>Ms Foster:</b> Again, we'll come back to you on that.	
48.	48.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Waters	Process for making complaints	Government Division	<p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Thanks very much. Can I ask about the process of making a complaint. How does that occur?</p> <p><b>Mr Reid:</b> Currently, the government division within the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet manages the lobbyist register. That responsibility will transfer to the Attorney-General's Department shortly, following an IT build within the Attorney-General's Department. But we have contact officers within Government Division who take queries in relation to the register, people on the register and off the register, on a daily basis.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Can you provide me on notice with as much detail of the complaints process and of the nature of those sorts of queries that are being made? Also can you elaborate on why that responsibility is being transferred? I couldn't hear you terribly well, to be honest.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 99
49.	49.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Waters	Lobbying Code of Conduct	Government Division	<p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Thank you for taking on notice my earlier question about the detail of the complaints process, and any substantive queries that have been raised. Given than you still have responsibility, technically, until it transfers over, can I ask: how many people have been penalised for a breach of the Lobbying Code of Conduct?</p> <p><b>Mr Reid:</b> Since 2011 there have been 11 allegations of noncompliance—</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Are they the ones listed in the ANAO report?</p> <p><b>Mr Reid:</b> That's right.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Can you give me any detail—sorry to interrupt. You go.</p> <p><b>Mr Reid:</b> which resulted in one lobbyist being removed from the register.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Can you provide me the information of those 11 allegations?</p> <p><b>Mr Reid:</b> I don't have that to hand.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> If you could take that on notice, that would be very helpful. The ANAO report doesn't detail the nature of those 11, and I would be very interested to learn more about that. Can I just ask you to clarify what regulation applies to the conduct of an in-house lobbyist in a meeting with a minister?</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 100
50.	50.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Waters	Special Envoys	Government Division	<p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Alright. I will potentially do that. Can you reflect on historically whether those positions have been entitled to additional resources? My information is that Philip Ruddock was only made a special envoy for human rights in 2016 and reportedly spent over \$200,000 on travel between February and May. That is obviously quite a significant amount. He also said that he was being paid</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 102

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						for the job but only after he had left parliament, but that he had been entitled to be paid beforehand. Is that correct? Are the same arrangements in place here for Mr Abbott and Mr Joyce? <b>Ms Foster:</b> We will have to take the exact details of Mr Ruddock's additional resources on notice.	
51.	51.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Waters	Special Envoys - Payments	Government Division	<b>Senator WATERS:</b> Can I just clarify whether Mr Joyce and Mr Abbott were offered the opportunity to receive payment for their work as special envoys? <b>Ms Foster:</b> I don't believe there was any discussion of payment, Senator. I am not aware of any discussion of payment is perhaps a better way to put it. <b>Senator WATERS:</b> Does that mean they are, in fact, receiving additional payment or not? <b>Ms Foster:</b> No, they are not. <b>Senator WATERS:</b> So I presume that consideration was given to the Lambie decision about executive hiring and firing, as it pertains to section 44. Was advice sought on that topic? <b>Ms Foster:</b> Not to us. I am not aware of advice being sought on the issue of payment. I am simply aware they are not being paid additional. <b>Senator WATERS:</b> Given that they are receiving those other resources, albeit non-salary resources, was advice sought on whether that would infringe section 44 office of profit at all, given the Lambie decision? <b>Ms Foster:</b> Not that I am aware of, Senator, but I would like to check that.	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 102
52.	52.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Former Prime Minister Turnbull – Travel Entitlements	Government Division	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> So notwithstanding the fact that in the immediate short term there are a number of things that former Prime Minister Turnbull intends to do which are on behalf of the government, the entitlement is not limited to those things in any way. <b>Ms Foster:</b> I guess the limitation is that it needs to be approved by the Prime Minister. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> In the explanatory statement, it reads: 'This amendment determination results from consultations between the Prime Minister and Mr Turnbull about Mr Turnbull's capacity to travel overseas on government business.' How did that consultation take place? What was the nature of the consultation? <b>Ms Foster:</b> I will ask Mr Reid to help me if he has more detail, but my memory is that—I am not sure that I know that it was more than consultation with Mr Turnbull before the determination was settled.	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 103

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						<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> You're not sure whether it was—</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I was going to say that I believe it was a conversation, then I stopped myself, because I actually don't know. What I know is that there was consultation. I don't know the form of it.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Mr Reid, do you know the form of the consultation—a telephone call, an email, WhatsApp?</p> <p><b>Mr Reid:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Were there any formal letters exchanged between the current Prime Minister and the former Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> On this issue, not that we are aware of.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Will you take on notice the nature of the consultation or the form of the consultation?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Yes, we will.</p>	
53.	53.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Former Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull – Travel Entitlements	Government Division	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Did the Prime Minister obtain any advice from PM&amp;C about the proposal to grant Mr Turnbull international travel entitlements?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I would like to take it on notice. We were obviously providing a lot of administrative support at that time. I don't recall that precisely, but I'd prefer to take it on notice and check.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 104
54.	54.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Former Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull, – Travel Entitlements Formal briefing	Industry, Infrastructure, Environment	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Was a formal brief provided?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Again, I'll have to check.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Could you please provide a copy of any briefs to the Prime Minister on the decision to grant Mr Turnbull an international travel entitlement?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Again, we'll take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 105
55.	55.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Overseas Travel Provision for former Prime Ministers	Government Division	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Minister, the challenge with the argument you are making is that no similar provision exists for any former Prime Minister in the documentation that's been provided.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> If we're wrong, you should tell us, because we've looked at the schedules for the determination, and it is clear that there is not an analogous entitlement for any other former Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> My advice is that there's always been a provision for overseas travel by former prime ministers.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, pages 105-106

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						<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> That is not an answer; that is non-responsive. There is not an analogous entitlement.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Well, all I can say to you is—and I'm happy to take on notice whether there's anything else we can provide to you—there's always been a provision for overseas travel by former prime ministers. It is standard practice for international travel work. It is not uncommon for former prime ministers to travel overseas on government business, and what happened here is formalising a pre-existing informal arrangement.</p>	
56.	56.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Former Prime Minister the Hon Malcolm Turnbull – Representing Australia	Industry, Infrastructure and Environment Division	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Can I get the time line straight now, because this is more information again. Dr Parkinson provides advice to Mr Morrison and Mr Morrison then acts on that advice in his discussions with the President of Indonesia. He returns to Australia, having come to an agreement with the President of Indonesia about how things are going to proceed. Does he then communicate about this to Mr Turnbull?</p> <p><b>Mr Sterland:</b> I'll take on notice the precise order. But I understand there was some informal communication and then there was a formal letter later in September, formalising the invitation.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 108
57.	57.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Former Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull, – Representing Australia	Industry, Infrastructure and Environment Division	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Before the event, and it was before the parliamentary business resource determination, which was made on 27 September?</p> <p><b>Mr Sterland:</b> My advice is that the Prime Minister wrote to the former Prime Minister on 20 September.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> In relation to the invitation?</p> <p><b>Mr Sterland:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Did that letter go to the resource determination?</p> <p><b>Mr Sterland:</b> Let's check the records to get that precisely.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> May a copy of that correspondence please be provided?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> We will take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 108
58.	58.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Former Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull, – Representing Australia	Government Division	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I'm keen to establish the distinction between the advice in relation to the invitation and the advice in relation to the determination. Was advice provided to Prime Minister Morrison about the parliamentary business resource determination 2017?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Senator, to the extent that we prepared that determination for Prime Minister Morrison, that was in effect advice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> That was the advice?</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 108

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						<p><b>Ms Foster:</b> That this was an appropriate way to do it. It was, in fact, also Dr Parkinson's advice to the Prime Minister that it was appropriate for him to make provision for him to fund this travel.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I see. And did Dr Parkinson give any consideration to whether or not the provisioning ought to be ongoing, uncapped and unlimited, or whether it should be specifically for the purpose of the specific invitation that had been offered to Mr Turnbull? Did he contemplate those two options?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I'll have to take that on notice. The determination was prepared to accommodate those two specific conferences that we knew about and any other requirements that might arise from time to time.</p>	
59.	59.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Working with Children Checks	Social Policy Division	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Have the same sorts of discussions been ongoing with A-G's around the working-with-children checks?</p> <p><b>Ms Baxter:</b> They are ongoing discussions in the sense that we stay abreast of where the royal commission recommendations are up to, particularly the major recommendations, but not a discussion about the homing of the working-with-children checks—about where they should sit. It's more about progress.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> So there has been no discussion about where they sit—</p> <p><b>Ms Baxter:</b> Not that I'm aware of. To the best of my knowledge, there have been no discussions.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Could you take on notice to confirm that?</p> <p><b>Ms Baxter:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 111
60.	60.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Statement of Ministerial Standards – the Hon Stuart Robert MP	Prime Minister's Office	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I'm going to move on to Centaur Resources. This is another of Mr Robert's personal investments. There was an article in <i>The Australian</i> by Michael McKenna—I do have the article here. In that, he says that Mr Robert was the second largest investor in a company called Centaur Resources, which touts itself as a 'future low-cost producer of lithium' from several projects in South America. It was founded by self-styled resources entrepreneur Aaron Revelle. Mr Revelle was then known as Aaron Thomas but changed his name this year after "falling out with my family".</p> <p>Mr Revelle made headlines in 2014 after being accused by fellow shareholders in British-based Oakmont Resources—which he founded after raising \$US70m—of using company funds as a "personal piggy bank".</p> <p>A lawsuit claimed—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Sorry, what is the question?</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 114

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						<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Just let me finish, and I'll give you a question:  A lawsuit claimed Mr Revelle spent the money on a jet-set lifestyle, including \$US2.8m buying and selling luxury cars, \$US125,000 for watches, \$US171,000 for a Tiffany engagement ring and \$US14,500 a month for a luxury New York apartment.</p> <p>Is the Prime Minister aware that Mr Robert has gone into business with Mr Revelle, previously known as Mr Thomas?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> In relation to all of these matters, as I've indicated to you before, the answer would be the same. I'm not personally aware of Mr Robert's private financial arrangements. But all ministers, including Mr Robert, have to make a declaration of their private interests to the Prime Minister, and the process is managed appropriately from there, with advice provided by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Prime Minister in relation to how to deal with any issues, if any. In terms of any of these sorts of specific matters that you may wish to raise, I'll take these questions on notice to ensure that the answers that you are provided with are entirely accurate.</p>	
61.	61.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching / Wong	Statement of Ministerial Standards – the Hon Stuart Robert MP	Prime Minister's Office	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Given Mr Robert's high internet usage, was any of that internet usage also used to make these investments?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm not aware.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I'm going to table those documents—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> As I said to you, I'm not aware of Mr Robert's personal financial arrangements and I'm not aware what the internet usage was for.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Is the Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> You're here representing the Prime Minister. You don't get to throw your hands up in the air.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> As I said to you, I personally don't know. If that is a question then I take it on notice. I personally don't know, so I can't tell you what the personal state of mind of the Prime Minister is in relation to—</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Not his state of mind, his the state of knowledge.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm not aware of his state of knowledge in relation to this matter, so I take it on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 116
62.	62.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Wong	Statement of Ministerial Standards – the	Prime Minister's Office	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. Can you provide us with this assurance tonight: is it the Prime Minister's view that Mr Robert is fully compliant with the Prime Minister's ministerial statement of standards?</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page

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		Cabinet		Hon Stuart Robert MP		<p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> All ministers are required to comply and I believe that either he is fully compliant already or he is in the process of making sure that he acts on the advice that's been identified in the context of his declaration of private interest. But I will get to the specifics of that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> If it's the second option, when does he become compliant?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> That is now speculation.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No—whoa! I am actually putting back to you your own answer. You gave a double-barrelled answer. You said that he's either compliant or is in the process of becoming compliant. I'm saying that if it's the latter—your answer; not my question, your answer—when does he become compliant?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I can't. Obviously, I've taken these questions on notice. What I'm saying to you—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sure, you can take that on notice too—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> But if I may—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Well, just take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Well, you've asked a provocative question.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Just take it on notice then!</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> No, I'm not going to let this stand—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You gave the answer, Mathias, you gave a double-barrelled answer.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Please—hang on! You're forgetting—</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> You can't complain that the minister takes too long to answer when you're not allowing him to—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> You're forgetting about the context of what I previously said. You're desperate to make sure that the context is forgotten.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No, I'm definitely not desperate while in this conversation!</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> There is very important context. You're desperate to make sure that I can't get this out!</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I'm definitely not the desperate one in this conversation!</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Order! No reflection on the—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> It's very clear: what I've indicated, and what you tried to get me not to repeat, is that, clearly, when a minister becomes a minister they do not always come into the position with absolutely no private affairs that may need to be regularised in the context of the Statement of Ministerial Standards. Of course, ministers, on becoming ministers, may have investments that need to be divested or</p>	117



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						<p>dealt with. That is the same for governments of both political persuasions. It's not unusual for there to be a transitional period within which ministers need to ensure that all of their private arrangements are entirely consistent with the requirements of the Statement of Ministerial Standards. That is the point that I made and which you tried to prevent me from remaking. That is the context in which I said he is either fully compliant or in the process, as appropriate, to be compliant as soon as possible.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay, now you've repeated it. On notice, if the answer is the second answer you gave, I would like to know the date upon which he became compliant.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you.</p>	
63.	63.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Statement of Ministerial Standards	Government Division	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Riddle me this: let's say a minister has breached the ministerial standards. What's the penalty.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> The ultimate sanction is that you lose your job.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Has that ever happened in the Abbott-Turnbull-Morrison ministries?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> We have gone through this many times before.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Has anyone been sacked?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Ministers are required to comply with the Statement of Ministerial Statements.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Have any ministers in the Abbott-Turnbull-Morrison ministries previously been sacked for failing to manage conflicts between their private interests and their official responsibilities.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I think it's a matter of public record which ministers in the governments of both political persuasions have left the ministry in the past.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Who is that? Who is it?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take it on notice if you want me to go through historical lists.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 118
64.	64.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Statement of Ministerial Standards – the Hon Peter Dutton MP	Cabinet	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Just quickly, Senator Cormann, on Mr Dutton's childcare: does this match your recollections—has Mr Dutton always recused himself from cabinet discussions about childcare?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I don't talk about cabinet deliberations.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Thank you.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 119

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						<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Come on!</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Well—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Has the Statement of Minister Standards—it's reasonable for Australians to know if ministers have had to excuse themselves from decisions. It's not going to the content of cabinet deliberations. Are you really saying: 'We have a statement of standards, but we're not going to tell you whether or not we actually implement them?'</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> No; that wasn't the question asked. All ministers are required to comply with the Statement of Ministerial Standards, and Mr Dutton has made very clear that he has at all times complied with the Statement of Ministerial Standards.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> So he's recused—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm not going to go into the deliberations of cabinet.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> In <i>The Saturday Paper</i> on 8 September, it says:  ... ministers have said Dutton did not offer to step out when child-care policy was being discussed.</p> <p>It continues:  Separate cabinet sources say this happened on "several" occasions when cabinet discussed changes to the way child-care funding was to be distributed to eligible centres.</p> <p>So, is that correct according to the cabinet secretariat's records?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm not going to comment on anonymous reports. All I can say again is that all ministers are required to declare their private interests as all of us—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Transparent government—open and honest government.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I can't remember your government disclosing cabinet deliberations.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Come on: I think it's reasonable for people to know how a conflict is being managed.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> But I've already indicated to you that Minister Dutton—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Has no conflict?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> has made very clear that he has complied with the Statement of Ministerial Standards at all times.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> But you're not prepared to tell us—and the advice was</p>	

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						<p>provided—whether or not he recused himself from the decision?  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm not prepared to go into detail of cabinet deliberations.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> That is a very—  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take it on notice and see whether I can add any feedback.</p>	
65.	65.	Office of National Assessments	Wong	Appointment of Deputy Director General, Office of National Intelligence	Office of National Assessments	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I'll come back to that another time. It has been reported that Mr Shearer was appointed to ONI as the Deputy Director-General. It is obviously a very senior appointment. Can you outline the process by which he was appointed?  <b>Mr Warner:</b> There are two deputy directors in ONA who will transition to ONI. Paul Taloni, who you will remember came across from—  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Defence.  <b>Mr Warner:</b> Defence, and Andrew Shearer. Andrew is there at the moment on a non-ongoing contract—a contract I signed.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> And the process by which he was appointed?  <b>Mr Warner:</b> I appointed him.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Was there any merit based selection process or competitive process for that?  <b>Mr Warner:</b> Remember, it's a non-ongoing contract; this is not a permanent appointment. I went through a selection process for both the deputy director jobs some time ago, earlier this year. Through that process, Paul Taloni was appointed. Through that process I did not appoint anyone permanently to the assessment deputy position. As I said, on a non-ongoing contract I have appointed Andrew for the moment.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> That's not a competitive process, though. You just picked him.  <b>Mr Warner:</b> There had been a competitive process, but it didn't lead to an appointment.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes, for the other position. When does the non-ongoing contract expire, approximately?  <b>Mr Warner:</b> I'll probably have to take that on notice. There is a time limit. I can't remember what it is.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 122
66.	66.	Office of National Assessments	Patrick	Lounge membership	Office of National Assessments	<p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> Okay. We'll go to something a little bit simpler. In 2016-17, three members of ONA had membership of just one lounge. I've asked, basically, across government who has membership of the Chairman's Lounge and The Club. I have no issue with the membership at all, but it's a way in which I can get to how lounges might be influencing travel. You've got three officers who have only</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 124

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						<p>membership of the Qantas Chairman's Lounge. The ticketing shows that one of them has 10 flights with Qantas and two with Virgin; one has five with Qantas and zero with Virgin; and another has six with Qantas and two with Virgin, which seems outside the average across government. I'm wondering if you could explain whether or not you think that the lounge membership may influence the travel? I say that because, in general, Qantas is a much more expensive way to fly.</p> <p><b>Mr Warner:</b> I wasn't in ONA then, so I'm not even sure who these individuals were or whether they're still there, let alone the reasons for this. Again—unless, Lee, you have some detail—we'll take that on notice</p>	
67.	67.	Digital Transformation Agency	Kitching	Position of the CEO	Digital Transformation Agency	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Why is Mr Slater no longer the CEO? What happened?</p> <p><b>Mr Brugeaud:</b> I don't know the detail. I was clearly told that Mr Slater was departing the DTA CEO role. I wasn't given the detail on the reasons.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Does anyone at the table know? Senator Seselja?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> I don't have anything particular to add.</p> <p><b>Senator BERNARDI:</b> Do you know?</p> <p><b>Mr Brugeaud:</b> I simply don't have that detail.</p> <p><b>Senator BERNARDI:</b> Minister, you don't know if the CEO resigned?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator BERNARDI:</b> You don't know?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> No, I don't know.</p> <p><b>Senator BERNARDI:</b> Extraordinary.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> You'll come back to us, though, with the reasons?</p> <p><b>Mr Brugeaud:</b> Yes, we've taken it on notice.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 October 2018, page 4
68.	68.	Digital Transformation Agency	Kitching	Contractor resources	Digital Transformation Agency	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> ... .. Just back on the 200 contractors: what percentage of them did you offer a rolling over of a contract and who accepted?</p> <p><b>Mr Brugeaud:</b> I'll hand over to Mr de Wet to provide a bit more detail on the breakdown of the separations.</p> <p><b>Mr de Wet:</b> On the original part of your question around the reporting of 18 per cent in the annual report, the measurement of attrition is traditionally—I will stand corrected by my chief human resources officer—such that you measure your attrition rate against your ongoing employee base. The ongoing employees' rate was 18 per cent, hence it was reported as such in the annual report.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> You're making a distinction between contractors and permanent staff? Is that it?</p>	FPA 23 October 2018, page 5-6

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						<p><b>Mr de Wet:</b> In terms of the reporting of attrition, as required in the annual report, we have used the standard method that's adopted to measure that, which is for ongoing staff. That is 18 per cent. To your question around contractors, I would need to take on notice the number that were potentially re-offered. Just to qualify that, the way that we manage our labour for hire or contractor recruitment is such that we will provide contracts where there's a business need to do so for up to 12 months, at which point the market is re-tested. New players can apply and incumbents can apply, so we can determine value for money at that point again. It's not that I was a contractor who was engaged, my 12 months lapsed, and it was just given to me again. We actually test the market through that process. So, to the quantum of the number of contracts that were subsequently offered and incumbents took those up or were successful, I would need to take that on notice.</p>	
69.	69.	Digital Transformation Agency	Kitching	Exit Interviews	Digital Transformation Agency	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Do you have a diversity policy?</p> <p><b>Mr Brugeaud:</b> I'll hand over to Mr de Wet to talk about diversity and the policy surrounding that.</p> <p><b>Mr de Wet:</b> I will just look to my chief human resources officer to confirm at the moment, but my understanding is that we have a diversity policy in development. Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> When do you expect that to be fully developed?</p> <p><b>Mr de Wet:</b> By the end of calendar 2018. So by the end of December.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Is that officer able to come to the table? What is the policy looking like?</p> <p><b>Ms Cantle:</b> We're in the process of developing our diversity and inclusion strategy. It's in its early inception. We have undertaken consultation with staff across the agency. It's not in a particular form at the moment. We're gathering the information to develop the framework.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Are you talking to current and also former staff to get a feeling for how they view the organisation and how they may view a diversity and inclusion policy?</p> <p><b>Ms Cantle:</b> We're engaging with current staff. We're not engaging directly, at this point, with former staff.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Did they all do exit interviews?</p> <p><b>Ms Cantle:</b> Some do exit interviews.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> What percentage?</p> <p><b>Ms Cantle:</b> I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 October 2018, page 7

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70.	70.	Digital Transformation Agency	Kitching	Staffing	Digital Transformation Agency	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Have you got a policy around retention or improving the retention?</p> <p><b>Mr Brugeaud:</b> I'll hand over to Ms Cantle.</p> <p><b>Ms Cantle:</b> We're still in the process of developing a number of policies. Retention forms part of our strategy around talent management, recruitment, capability development and the ongoing uplift of skills of our staff. The retention policy will flow out of those.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> You're going to take on notice the total cost of recruiting new staff in 2017-18. What's the average cost for recruiting for a new position at the DTA? The 2017-18 annual report said there were 15 non-ongoing staff. Is that correct? I think that's at odds with what we've just been discussing.</p> <p><b>Ms Cantle:</b> I can clarify that that's non-ongoing APS staff, so it doesn't include contractors.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> What happens to those? Are they from other departments?</p> <p><b>Mr Brugeaud:</b> Non-ongoing staff are engaged on a fixed term. In some cases, we provide opportunities for those people to take or apply for roles permanently. In other cases, we cease them at the conclusion of their term.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> What percentage of them are women?</p> <p><b>Mr Brugeaud:</b> We would need to, I think, take that on notice.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 October 2018, page 8
71.	71.	Digital Transformation Agency	McAllister	Improved return on investment for Government on digital platforms	Digital Transformation Agency	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I think my concern is—perhaps it was an overly ambitious set of plans and success measures, but it just strikes me that the organisation is not delivering against what was set out in the plan, based on what's in the paper. Perhaps I can take you to success measure 2.2, which is 'improved return on investment for government from digital platforms'. There's a qualitative statement that several platforms are already providing an improved return on investment, but there's no data to support that. What platforms are providing an improved return on investment, and what is the nature of that improvement?</p> <p><b>Mr Alexander:</b> The platforms that we have at the moment that are delivering are cloud.gov.au, which is a cloud-hosting platform where agencies are hosting services. That has reduced costs to agencies for procuring and establishing their own platforms and building that capability. We have a Google Analytics platform, and it has a tangible measure. We think we've saved about \$1.3 million in agencies' spend on analytics and research on their internet-facing services and their websites where we're sharing that platform. We have data.gov.au as an example, where we're hosting the agency datasets. It's for open government access, for people to</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 October 2018, page 10

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						<p>take and use those datasets, rather than each agency hosting their datasets on their own platforms. And there is NationalMap, which is a geospatial location service. In a similar way to data.gov.au, it holds a bunch of geospatial resources and presentation loads.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> What is the investment in things which have actually been developed by someone else?</p> <p><b>Mr Alexander:</b> In fact, all those services I've mentioned are actually invested in and run by the DTA. We're running each of those platforms, and whole of government and agencies are using those. I'd have to take on notice our investment in each of those and come back to you with what the expenditure and investment has been.</p>	
72.	72.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	Gender Pay Gap - transparency	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> One of the core issues was around transparency. You will remember, Ms Lyons—it wasn't you at the time but it's on the public record—that at the Senate inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015, WGEA stated:</p> <p>Pay transparency can make inequality more noticeable and therefore easier for management to correct.</p> <p>And research into a US company:</p> <p>... suggests that the introduction of accountability and transparency into the company's reward system was linked to a decline in the gender pay gap.</p> <p>That is on the public record, with some of the research that was being done at the time. Has there been any further research into transparency? We talked before about transparency within an agency, but, more clearly, if company A has some result and company B has another result, having that made public so that people can see exactly what the difference is.</p> <p><b>Ms Lyons:</b> There is research, and there's been further research, suggesting that transparency around various aspects of pay, including base salary, performance pay bonuses and things like that can improve workplace trust. It can create greater employer accountability, particularly over pay and promotion decisions. That, we could say, reduces the likelihood of conscious and unconscious discrimination when it comes to those things. So there is some research out there and we can take on notice to get it to you.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 October 2018, page 17
73.	73.	Workplace Gender	Waters	Rates of compliance -	Workplace Gender	<p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> ... .. Can we move to the minimum standard. That's basically the policies and procedures that employers with over 500 employees have to</p>	FPA Tuesday 23

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		Equality Agency		Minimum Standard	Equality Agency	demonstrate that they have in place. Can you talk a little bit about the rates of compliance with those minimum standards. Have you seen them increase as a result of the reporting? Do you know how good and decent those policies are? Do you do a quality check as well as a quantity check? Just tell us a little bit more about those minimum standards and compliance with them. <b>Ms Lyons:</b> I don't have that information to hand today. Could I take that on notice and get back to you with that. <b>Senator WATERS:</b> Sure. That would be fine.	October 2018, page 19
74.	74.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Waters	Compliance Reporting	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<b>Senator WATERS:</b> ... Are you able to explain to us the rationale for the difference between companies that have to report and companies that then have to demonstrate that they've got policies and procedures? Obviously, it's companies with 100 or more employees that have to do the reporting. Then, in terms of showing that they've got compliance with the minimum standards, my recollection is that's only for companies with more than 500 employees. What was the original rationale for that distinction, and does that serve any purpose? Would it actually be more effective at closing the pay gap if— <b>Ms Lyons:</b> Again, I'll have to take that on notice because that was put in place prior to my time. <b>Senator WATERS:</b> Yes, it was a long time ago. I understand it was at the inception? <b>Ms Lyons:</b> Let me take that one on notice and I'll get back to you on that.	FPA Tuesday 23 October 2018, page 19
75.	75.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Waters	Gender equality analysis – 'action gap'	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<b>Senator WATERS:</b> Could you just remind me what proportion of employers in Australia meet your threshold of 100? Is it roughly half the workforce that's covered by your reporting requirements? <b>Ms Lyons:</b> Just over 40 per cent of employees are covered under our— <b>Senator WATERS:</b> So we've got a good 60 per cent that perhaps could benefit from having their employers do that. Just on that theme, and I know I don't have much time left, can you tell us about the business reaction to these reporting requirements and whether or not, now that we're a few years in, there's actually a level of satisfaction and comfort which might go to the hope to extend those out, and the receptiveness for that in the business community? <b>Ms Lyons:</b> I'll go back to the fact that roughly 99 per cent of all organisations that are required to report to us do so. I think that very high compliance rate is indicative of the fact that, firstly, people understand they have to comply with the	FPA Tuesday 23 October 2018, page 20



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						<p>law. But what I am seeing—and I have spent a lot of time with CEOs and senior members of organisations—is that they are starting to see, and are far more encouraged by, the data they're seeing coming out of the agency and the evidence that is being produced that allows them to make positive change in their organisations. There is far greater acceptance of what we are doing and what we have done.</p> <p>We have been able to reduce the burden of reporting for employers to a certain extent by changing the way we ask questions and the information that's presented in the reporting system. So we're certainly seeing a great deal more positive feedback about reporting and the results of reporting from employers.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> That's good news. Obviously, I've had a bit of a break from the role; can you just get me up to speed on the sorts of trends that we've seen in the last 18 months?</p> <p><b>Ms Lyons:</b> We're seeing a number of improvements. I think we're seeing most of the gender equality indicators move in the right direction, except for the percentage of women on boards, which, as I said in my opening statement, has remained static at about 25 per cent for the last four years. Other than that, we're seeing the gender pay gap decline—slowly, but it is declining. We're seeing that in specific industry areas, like the financial and insurance services industries. They've always had the highest pay gap and that remains for this year—</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Sorry, always had the highest—</p> <p><b>Ms Lyons:</b> The highest pay gap of all industries, but that is declining. So we're seeing improvements in most of the gender equality indicators except that one that I talked about, about women on boards. The thing that has been identified by the research that's been done by other bodies using our data is that we are seeing what we call an 'action gap'. Whilst we may see 70 per cent of organisations with a policy and strategy in place to support gender equality, we need to ensure that organisations are actually setting KPIs for their employers to meet targets. So we need to see actual actions from employers. We are seeing that there is something of an action gap which is what, of course, we're addressing with the data that we have.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Okay. Could you take on notice to provide me with a bit more information about how WGEA could assist in advising employers on how to fix that action gap—</p> <p><b>Ms Lyons:</b> Certainly.</p>	
76.	76.	Workplace	Moore	International	Workplace	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> Do you have any indication about what the international	FPA

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		Gender Equality Agency		gender reporting schemes	Gender Equality Agency	evidence says about the impact of public pay reporting on gender pay gaps? <b>Ms Lyons:</b> We could look into that and get that to you. Again, I have put on the public record that we are watching the UK with interest.	Tuesday 23 October 2018, page 22
77.	77.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	International gender reporting schemes	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> Also, in terms of the other international areas, and in one of your reports—I think it's one on the internet now—the research paper <i>International gender reporting schemes</i> lists Belgium and Austria as the two countries that have been the most successful in narrowing their gender pay gaps. Do those countries require public reporting of gender pay gaps? <b>Ms Lyons:</b> In Belgium, certainly. Austria, I don't think so. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> I'd like you to take that on notice, if you wouldn't mind. <b>Ms Lyons:</b> Yes.	FPA Tuesday 23 October 2018, page 22
78.	78.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	Transparency	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> That whole area of transparency is one in which we're interested in doing some more work. Minister, to put on record the government's position, can you confirm for us that the government's position on measures to close the gender pay gap is to prohibit the use of pay secrecy clauses? Is that something about which you are aware or will you have to take that on notice? <b>Senator Seselja:</b> I'd have to take that on notice.	FPA Tuesday 23 October 2018, page 22
79.	79.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	Transparency	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> And in terms of the process around the government looking at the issues of transparency, are you aware of any government consideration of those issues around transparency of reporting and indication to the wider public about what's happening? <b>Senator Seselja:</b> Again, I'll take that on notice and get back to you.	FPA Tuesday 23 October 2018, page 22
80.	80.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	2016-17 dataset	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> One of the things that was recommended—this will be the last question, Chair—last year was that equity partners be included in the analysis, and I know that's been in discussion for a while. Has any action been taken specifically on that observation? <b>Ms Lyons:</b> Certainly, there has been quite a lot of work that we've been doing with particular industry bodies around that. I will provide you, if that's okay, with a fuller answer on notice. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> Of course. Thank you very much.	FPA Tuesday 23 October 2018, page 23
81.	81.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Paterson	Menzies Research Centre report	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<b>CHAIR:</b> Just one quick final question from me which I imagine you might need to take on notice, Ms Lyons: were you familiar with a report released last month by the Menzies Research Centre into the gender pay gap in the union movement?	FPA Tuesday 23 October

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		Agency			Agency	<p><b>Ms Lyons:</b> No—that would have come out when I was on leave.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I'd be interested if you could have a look at it and come back to me. It analysed the publicly available data on pay for leadership positions in the union movement and showed that women held less than a third of the top ranking positions and that, on average, they were paid \$36,000 less than their male counterparts. I'd be interested if you think that there are any systemic issues there that might be causing that.</p> <p><b>Ms Lyons:</b> Okay.</p>	2018, page 23
82.	82.	Australian National Audit Office	Waters	Lobbyist Code of Conduct – allegations of non-compliance	Australian National Audit Office	<p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Are you able to tell me in more detail about the incidence of 11 allegations of noncompliance with the Lobbyist Code of Conduct?</p> <p><b>Mr Hehir:</b> I'm sorry, I haven't—</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> It's a very detailed question, I'm sorry. I'm happy for you to take that on notice, given that there are a lot of senators with questions for you.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 October 2018, page 23
83.	83.	Australian National Audit Office	McAllister	Section 37 certificates	Australian National Audit Office	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I would invite you to reconsider the answer that you gave Senator Patrick about naming the agencies which have formally documented their interest in pursuing these certificates. I think it is in the parliament's interest that we understand which parts of the executive are seeking to avail themselves of this mechanism because it goes to the effectiveness of your organisation in supporting the parliament to do its job.</p> <p><b>Mr Hehir:</b> As I said, my preference is not to do that because I think it could go the reverse way and make it difficult for me to interact with the agencies.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I think the agencies are already signalling that they're going to make it difficult to interact with you by virtue of their correspondence to you.</p> <p><b>Mr Hehir:</b> These things happen in different processes, at different levels through the organisation, and I'd prefer to deal with it in that way. From the parliament's perspective, I actually think it's better for me to deal with these issues directly with the JCPAA, which is my oversight committee, rather than through this process.</p> <p><b>Senator DEAN SMITH:</b> This is a committee of the Senate as well.</p> <p><b>Mr Hehir:</b> I understand. Why I'm saying that is that what I'd prefer to do is work through this a little bit longer with entities and then come back, maybe, to the JCPAA and talk to them about it at that stage.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Perhaps we can do it this way, Mr Hehir. Perhaps you can take this on notice and give some thought to your obligations to the parliament.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 October 2018, page 29

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						<p>I am making a request to you about whether you will consider releasing this documentation. I'm happy for you to reflect upon it and to provide us an answer about what you consider is in the interests of your auditing function.</p> <p><b>Mr Hehir:</b> I will do that. As I said a number of times, I see my obligation to the parliament as the key thing that I'm about as an organisation, so I find I'm in a difficult situation in having these discussions with you. I will seriously consider it. I'll come back to you.</p>	
84.	84.	Aboriginal Hostels Limited	Paterson	Financial position	Aboriginal Hostels Limited	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Has revenue also increased?</p> <p><b>Mr Usher:</b> We have an appropriation, obviously, which reduces slightly every year. We have contracts that we bring in from state governments to run hostels for them. We also have a tariff, which did increase slightly.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> So what is the net effect on revenue from the previous financial year?</p> <p><b>Mr Usher:</b> Normally, I would turn to my CFO for that question, but she is not here today, so I might take that question on notice. But it is in the report. I can dig for it now.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> That's all right. I am just trying to get a picture.</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 5
85.	85.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Appointment of the Hon Tony Abbott MP	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> When did you find out that he was going to be appointed?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> To the best of my recollection, I had a call from the Prime Minister. We had a conversation about the role and what would be happening. That's when I found out. That's how I found out about it.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> But when? Was it before or after he announced the position?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Well, there were a couple of points. It was in the media that there was some sort of an offer to be made, I recall. Then it was in the media that Mr Abbott wasn't going to accept the role. I think it was around the time that I received that call, so there was some speculation. But I knew around about the time that it was in the media.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> So you—</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Perhaps Mr Exell has some exact details on that.</p> <p><b>Mr Exell:</b> I can help with some dates, Senator. On 26 August, the Prime Minister discussed the appointment of Barnaby Joyce as the special envoy for drought and indicated that he would work with Tony Abbott on a similar role.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> On 26 August, the Prime Minister spoke to those two?</p> <p><b>Mr Exell:</b> I'm not aware of when he spoke to those two individuals. I was referring to when—</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 16

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						<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> It was in the media?</p> <p><b>Mr Exell:</b> It was reported and it was in the media when it was announced.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> So, to be clear, Minister, you knew after it was being speculated in the media?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I'd have to check that. I said there was speculation over a period of time. Yes, I heard about speculation in the media first. But I think it was somewhere during that period of time. But I would have to take that on notice. I can't recall.</p>	
86.	86.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Appointment of the Hon Tony Abbott MP	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> I refer back to the letter from the Prime Minister to Mr Abbott. I think on the second page and the second-last paragraph, it states: As a first step, and before any timetables are set for reporting, I'd welcome your submission to me about how you would like to attack this task. This will provide a strong basis for our first regular working discussion.</p> <p>Has such a submission been made?</p> <p><b>Mr Exell:</b> Yes. There has been some correspondence that Mr Abbott provided to the Prime Minister setting out his thoughts.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Can that be tabled?</p> <p><b>Mr Exell:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 17
87.	87.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Acknowledgement of Country	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I noted, Mr Griggs, that you spoke about the work you'd done in the ADF ensuring that ceremonies from Indigenous culture are incorporated into ADF activities. I also note that a number of witnesses this morning have acknowledged country. It's common to acknowledge country in the Public Service, isn't it, and to acknowledge traditional owners?</p> <p><b>Mr Griggs:</b> Yes, it is.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Do you provide any advice or guidance about how this is to be done across the Public Service?</p> <p><b>Mr Griggs:</b> I don't think we have a role in providing guidance across the Public Service. I will see if Professor Anderson knows.</p> <p><b>Prof. Anderson:</b> We do provide advice on request.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> On request. Have you received any such request from the Charities and Not-for-profits Commission?</p> <p><b>Prof. Anderson:</b> I would need to take that on notice. I'm not aware that we have.</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 18
88.	88.	Department of the Prime	Keneally	Indigenous Land	Legal, Employmen	<p><b>Senator KENEALLY:</b> I just want to explore this moment. Mr Jacomb has provided advice which contradicts what the annual report says. I'm quoting from</p>	FPA Friday 26 October

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		Minister and Cabinet		Corporation annual report - Board member attendance	t, Environmen t and Evaluation Division	<p>the annual report of 2017-18, which shows that Mr Martin did not attend seven meetings where he was simply not attending. In one meeting, he had a leave of absence. So eight meetings in all, and only one of them had a leave of absence. If it is the case that he did have a leave of absence, this annual report is incorrect.</p> <p><b>Mr Jacomb:</b> I will take that on notice and refer it back to the ILC. My information is that I understood that Mr Martin did have leave. I'm not disputing what you are saying is in the annual report there. That is my understanding.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I can confirm that it is correct that he didn't attend those meetings. That's right. That is reflected in the annual report. It was understood that a leave of absence wasn't granted before the meeting because he wasn't able to communicate that he wasn't going to be there at the meeting. When the extenuating circumstances were provided to the chair, he understood that leave should have been granted should he have known beforehand. In any event, we'll take that on notice. If there is any change to the body of the report that is required in the actual nature of the leave provided, we will make sure we amend the report accordingly.</p> <p><b>Senator KENEALLY:</b> I want to be clear. My concern is not so much with Mr Martin's actions. It is with the actions of the minister in accordance with the act. As you have flagged, if there are particular challenges of people being able to attend meetings or being supported to do so, could you also provide advice as to what you are doing to address that.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I will take that on notice. I appreciate your comments, Senator. This is about me and this is about the board and reporting on the act. I do appreciate that that is what the questions are about. I will provide a comprehensive answer to that on notice.</p>	2018, page 20
89.	89.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	Indigenous Housing – Commonwealth funding	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> On 3 October 2018, Prime Minister Morrison said on ABC Radio Perth: Housing is the responsibility of state and territory governments. He went on to say: We've provided support up in the Northern Territory, because there are quite specific responsibilities we have because it's a territory and the nature of the Commonwealth leasehold arrangements around housing in the Northern Territory. But for states like Western Australia, like Queensland and others, they actually have the responsibility for dealing with those issues. So you're saying that that position has changed, Mr Bulman—that there are now formal negotiations taking place with these states?</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 22

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						<p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> The position has always been exactly the same as the Prime Minister outlined. Housing is a core responsibility of state jurisdictions. Where there are unique issues in jurisdictions, such as overcrowding—and there has been a legacy of overcrowding in remote areas—the Commonwealth has provided funding in the past. That was the 10-year remote housing partnership agreement. The minister outlined that there is still some residual overcrowding. We're negotiating with the states to address the overcrowding situation. That doesn't change the situation that public housing systems are a core responsibility of states. In the Northern Territory, I can provide some background.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Please don't. You can do it on notice. You can provide me all that on notice, if you like.</p>	
90.	90.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	Indigenous Housing – Negotiations	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I'm after an overall figure that the federal and the states, you claim, have to put in to meet this housing problem. That's all I'm asking. Mr Bulman, you must have a figure that you are negotiating with the states.</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> With these negotiations, we work through the details to understand each jurisdiction's cost. There's been no figure announced by the—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What is the Western Australian cost?</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> As the minister was outlining, there is an average unit cost for a house that we're talking to Western Australia about. That was published in the review.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So you go 447 times that. How much is that? It really is painful trying to get a figure from you. How much is it?</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> I don't have that figure.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So how can you negotiate when you don't have a figure?</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> There are a range of costs that we have to work through with jurisdictions.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Am I right to say it is \$516,000 in Western Australia times 447? Is that right? Is that the figure in Western Australia?</p> <p><b>Senator KENEALLY:</b> That is \$430 million. Is that the figure?</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Is that right?</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Yes, basically.</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> My calculator says \$230 million.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So \$230 million. Thanks. What about South Australia, with 114? What is the figure?</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> I will see if the team has the average unit cost for South Australia.</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 25

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						<p>That's one part of the conversation.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Just wait a minute. Can one of your officers—because you have a regiment behind you—actually find out what the cost is per unit for each of these three states? Do the calculation times 114 in South Australia. Do the calculation times 387 in Queensland. Get me a figure shortly. Can someone do that?</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> I think we can do that. Those figures are published in the review and we can work that out.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> That's good.</p>	
91.	91.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	Indigenous Housing – Negotiations	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Let me go to the next level—the maintenance. Has maintenance been part of the negotiations or is that considered to be a state responsibility alone?</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> Over the last 10 years, we've paid for property and tenancy management as well as the construction of housing. We're talking to jurisdictions about what contribution they'll make for the ongoing maintenance of the houses.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you on notice provide me details of all negotiations that have taken place by the bureaucrats in relation to this issue?</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> And when those negotiations took place?</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> Yes. So time and date? Is that what you're after, Senator?</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Time and date. Are there any minutes of the meeting?</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> In some cases and in some cases not.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you provide copies of the minutes of the meetings?</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> Where it's available, we'll see what we can do.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Are there any file notes associated with these negotiations?</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> I will take that on notice and see what we can prepare for you.</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 27
92.	92.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Indigenous Housing Negotiations	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I want to put on the record that I don't oppose the concept—in fact, strongly support—of Aboriginal control over housing. What I want to know is what is being proposed and where the negotiations are up to to make sure that is, in fact, what the Aboriginal community wants. First, I put that on the record. Second, can you provide us with any detail and correspondence that outlines what you envisage that entity should look like? What are you negotiating? What points are you specifically negotiating about what any entity for each of the states and the territories should look like?</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 31



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						<p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Well, in each of the states and territories, irrespective of the housing agreement, all states and territories, I believe, need to go down the line of the most advanced negotiations. It appears certainly to be the case that all of the housing built by the Commonwealth specifically for Aboriginal people—there has been a whole bunch of acronyms—is effectively houses. They haven't all been built, obviously, in remote Australia. In many places like New South Wales, they are being built in regional and, in fact, metropolitan settings. The ownership of them is currently with the New South Wales government or the Northern Territory government. They are seeking to say that the underpinning land needs to come to an entity. One of the reasons for that is that the fungibility of Aboriginal land makes it very difficult to be able to lever loans or those sort of things for business. It is that underpinning fungibility of land that has no restraints on it but was intended to be for the use of Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory context. It's around those sort of issues.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I know that we have to move on. Could you provide further details on that?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Certainly.</p>	
93.	93.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	Indigenous Housing - Negotiations	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Could the department provide dates for future negotiations and advise senators when the negotiations will be taking place? Could you provide details of Commonwealth investment against state investment in remote Indigenous housing over the last decade? We've simply been moving from a position where the federal government is removing itself from some of the investment that has been made over that last decade and putting more responsibility on the states. I'd like to get a state versus Commonwealth contribution on remote Indigenous housing over the last decade. Again on notice, I request details of what has been proposed by the Commonwealth on this entity for ownership. Can you provide details of why you can't sign off on an agreement and continue to negotiate the entity and ownership position after you get the building started? This is the last thing from me.</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 32
94.	94.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Community Development Programme	Community and Economic Development Division	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> I am. Thank you. I will take you to CDP. What consultation did you do with remote employers before announcing the new TCF and other measures?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> While we are waiting for officers, just in the last week, I've spoken to a number of local governments in both the Northern Territory and northern Queensland. I visited and talked about this matter with Bama Services and</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 35

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						<p>AC Constructions in the northern part of Queensland in the last couple of weeks. This is an ongoing conversation as we meet many of the businesses and many of those high employers. Many of them in the regions, as you would know, are local government.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> So that's your answer to the question, Minister, or did you want the department to answer?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> No. The department. There was a bit of silence, so I tried to provide some assistance.</p> <p><b>Ms Lewis:</b> Can you just repeat the question for me?</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Yes, sure. What consultation did you do with remote employers before announcing the new TCF and other measures?</p> <p><b>Ms Lewis:</b> Prior to the announcement of the reform package in the budget, the minister undertook numerous conversations with employers. As part of the department's regular contact in community and with employers, we spoke to them about the—</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> But who are they? Who are the employers?</p> <p><b>Ms Lewis:</b> I don't have a list.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Would you be able to get a list?</p> <p><b>Ms Lewis:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Why is that?</p> <p><b>Ms Lewis:</b> I don't have a list of specific employers that we spoke with on particular days.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> But you just said you spoke with employers.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Some of the bigger employers are actually jurisdictions. So in the Northern Territory and in your own jurisdiction, it is the department of education, the department of health and the NT Police. These are all intended to be very much along the lines of the original CDP employers. They have the same demographic. It is the local government and state and territory governments. There are very low numbers of Aboriginal businesses as yet in the community. Whilst they have expanded more broadly, many of those expansions have only been in regional Australia, not so much in remote Australia. We're hoping that's the next phase.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> So local government and state and territory government agencies. But you can't give me a list of any employers outside that?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I've just mentioned a couple. We can take that on notice.</p>	

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95.	95.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Community Development Programme - Wage subsidies	Community and Economic Developme nt Division	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> What is the award wage?</p> <p><b>Ms Bird:</b> Well, the question went to the amount of the wage subsidy, so that will be \$21,769.50 in total over a period with an additional—</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Sorry, what was that—\$21,000?</p> <p><b>Ms Bird:</b> It is \$21,769.50 with an additional retention bonus as well.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> The minister said 50 per cent of the minimum wage. What is the minimum wage?</p> <p><b>Ms Bird:</b> The minimum wage, I think, is about \$18 an hour.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Just for clarity, as you know, there are some perversions in the process. We were very keen, because of the feedback, to make sure there was no cliff face where, at the end of two years, the employer suddenly had to come up with these funds. In those circumstances, we've found that there's a much higher level of disconnection. That's not what we wanted. So, on day one, we'll be paying 100 per cent of the minimum wage. On the last day at the end of the two-year period, we wouldn't be paying any of the minimum wage. It's an average of half of the minimum wage. It's done in that way to ensure that basically by the last day the employer is paying it all anyway so there's no cliff face at which the employer suddenly has to come up with some money. In those circumstances, there's more chance of keeping these people employed, and there is an obligation to do that.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> So the \$21,769 will be half of the minimum wage for what—over 6,000 jobs? How do you get to that figure?</p> <p><b>Ms Bird:</b> As the minister explained it, it tapers off over the period of the two years. So it's 100 per cent at the beginning period. Then it reduces to 75 per cent in the six- to 12-month period, then 50 per cent in the 12- to 18-month period and 25 per cent at 18 to 24 months, tapering off at the end with retention bonuses increasing over that time. Obviously, it will depend on the industry or job.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> The subsidies are tapering off. Is that what you are saying?</p> <p><b>Ms Bird:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> What is the retention rate?</p> <p><b>Ms Bird:</b> It is \$5,000 over that period.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> So they get that in this?</p> <p><b>Ms Bird:</b> That increases over the period of retention of the individual in the subsidised position.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> The amount, then, is \$130 million of subsidy for 6,000 jobs. Is that correct?</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 36-37

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						<p><b>Ms Lewis:</b> We'll get you that figure. That sounds about right, but I just want to confirm.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Would that be in the budget or forward estimates?</p> <p><b>Ms Bird:</b> We've got the overall budget forward estimates funding for it, which includes a range of different elements of the program. We can get it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> And what is that?</p> <p><b>Ms Bird:</b> In the 2018-19 budget, it was \$1.1 billion over four years for the capital investment fund, 6,000 jobs, program evaluation and ongoing payments to providers.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> So that \$130 million would come from that?</p> <p><b>Ms Lewis:</b> It's included in the \$1.1 billion.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> I just want to check.</p> <p><b>Ms Lewis:</b> Yes. We'll confirm the exact number.</p>	
96.	96.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Community Development Programme - Participants	Community and Economic Development Division	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> What are your stats on those CDP participants getting jobs and the CDP participants going on jobactive?</p> <p><b>Ms Lewis:</b> I just described the jobs ones for you. I don't have that data with me. We'll have a look to see if we have that on hand, but we may need to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 38
97.	97.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Community Development Programme – Disengaged participants	Community and Economic Development Division	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> In terms of the disengagement from CDP, I am asking how you are ascertaining why people are disengaging. If you are not able to uncover why people are disengaging as a result of these penalties, how can you sit there and say that the reason they are disengaging is that they are going into jobs?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Well, that is part of the evidence.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> I just don't see the dataset here in terms of your evidence.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I'm just saying that we have evidence to say—</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Well, can you table that evidence? If there is statistical evidence as to the reasons why 500 CDP participants are no longer in this community because they've got a job here, or if you've got 100 CDP participants over here who are no longer there because they've moved on to jobactive, table it.</p> <p><b>Ms Bird:</b> We can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Lewis:</b> We can take that on notice.</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 39
98.	98.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Siewert	Community Development Programme –	Legal, Employment,	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Okay. I want to ask about the evaluation of CDP. Since it wasn't tabled following the Senate's motion on the OPD, can you please tell me when the evaluation will be completed?</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page

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		Cabinet		Evaluation report	Environment and Evaluation Division	<p><b>Ms Lewis:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> The actual report has been completed and finalised. As you would be aware, there are protocols. We need to consult with the remote communities that were involved in the evaluation before it can be finalised, as a standard course. I don't want to pre-empt the process. It's actually vital that the communities that were involved in the evaluation are involved in the final process of the consultation.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Do you always do that?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Yes, pretty much. A key part of our evaluation principles is to work with Indigenous communities. If they've been involved in this when we finalise the report, the report goes back to those communities for final input to ensure that the report, particularly with regard to their input, is factual and completes that part of the process.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I want to ask the department. Has that happened with previous reports? If so, which ones? Can you please tell me? If you can't tell me now, could you please take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Ms Lewis:</b> I can't tell you because this is the CDP evaluation. Our evaluation team would be able to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> We'll be able to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Lewis:</b> We'll be able to take that on notice. I can't give you that information.</p>	40
	<b>99.</b>					A question has not been allocated to this number.	
<b>99.</b>	<b>100.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	IAS grants – AFANT and NTCA	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> So \$170,500 to AFANT and \$165,000 to the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association is to help their members get educated about the Northern Territory Aboriginal Land Rights Act?</p> <p><b>Mr Beswick:</b> Yes. And the land claims process more broadly so that there is a deeper appreciation and understanding both about the history—</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> But how are they going to do that? Are they having seminars or conferences?</p> <p><b>Mr Beswick:</b> Yes. The expectation is that they would partner with an Aboriginal organisation that would be able to deliver whatever range of services, materials, information products or education that could be made available.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Who are the Aboriginal organisations they've partnered with?</p> <p><b>Mr Beswick:</b> I don't have that information. I can take that on notice.</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 44

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						<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Would you be able to provide that?</p> <p><b>Mr Beswick:</b> Yes.</p>	
100.	101.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Closing the Gap Refresh	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the Gap	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> These questions probably go to 2.7 under program support, primarily in the Closing the Gap Refresh. Minister, I'm not sure whether you've got the right people you need at the table. Minister, you might want to defer this to one of the officers. The Closing the Gap Refresh framework is meant to have been achieved, I think, in October. Has the government revised the expected completion date for this refresh to be completed?</p> <p><b>Prof. Anderson:</b> That is the case. COAG, in October, was moved back to December. There are two key timelines over the next 12 months. By mid-year next year, in the second COAG, we would like to have the whole package negotiated with the jurisdictions. That includes detailed action plans and an implementation framework, which we'll need to negotiate with both the state and territory governments and Indigenous organisations, particularly in 2019. By December this year, with COAG, we are hoping to have agreement around a new set of targets, where possible, with numerics, key implementation principles and other elements that are critical for moving forward into 2019.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> And what steps will you need to take between now and the December 2018 date?</p> <p><b>Prof. Anderson:</b> 2018? So we are working with—</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> I'm not going to go to 2019. We might have an interruption before that takes place.</p> <p><b>Prof. Anderson:</b> We're working with jurisdictions to reach agreement around the set of targets on the numerics. We're also continuing to engage with Indigenous stakeholders who have been part of the journey to share with them where we're up to, to share with them what the next stages of the implementation approach are and to build in feedback, where we can, into where we land in December.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> So are you hoping to have these matters settled by the next COAG meeting?</p> <p><b>Prof. Anderson:</b> Within a negotiation, yes, we are.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Prior to or post COAG? COAG is in December, isn't it?</p> <p><b>Prof. Anderson:</b> At COAG.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> It will be a COAG agreement, so that would be the place we hope it would happen.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Thank you, Minister. I'm really impressed with that bit of</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 45-46

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						<p>knowledge. I'll be more impressed when I see the new targets.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> And me, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Are the Indigenous first nations groups on board with the process?</p> <p><b>Prof. Anderson:</b> There is a range of views around different elements of the package. We have been testing—I don't want to presume the position of different organisations—the board framework for the targets. People are generally comfortable with what is on the table, given we still have a month to go, but there are some differences of view in approach. But this is a process which we need to come back and refine, test and retest. I have been meeting with different organisations over the last couple of weeks and I have plans to do that over the next month.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> What has been the cost incurred to date in getting this to the stage you've got it to?</p> <p><b>Prof. Anderson:</b> I'll hand to Mr Fox.</p> <p><b>Mr Fox:</b> I don't have the aggregate figure with me, but there have been a number of different costs that we could point to. We've run a number of technical workshops through which we asked KPMG Arrilla to help us. The cost of that contract was just over \$500,000, which I think we've notified to estimates before. We've run roundtables around the country. We have had consultations with various peak bodies. I'm certainly happy to give you a breakdown on notice of all the costs that we've incurred to date, if that would be of assistance.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> That would be most appreciated. In particular, the cost of consultants that have been used in the process.</p> <p><b>Mr Fox:</b> We'll include that.</p>	
101.	102.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Closing the Gap – proposed new targets	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the Gap Division	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> So is the intention to develop a co-design process or the new framework? Does that transfer across in the delivery stage to co-design activities with first nations people to deliver these?</p> <p><b>Prof. Anderson:</b> The implementation, in a sense, will have to be delivered in large part by Indigenous organisations. So a kind of design process, particularly around implementation, is critical.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Are they going to become responsible for Closing the Gap?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Well, in large part—</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> They are going to be responsible for it.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Well, in large part, I hope that they are responsible for</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 47

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						<p>delivering many of the services that can close the gap, for sure.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> There's no intention by the various jurisdictions to wash their hands of the process, is there?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> We won't allow that.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Thank you, Minister. I'm most assured. What are the proposed new targets? Can they be tabled, at least those that are on the table that there seems to be some consensus about?</p> <p><b>Prof. Anderson:</b> We can take it on notice and table the current negotiating table, noting that it's still being refined. I can take you through the headlines, if that would help—</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> That would be useful.</p>	
102.	103.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Custody Notification Service	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I will ask a question on notice. Could you provide an update for each of the states and territories around the custody notification service?</p> <p><b>Ms Saastamoinen:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 49
103.	104.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Petrol sniffing	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Okay. And then any action that is being taken currently would be much appreciated. Thank you. I've asked about the update of the act. Could you also take on notice whether there have been any recent outbreaks of petrol sniffing? Could I have an update of, hopefully, good news?</p> <p><b>Mr Arnaudo:</b> Yes. We can take that on notice as well.</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 54
104.	105.	Australian Public Service Commission	Smith	APS Employees	Australian Public Service Commission	In the past 24 months, how many individuals with science and/or engineering qualifications left the APS?	Written, 31 October 2018
105.	106.	Australian Public Service Commission	Smith	APS Employees	Australian Public Service Commission	Over the past 24 months how many individuals were carrying out duties for the APS who were not engaged as employees under Section 22 of the Public Service Act?	Written, 31 October 2018
106.	107.	Australian Public Service Commission	Smith	APS Employees	Australian Public Service Commission	Over the past 24 months, how many current APS employees received additional moneys in addition to the published Enterprise Agreement payscales? Please provide a breakdown by agency	Written, 31 October 2018
107.	108.	Australian	Smith	APS	Australian	Over the past 24 months, how many employees were engaged as part of an APS	Written, 31



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		Public Service Commission		Employees – Graduate Program	Public Service Commission	Graduate Program? How many of these had science and/or engineering qualifications? Please provide a breakdown by agency.	October 2018
108.	109.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bilyk	Ministerial functions	Protocol and International Visits Division	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of functions;</li> <li>• List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister’s family or personal staff;</li> <li>• Function venue;</li> <li>• Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>• Details of any food served;</li> <li>• Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage;</li> <li>• Any available photographs of the function; and</li> <li>• Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018
109.	110.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bilyk	Departmental Functions	Corporate Division	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of functions;</li> <li>• List of attendees;</li> <li>• Function venue;</li> <li>• Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>• Details of any food served;</li> <li>• Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage;</li> <li>• Any available photographs of the function; and</li> <li>• Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018
110.	111.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bilyk	Executive office upgrades	Corporate Division	Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary’s office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, upgraded in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST <b>inclusive</b> )?	Written, 2 November 2018
111.	112.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bilyk	Facilities upgrades	Corporate Division	Were the facilities of any of the Department’s premises upgraded in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?	Written, 2 November 2018

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						If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> )? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	
112.	113.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bilyk	Staff travel	Corporate Division	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?	Written, 2 November 2018
113.	114.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bilyk	Media monitoring	Corporate Division	What was the Department's total expenditure on media monitoring in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?  Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all media monitoring contracts in that period please be provided?	Written, 2 November 2018
114.	115.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bilyk	Advertising and information campaigns	Corporate Division	What was the Department's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?  What advertising and information campaigns did the Department run in the relevant period?  Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in that period please be provided?	Written, 2 November 2018
115.	116.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bilyk	Promotional merchandise	Corporate Division	What was the Department's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?  Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided?  Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided?	Written, 2 November 2018
116.	117.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bilyk	Ministerial overseas travel	Corporate Division	Can an itemised list of the costs of all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017 please be provided? This list should include the costs of: • Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's	Written, 2 November 2018

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						<p>personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials;</li> <li>• Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed;</li> <li>• Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided; and</li> <li>• Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</li> </ul>	
117.	118.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bilyk	Social media influencers	Ministerial Support Division	<p>What was the Department's total expenditure on social media influencers during the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?</p> <p>What advertising or information campaigns did the Department use social media influencers to promote?</p> <p>Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided?</p> <p>Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
118.	119.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bilyk	Guidelines relating to Official Gifts Received	Protocol and International Visits Division	<p>Does the Department have a record of the former Minister for Foreign Affairs and failed Prime Ministerial aspirant Ms Julie Bishop MP declaring the following as official gifts received over the allowable limit, and paying the required sum to the Collector of Public Monies, during the term of the 44th Parliament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A handcrafted silver box received from GVK India;</li> <li>• A Mont Blanc pen from Yuju Group;</li> <li>• A Swiss watch from the President of the Swiss Confederation and Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs;</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoskings Silver Earrings received from a member of the public;</li> <li>• A 2XU apparel gift pack from 2XU;</li> <li>• Jogging gear from Calvin Klein;</li> <li>• Leather goods from the Daily Edition; or</li> <li>• Ellery clothing from Kim Ellery?</li> </ul>	
119.	120.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Leyonhjelm	White Ribbon Australia - Accreditation	Corporate Division	<p>1) How much money did the Department provide to White Ribbon Australia to become an Accredited White Ribbon Workplace?</p> <p>2) How much money in total has the Department provided, and committed to provide, to White Ribbon Australia?</p> <p>3) Did the Department provide anything else to White Ribbon Australia, including a commitment to refer to, promote, participate in events with, use tools developed by, or use services associated with, White Ribbon Australia?</p> <p>4) Why couldn't the Department do all that it has done to create a safer and more respectful workplace and to prevent and respond to violence against women, without providing anything to White Ribbon Australia?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
120.	121.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Keneally	Section 192H of the act regarding exemptions for attendance without leave	Legal, Employment, Environment and Evaluation Division	<p>During Estimates, Senator Keneally asked:</p> <p><i>Senator KENEALLY: I want to be clear. My concern is not so much with Mr Martin's actions. It is with the actions of the minister in accordance with the act. As you have flagged, if there are particular challenges of people being able to attend meetings or being supported to do so, could you also provide advice as to what you are doing to address that.</i></p> <p><i>Senator Scullion: I will take that on notice. I appreciate your comments, Senator. This is about me and this is about the board and reporting on the act. I do appreciate that that is what the questions are about. I will provide a comprehensive answer to that on notice.</i></p> <p>Can the Minister advise what steps he has taken in this matter?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
121.	122.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	ILC Annual Report	Indigenous Land Corporation	<p>In the ILC Annual Report why is there no or extremely vague and limited reference in the Report to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The terms of appointment for Directors</li> <li>• Directors' remuneration, including on the Boards of ILC subsidiaries</li> <li>• Senior Executive remuneration levels</li> <li>• The lack of progress on the EA renewal</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant consultants hired by the ILC and its subsidiaries</li> <li>• Any fraud or financial risks in ILC and its subsidiaries?</li> </ul>	
122.	123.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	ILC Annual Report	Indigenous Land Corporation	Why does the ILC provide little financial information in relation to its subsidiaries, their Directors' terms of appointment and remuneration, their senior executives, significant changes to the executive leadership teams, their financial statements?	Written, 2 November 2018
123.	124.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	ILC Board appointments	Legal, Employment, Environment and Evaluation Division	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have new appointments been made to fill vacancies on the ILC Board?</li> <li>2. Why hasn't the appointment of the Deputy Chair of the ILC been publicly announced?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018
124.	125.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	Letters of Complaint	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the Gap Division	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the Minister or the Department received any letters of complaint from any ILC or ILC subsidiary Directors alleging concerns with the operations of either the Board, the Chair or senior management?</li> <li>2. If so, what was the substance of the allegations, did they involve allegations of bullying, and what action was taken to address the concerns?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018
125.	126.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	Bullying allegations	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the Gap Division	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the Minister or the Department received any letters in the past 18 months from ILC staff alleging bullying by senior staff members or any board members?</li> <li>2. If so, what action has been taken, and what was the result?</li> <li>3. If such matters have occurred, why aren't they reported on in the Annual Report?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018
126.	127.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	Fraud investigations	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the Department aware of any issues of significant fraud in either the ILC or its subsidiaries in the last 18 months?</li> <li>2. If so has the Minister, been advised of any fraud issues?</li> <li>3. If there have been instances of fraud, have they been reported in the Annual Report? If not, why not?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018

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					Gap Division		
127.	128.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	Staff morale	Indigenous Land Corporation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are there any staff morale issues within the ILC?</li> <li>2. If so, what actions have been taken as a result?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018
128.	129.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	Voyages	Indigenous Land Corporation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I understand that Voyages now has the same Chair and CEO as it had at certain stages under the previous Ayers Rock Resort (ARR) ownership. Given that the ILC purchased ARR at an inflated price, and in a rundown condition, is the Department concerned that the ILC has recently appointed in the two key positions in Voyages individuals responsible for the asset prior to ILC acquisition?</li> <li>2. How many senior executives have departed the group? Please list them, their dates of exit, and within a range, the level of their redundancy payments.</li> <li>3. How much has been expended on redundancy payouts across the group since the appointment of new Chairperson?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018
129.	130.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	Executive appointments	Indigenous Land Corporation	In terms of senior executive appointments, please list all new appointments to the ILC and its subsidiaries since the new Chairperson started, and indicate their salary levels (if necessary, within a range) and whether or not their appointment was the result of an advertised recruitment process.	Written, 2 November 2018
130.	131.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	Major strategic project investments	Indigenous Land Corporation	Please provide a list the major strategic project investments on land acquisition and land management projects in 2017-18 through the ILC's Our Land Our Future Program and the associated funding?	Written, 2 November 2018
131.	132.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	CEO delegations	Indigenous Land Corporation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the level of CEO delegations?</li> <li>2. How does that compare with the delegations held by his predecessor?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018
132.	133.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	ILC Board – oversight of expenditure decisions	Indigenous Land Corporation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Board oversight all expenditure decisions by the CEO?</li> <li>2. Has the Chair played any role in directing expenditure decisions by the CEO outside the purview of the Board?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018
133.	134.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	Enterprise Agreement negotiations	Indigenous Land Corporation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the ILC provide an update on the Enterprise Agreement negotiations, and the key issues and sticking points? Given that it is now almost five years since it was due to be renewed, please provide a relevant timeline of key events.</li> <li>2. What is the proposed strategy from here to resolve any issues?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018
134.	135.	Indigenous Land	Siewert	Staff survey	Indigenous Land	<p>I understand that the ILC recently undertook a staff survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide a copy of the report plus the summary results that were</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November

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		Corporation			Corporation	presented to staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please outline the key actions undertaken by management to respond to the results of the survey.</li> </ul>	2018
135.	136.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	Voyages – Executive redundancies	Indigenous Land Corporation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Were the former two most senior executives in Voyages, the CEO and the Chief Financial Officer, given redundancies?</li> <li>2. If so, what was the reason?</li> <li>3. Who made the decision to terminate their appointments: the ILC Board, the ILC Chair, or the Voyages Board?</li> <li>4. Were the reasons for the terminations formally documented?</li> <li>5. Was the Minister advised formally or informally of these changes. If so, was it before or after the decisions had been taken?</li> <li>6. Were there confidentiality clauses involved?</li> <li>7. If so, what was the rationale for insisting on this?</li> <li>8. What was the total cost of (a) terminating these two positions and (b) recruiting their replacements?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018
136.	137.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities Division	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the value of the total savings the Department has made under the IAS by not indexing grants between July 2015 and June 2017?</li> <li>2. Have funded organisations raised the effects of these cuts with the Department/Minister?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018
137.	138.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	PAMA Futures	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the Gap Division	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What has been the approval process for funding PAMA FUTURES?</li> <li>2. Will there be a publically available report on how Cape York Land Council (CYLC) spent the 2 million dollars grant funding for consultation?</li> <li>3. Is the Department aware that over 70% of Cape York Traditional Owners have said no to the PAMA agenda?</li> <li>4. What is the total amount of administration funding to be supplied to CYLC/CYP when the project goes ahead?</li> <li>5. What funding sources are proposed to go through this new funding allocation system? Is IAS one of them?</li> <li>6. What role will PBC's and Aboriginal land owning entities have in the application process for funding?</li> <li>7. How will the PAMA funding effect the PBC's and Indigenous Land-owning entities abilities to apply directly to government for funding such as under the IAS?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						<p>8. It is reported that BAMA services were given over \$20 million. Is this correct?</p> <p>9. Have any checks been completed to confirm how many Cape York Indigenous clan groups are employed to work on their traditional land areas that are under the Peninsula Development Road?</p> <p>10. Is the Department aware it is the understanding across the Cape York that most of the BAMA workers are Torres Straight Islanders?</p> <p>11. What is the proposed longevity of PAMA futures?</p> <p>12. How much of the total funding allocation will be used in administration of PAMA futures?</p>	
138.	139.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Stronger Communities for Children (SCfC)	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	<p>1. There are 10 Stronger Communities for Children's sites in the NT. Is the Government moving to change the funded entity (known as the facilitating partner) in any of these? What are these changes?</p> <p>2. In Utopia the facilitating partner is moving from CAYLUS (Tangentyere Council) to the Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation. What are the reasons for this change?</p> <p>3. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet commissioned IPSOS/Winangali to conduct an evaluation of the Stronger Communities for Children Program in 2017. Utopia was a focus site for this evaluation. Did this evaluation identify any problems with service provision by CAYLUS in Utopia or the need to change facilitating partners?</p> <p>4. The SCfC model centres on developing a Local Community Board (LCB) to oversee the program. Did the Department seek the advice of this local board ahead of the decision to change facilitating partners?</p> <p>5. What steps has the Department taken to ensure that Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation have capacity to take over the delivery of a complex program like SCfC?</p> <p>6. Is there a transition plan? Is this plan on track?</p> <p>7. The Utopia SCfC program supports successful programs like the Baby Baskets program which provides a range of essential items to mothers during the course of pregnancy and early childhood. How will the Department ensure that projects like this are not negatively impacted by this transition?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018



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	<b>140.</b>					A question has not been allocated this number	
<b>139.</b>	<b>141.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Custody Notification Services (CNS)	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	Can the Government confirm if the offer that is being made to the states and territories in relation to custody notification services includes a best practice framework and funding for lawyers on the phone lines, as is the case in the NSW with the high quality CNS run by the Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT?	Written, 2 November 2018
<b>140.</b>	<b>142.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Organisation Chart	Office for Women	Please provide an updated version of the Office for Women’s organisational chart, including the number and level of staff working in each area.	Written, 2 November 2018
<b>141.</b>	<b>143.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Fourth National Action Plan	Office For Women	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which Minister has responsibility for the Fourth National Action Plan to prevent violence against women and their children?</li> <li>2. What role is the Office for Women playing in the development of the Fourth Action Plan?</li> <li>3. When is the Fourth Action Plan due?</li> <li>4. What evaluation is being done of the Third Action Plan underway? Who is undertaking this evaluation? When will it be released?</li> <li>5. Did the Office for Women take part in consultations for the Fourth Action Plan? Could the Office please provide a list of all consultations attended, including how many staff members travelled and what the cost of travel was?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018
<b>142.</b>	<b>144.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Stakeholder meetings	Office for Women	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since taking on the portfolio, has the Minister for Women met formally with each of the National Women’s Alliances? How many times?</li> <li>2. Please provide a list of stakeholder meetings that the Minister for Women has held in the past six months in her capacity as the Minister for Women.</li> <li>3. Has the Minister met with online technology companies regarding e-Safety since the last Senate Estimates hearing? When was the meeting held and who attended?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018
<b>143.</b>	<b>145.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Departmental Staffing	Office for Women	<p>Could you please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. (Office for Women) 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 since the end of the 2017-18 financial year</li> <li>c. The rate of turnover for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet since</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						the end of the 2017-18 financial year	
144.	146.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Events and Functions hosted	Office for Women	In relation to any events or functions hosted by the Office since Budget Estimates, could the following please be provided: list of functions; list of attendees; function venue; itemised costs (GST inclusive); details of any food serviced; details of any wine or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and details of any entertainment provided.	Written, 2 November 2018
145.	147.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Chief Legal Officer	Government Division	Who is the chief legal officer in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet?	Written, 2 November 2018
146.	148.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Special Envoys	Government Division	With reference to the creation of special envoy roles for Barnaby Joyce and Tony Abbott: (a) What is a special envoy? (b) What are expectations of a person in such a role? (c) How are these positions created? (d) What reason did the Prime Minister give the Department why he was creating these roles? (e) When did communications with the Department begin regarding the creation of special envoy roles for Mr Joyce and Mr Abbott? (f) What did the Department do to prepare for the announcement of these positions? (g) What consultation occurred with Mr McCormack and Senator Scullion regarding the positions? (h) Following negative publicity surrounding Philip Ruddock's envoy role in 2016, what advice has the Department provided with respect to the creation of these two roles?	Written, 2 November 2018
147.	149.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Special Envoys	Government Division	With reference to the creation of special envoy roles for Barnaby Joyce and Tony Abbott and the <i>Ministers of State Act 1952</i> , which limits the number of ministers and parliamentary secretaries: (a) Did the Department seek advice about whether appointing the special envoys contravenes the <i>Ministers of State Act 1952</i> ? (b) If so, from whom?	Written, 2 November 2018
148.	150.	Department of the Prime	Kitching	Special Envoys	Government Division	With reference to the creation of special envoy roles for Barnaby Joyce and Tony Abbott:	Written, 2 November

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		Minister and Cabinet				(a) Which departments are supporting the special envoys? (b) Is there a budget for their travel? (c) Are they entitled to different travel arrangements as a result of these roles, or do the roles entitle them to make use of extended travel entitlements under existing arrangements?	2018
149.	151.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Special Envoys	Government Division	With reference to the creation of special envoy roles for Barnaby Joyce and Tony Abbott: (a) Can the Department describe the activities it undertook when costing these positions? (b) What consultation was had with the Department of Finance and Special Minister of State? (c) In relation to the creation of the role for Mr Joyce, in addition to Mr Joyce's existing work expenses and staff allocation, what is the cost to the taxpayer annually? (d) In relation to the creation of the role for Mr Abbott, in addition to Mr Joyce's existing work expenses and staff allocation, what is the cost to the taxpayer annually?	Written, 2 November 2018
150.	152.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Special Envoys	Drought Relief Taskforce	With reference to the creation of the special envoy role for Barnaby Joyce: (a) What is Mr Joyce expected to deliver? (b) In what timeframe?	Written, 2 November 2018
151.	153.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Special Envoys	Drought Relief Taskforce	<b>This question was transferred to the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities.</b>	Written, 2 November 2018
152.	154.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Drought Policy	Drought Relief Taskforce	Who is responsible for leading drought relief policy in the Government: (a) Mr McCormack, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development? (b) The deputy prime minister in waiting, Mr Joyce? (c) The Minister for Agriculture and deputy prime minister in waiting, Mr Littleproud? (d) The Treasurer and Member for the inner-Melbourne suburban seat of Kooyong, Mr Frydenberg, who the <i>Australian Financial Review</i> reported on 10 October 2018 – and I quote: “will chair a new government drought	Written, 2 November 2018

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						finance taskforce, bringing together representatives of big banks, rural lenders and the National Farmers' Federation"? (e) Major-General Stephen Day, the national drought coordinator?	
153.	155.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Drought Policy	Prime Minister's Office	Given "ANZ, Commonwealth Bank, NAB, Westpac and rural lender Rabobank will be represented on the panel", that is, the government drought finance taskforce chaired by the Treasurer, is this not just an opportunity for the Liberals and Nationals to get together with their mates from the big banks in a façade that conceals the lack of a plan of action?	Written, 2 November 2018
154.	156.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Drought Policy	Prime Minister's Office	(a) How can Australians expect a different approach on drought policy from the government that abolished the agriculture CoAG Committee and pulled the hand brake on drought policy reform back in 2013? (b) Will the end result be just like every other initiative announced at the peak of a drought crisis by the Abbott-Turnbull-Morrison Government – not well designed, targeted or adequately thought through, or likely to be satisfyingly effective?	Written, 2 November 2018
155.	157.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Drought Policy	Drought Relief Taskforce	Noting the Drought Relief Taskforce is specified on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's organisational chart: (a) What is the strength of the staffing for the Taskforce? (b) Are all these staff from within the Department, or have some been seconded from elsewhere? (c) For how long? (d) How does the Taskforce interact with existing programs in other departments? (e) Who is the Drought Relief Taskforce responsible to?	Written, 2 November 2018
156.	158.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Special Envoys	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	With reference to the creation of the special envoy role for Tony Abbott: (a) What is Mr Abbott expected to deliver? (b) In what timeframe?	Written, 2 November 2018
157.	159.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Special Envoys	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	With reference to the creation of the special envoy role for Tony Abbott: (a) Who does the Envoy report to - the Minister for Indigenous Affairs or the Prime Minister? (b) Is there anything Mr Abbott is exclusively responsible for? (c) Why is there an envoy when there is a Minister for Indigenous Affairs?	Written, 2 November 2018

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						(d) Who is responsible for leading indigenous affairs policy in the Government?	
158.	160.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Special Envoys	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	With reference to the creation of the special envoy role for Tony Abbott: (a) Which Indigenous leaders and groups did the Prime Minister consult about the appointment of the Envoy? (b) Did the Prime Minister consult his own Indigenous Advisory Council? (c) Did he consult Minister Scullion? (d) Did he consult Minister Wyatt, the first Aboriginal member of the House of Representatives?	Written, 2 November 2018
159.	161.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Special Envoys	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	With reference to the creation of the special envoy role for Tony Abbott: (a) How has Senator Scullion been involved in settling the parameters of the role for Mr Abbott? (b) On how many occasions have Senator Scullion and Mr Abbott met to discuss the envoy role? (c) If Mr Abbott doesn't perform, how is Senator Scullion to address performance concerns? (d) Has Senator Scullion placed any restrictions on what Mr Abbott can and can't do? (e) Is Senator Scullion able to call for the discontinuation of the role at any time? (f) Has Mr Abbott met with any other ministers to discuss his role? (g) If so, with whom and when?	Written, 2 November 2018
160.	162.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Special Envoys	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	With reference to the creation of the special envoy role for Tony Abbott, and a media interview with Mr Warren Mundine on Sky on 9 September 2018, in which Mr Abbott said his first step will be to write 'an appreciation an appreciation of the situation' as he has come to understand it. (a) Has this "appreciation" been delivered? (b) If not, when will it be? (c) What consultations will inform that briefing for the Prime Minister? (d) How many additional staff will be provided for the envoy within the Department? (e) Has there been new office accommodation provided to the Envoy? (f) If so, where?	Written, 2 November 2018

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161.	163.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Australian Flag Lapel Pins	Government Division	With reference to the Australian flag lapel pins gifted to ministers by the Prime Minister: (a) Can the Department advise from where the pins were procured? (b) What was the procurement process? (c) What was the price of each lapel pin? (d) Who paid for the pins? (e) Were the lapel pins made in Australia? (f) Has the Department been requested to encourage ministers to wear the pins? (g) Has the Department received any commentary or feedback from any minister regarding the pins?	Written, 2 November 2018
162.	164.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Council of Australian Governments (COAG)	Economic Division	With reference to the decision by the Prime Minister to cancel the October meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG): (a) When did the Department first become aware that the Prime Minister was considering cancelling the October meeting of COAG? (b) Who first expressed the possibility of cancelling the October meeting of COAG? (c) Were any Ministers or their offices consulted in advance of the decision being made? (d) If so, which Ministers or their offices were consulted and when? (e) Were any Departments consulted in advance of the decision being made? (f) If so, which Departments were consulted and when? (g) When was the decision to cancel the October meeting of COAG made? (h) Who made the decision to cancel the October meeting of COAG? (i) Was it a decision of Cabinet? If not, who was responsible for the decision?	Written, 2 November 2018
163.	165.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Council of Australian Governments (COAG)	Economic Division	With reference to the decision by the Prime Minister to cancel the October meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG): (a) Why had an October meeting of COAG been scheduled? (b) Who made the decision to hold the October meeting and on what basis was it made? (c) What is the ordinary number of meetings of COAG in a year? (d) When did COAG last meet? (e) Were meetings were also planned for October and December – is that	Written, 2 November 2018

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						<p>correct?</p> <p>(f) How had the decision to hold three COAG meetings been made?</p> <p>(g) Who made it and why?</p>	
164.	166.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Council of Australian Governments (COAG)	Economic Division	<p>With reference to the decision by the Prime Minister to cancel the October meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), and the ABC report on 18 September 2018 that “a spokesman from Scott Morrison’s office said the planned October meeting would be merged with another COAG meeting later in the year” and that “This is consistent with the usual approach of having two COAGs every year”:</p> <p>(a) Can the Department confirm whether returning to two meetings of COAG was the predominant factor informing the decision to cancel the October meeting of COAG?</p> <p>(b) Why was the decision made to cancel the October meeting of COAG?</p> <p>(c) What factors were taken into consideration?</p> <p>(d) Was there any consideration given the postponing the October meeting of COAG?</p> <p>(e) If Yes:</p> <p>(i) On what basis was this option not pursued?</p> <p>(ii) Who decided to cancel the meeting rather than postpone it?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
165.	167.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Council of Australian Governments (COAG)	Economic Division	<p>With reference to the decision by the Prime Minister to cancel the October meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), and the <i>Australian Financial Review</i> report on 18 September 2018 that the decision was made “because the leadership upheaval has left the government ill-prepared to settle funding deals on public hospitals and schools”:</p> <p>(a) What impact did the leadership upheaval and subsequent reshuffle have on decisions to be made at COAG?</p> <p>(b) Did the need for the Department to prepare briefings for the new Prime Minister impact on the Department’s ability to prepare for the COAG meeting?</p> <p>(c) Were other departments unable to prepare for COAG for similar reasons?</p> <p>(d) Were the Prime Minister, ministers or departments concerned about the ability of the new Prime Minister and ministers to successfully advocate for the Commonwealth’s interest at the October meeting given they were</p>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						new to their roles?	
166.	168.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Council of Australian Governments (COAG)	Economic Division	With reference to the decision by the Prime Minister to cancel the October meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), and the appointment of a new Minister for Education following the appointment of Prime Minister Morrison: (a) Was the Department of Education and Training supportive of the decision to cancel the October meeting of COAG? (b) Was the Department of Education and Training concerned about the COAG meeting proceeding as planned on 4 October? (c) If so, what was the nature of the Department’s concerns? (d) Was the Minister for Education, Dan Tehan, supportive of the decision to cancel October meeting of COAG?	Written, 2 November 2018
167.	169.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Council of Australian Governments (COAG)	Economic Division	With reference to the decision by the Prime Minister to cancel the October meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), and the <i>Australian Financial Review</i> report on 18 September 2018 that “Mr Morrison telephoned premiers and chief ministers on Tuesday night to cancel the October 4 Council of Australian Governments meeting”: (a) When and how were Premiers and Chief Ministers advised of the decision to cancel COAG? (b) Did the Prime Minister personally call and speak to each Premier and Chief Minister? (c) If not, which Premiers and Chief Ministers did the Prime Minister call? (d) How was the decision to cancel the October meeting of COAG communicate to Premiers and Chief Ministers? (e) Did any Premier or Chief Minister express concerns about the decision to cancel the October meeting of COAG? (f) If so, which Premiers or Chief Ministers expressed concerns and what was the nature of their concerns?	Written, 2 November 2018
168.	170.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Council of Australian Governments (COAG)	Economic Division	With reference to the decision by the Prime Minister to cancel the October meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), and the ABC report on 18 September 2018 that a spokesman for the Premier of Queensland, Annastacia Palaszczuk, said “She wishes she had the opportunity to speak to the Prime Minister about a better deal for Queensland”: (a) Did the Premier of Queensland express her disappointment to the Prime Minister?	Written, 2 November 2018



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						(b) Did the Department communicate with their counterpart agencies in state and territory governments? (c) If so, when did the Department communicate with these agencies?	
169.	171.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Council of Australian Governments (COAG)	Economic Division	With reference to the decision by the Prime Minister to cancel the October meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG): (a) Did any of the Department’s counterpart agencies in state and territory governments express concerns about the decision to cancel COAG? (b) If so, which state or territory governments express concerns and what was the nature of their concerns? (c) Did any Ministers contact their counterparts to advise of the decision to cancel the October meeting of COAG? (d) If so, which Ministers contacted their counterparts, and when? (e) Did any state and territory ministers express concerns about the decision? (f) If so, what was the nature of these concerns?	Written, 2 November 2018
170.	172.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Council of Australian Governments (COAG)	Economic Division	With reference to the decision by the Prime Minister to cancel the October meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG): (a) Is the Department aware of any arrangements that state and territory governments had put in place to attend the October meeting of COAG? Had hotels and flights been booked? (b) What costs were incurred as a result of the cancellation of COAG – by the Commonwealth or by state and territory governments?	Written, 2 November 2018
171.	173.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Council of Australian Governments (COAG)	Economic Division	With reference to the decision by the Prime Minister to cancel the October meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG): (a) What is the purpose of COAG? (b) Does the Department regard COAG meetings as important? (c) If so, why?	Written, 2 November 2018
172.	174.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Council of Australian Governments (COAG)	Economic Division	With reference to the decision by the Prime Minister to cancel the October meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), and the statement made in a Press Conference with the Minister for Education, Dan Tehan, on Thursday 20 September 2018, by the Prime Minister that “The only thing that happens as a result of not having that COAG meeting, is less Tim Tams will be consumed in Canberra that week”: (a) How many Tim Tams are ordinarily consumed in the course of a meeting of COAG?	Written, 2 November 2018

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						(b) Does the Department agree with the Prime Minister that “the only thing that happens as a result of not having that COAG meeting, is less Tim Tams will be consumed in Canberra that week”?	
173.	175.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Council of Australian Governments (COAG)	Economic Division	With reference to the decision by the Prime Minister to cancel the October meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), and the February meeting of COAG, which made a number of decisions requiring further action at its next meeting, including improving outcomes for Indigenous Australians – Closing the Gap framework; protecting Australia’s children – report from the Education Council to consider existing and potential initiatives to help combat bullying and cyberbullying; and education – findings of the “Lifting Our Game” review: Were these items scheduled to be discussed at the October meeting of COAG?	Written, 2 November 2018
174.	176.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Council of Australian Governments (COAG)	Economic Division	With reference to the decision by the Prime Minister to cancel the October meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) and the agreement by First Ministers at the February 2018 meeting that all governments would undertake community consultations on a new Closing the Gap framework – with the Ministerial Council on Indigenous Affairs to consider the outcomes of the public consultation processes and potential new Closing the Gap targets before COAG’s next meeting; and COAG agreeing a new Closing the Gap framework by 31 October 2018: (a) Have governments undertaken these consultations? (b) Has the Ministerial Council considered the outcomes of the public consultations processes? (c) Has the Minister Council considered potential new Closing the Gap target targets? (d) Was there a settled or draft agenda prepared for the October meeting of COAG? (e) If so, what was the status of the agenda – was it settled or draft? (f) What other items were scheduled for discussion or decision at the October meeting of COAG? (g) What is the impact of these discussions not taking place? (h) What is the impact of these decisions not having been made? (i) When does the Department now expect decisions to be made on these issues?	Written, 2 November 2018
175.	177.	Department of	Kitching	Prime	Prime	With reference to the Prime Minister’s Office twitter account @thePMO:	Written, 2

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		the Prime Minister and Cabinet		Minister's Office Twitter account	Minister's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Who is in charge of this twitter account: Is it the department, the office of the PM or the PM himself?</li> <li>(b) Does the PM see this twitter account as an important channel to communicate to the general public?</li> <li>(c) Does the PM view this twitter account as an avenue for the general public to interact with the office of the Prime Minister?</li> <li>(d) Does someone different manage this twitter account to the Prime Ministers other account @ScottMorrisonMP?</li> </ul>	November 2018
176.	178.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Prime Minister's Office Twitter account	Ministerial Support Division	<p>With reference to the Prime Minister's Office twitter account @thePMO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) When the Prime Minister took over the role in August, how long did it take for the resources available to former prime minister Malcolm Turnbull to be available to the current PM?</li> <li>(b) When did Mr Morrison gain access to @thePMO?</li> <li>(c) Why did it take up to a month for the twitter account @thePMO to be updated with the name, image and information of the current PM Scott Morrison?</li> <li>(d) Was the former Prime Minister refusing to hand over this account?</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018
177.	179.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Prime Minister's Office Twitter account	Ministerial Support Division	<p>With reference to the Prime Minister's Office twitter account @thePMO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Given the frequency of leadership changes in the Liberal Party, is it appropriate for it to take over a month for the twitter account to be changed?</li> <li>(b) Is it confusing for the general public to keep track of who is prime minister when the official twitter account takes weeks to be updated?</li> <li>(c) Has the Department investigated ways to improve the process so that the changeover will be faster after the next Liberal leadership coup?</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018
	180.					A question has not been allocated to this number.	
178.	181.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Prime Minister's website	Ministerial Support Division	<p>With reference to the Prime Minister's website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Why did the PM not renew his website URL?</li> <li>(b) Was he again trying to avoid communication with the public about why he is now the Prime Minister and Malcolm Turnbull is not?</li> <li>(c) Was there administration error?</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018
179.	182.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Kitching	Social Media Policies	Ministerial Support Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Does the Department have any policies that govern the social media that it puts out itself?</li> <li>(b) Would that policy permit the posting of a video which contained music</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018

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		Cabinet				<p>containing offensive lyrics?</p> <p>(c) Why or why not?</p> <p>(d) Can a copy of any relevant policy or policies be provided?</p>	
180.	183.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Fatman Scoop	Prime Minister's Office	<p>With reference to the video posted by the Prime Minister on his twitter feed featuring the song "Be Faithful" by Fatman Scoop:</p> <p>(a) What was the process for the development and posting of this video?</p> <p>(b) Does the Prime Minister have sole control over his twitter, or do his staff sometimes tweet on his behalf?</p> <p>(c) How can members of the public tell the difference?</p> <p>(d) Does the Prime Minister review the content that is tweeted on his behalf?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
181.	184.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Fatman Scoop	Prime Minister's Office	<p>With reference to the video posted by the Prime Minister on his twitter feed featuring the song "Be Faithful" by Fatman Scoop, noting Fatman Scoop posted a lengthy note about the incident, saying that "It's a fun PARTY SONG that has no NEGATIVY or HARM in it!!!":</p> <p>Does the Prime Minister agree?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
182.	185.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Fatman Scoop	Prime Minister's Office	<p>With reference to the video posted by the Prime Minister on his twitter feed featuring the song "Be Faithful" by Fatman Scoop, noting Fatman Scoop also said "When my song was really ROCKING Scott was probably in the CLUBS!":</p> <p>Was the Prime Minister "in the CLUBS" when this song was "really ROCKING"?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
183.	186.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Fatman Scoop	Prime Minister's Office	<p>With reference to the video posted by the Prime Minister on his twitter feed featuring the song "Be Faithful" by Fatman Scoop, noting Fatman Scoop invited the Prime Minister to come as his guest to R&amp;B Fridays in Australia in November, and the Prime Minister retweeted the post and said "Definitely keen for R&amp;B Fridays":</p> <p>(a) Did the Prime Minister tweet this himself, or was it done on his behalf?</p> <p>(b) Is the Prime Minister keen for R&amp;B Fridays?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
184.	187.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Fatman Scoop	Prime Minister's Office	<p>With reference to the video posted by the Prime Minister on his twitter feed featuring the song "Be Faithful" by Fatman Scoop, noting Fatman Scoop has five tour dates in November at the following locations:</p> <p>Perth: Friday, November 9, nib Stadium (all ages)</p> <p>Melbourne: Saturday, November 10, Etihad Stadium (all ages)</p> <p>Adelaide: Sunday, November 11, Adelaide Showgrounds (18+)</p> <p>Brisbane: Friday, November 16, Brisbane Showgrounds (18+)</p> <p>Sydney: Saturday, November 17, Spotless Stadium (18+)</p>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						(a) Which event or events is the Prime Minister planning to attend? (b) Does the Prime Minister think it is a good use of his time? (c) Can details be provided of all invites to the Prime Minister for each of those days that have not been accepted?	
185.	188.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Cabinet Catering Costs	Cabinet Division	With reference to 2018-19 Budget estimates question on notice 71:  “In 1973, a Cabinet Trust Fund was established to help meet the costs of catering Cabinet and committee meetings. Ministers would make payments into the fund, and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) would then use these funds to pay up to 50 per cent of catering costs, with PM&C to meet the remaining 50 per cent from departmental funds. This arrangement continued through to the Rudd-Gillard government, and payments into the Fund ceased in August 2013 when Parliament was dissolved prior to the 2013 election. New arrangements commenced under then Prime Minister the Hon Tony Abbott MP. Ministers were no longer asked to pay into a Trust Fund, but Prime Minister Abbott made a monthly contribution of \$200 into the PM&C Cabinet catering account until September 2015 to help meet the cost of a reduced catering service. With this arrangement in place, the Trust Fund was closed in February 2014.”  (a) Why did the Abbott Government in September 2013 feel it was fit to end 40 years of Cabinet tradition in having Cabinet ministers pay for a portion of catering costs? (b) Is this consistent with the 2014 Budget in which the Abbott Government made cuts to health, education, the pension on the premise it was the end of the age of entitlement? (c) Is it appropriate that Mr Abbott held one standard for the Australian people and another for his Cabinet? (d) Why did PM Abbott make a contribution to the trust fund for a period and then ended that contribution? What changed? (e) Why did Mr Turnbull not continue this contribution to the PM&C Cabinet catering account? (f) Has the new and current Prime Minister, Mr Morrison, made any contribution to the catering account? (g) Are there any plans to change this arrangement or revert to the arrangement that was in place prior to September 2013?	Written, 2 November 2018
186.	189.	Department of	Kitching	Briefings on	Government	With reference to the Minister for Small and Family Business, Skills and	Written, 2

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		the Prime Minister and Cabinet		Incoming Ministers	Division	Vocational Education, Senator Cash, who was recently demoted by the Prime Minister but remains in the Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Did the Department provide the new prime minister with any briefing material on Minister Cash relating to her previous role as the employment minister?</li> <li>(b) In particular, was Mr Morrison provided with any material regarding the Australian Federal Police investigation into the tipping off of media re: details of police raids on union premises?</li> <li>(c) Has any other government department, agency or body provided material or been asked to provide material to the Department for any incoming briefs for Mr Morrison relating to the raid and subsequent investigations into Minister Cash?</li> <li>(d) If yes, can copies of that material/advice please be provided?</li> </ul>	November 2018
187.	190.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Briefings on Incoming Ministers	Government Division	With reference to Stuart Robert MP, the Member for Fadden, who was recently promoted by the Prime Minister to the position of Assistant Treasurer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Is it correct that Mr Robert was previously sacked as a minister by former prime minister Malcolm Turnbull in 2016 for breaching ministerial rules during an overseas trip?</li> <li>(b) Is it correct that when he was the assistant minister for Defence, Mr Robert oversaw a mining deal between Nimrod Resources – run by his friend and major Liberal Party donor Paul Marks – and the Chinese government-owned Minmetals?</li> <li>(c) Is it correct that despite saying he was in China in a “personal capacity”, Mr Robert also took Nimrod executives into a meeting with a Chinese government minister?</li> <li>(d) Did the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Dr Parkinson, conduct a review into Mr Robert’s activities, at the behest of Mr Turnbull?</li> <li>(e) In his report, did Dr Parkinson conclude that Mr Robert had acted inconsistently with the Statement of Ministerial Standards?</li> <li>(f) Is it correct that Mr Robert was also referred to the Australian Federal Police over that matter?</li> <li>(g) Is it also correct that ASIC given evidence in estimates hearings that it would investigate Mr Robert over some of his other business affairs, following reports that Mr Robert’s father, Alan Robert, was unaware he</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						<p>was a director in a company linked to his son?</p> <p>(h) Is it correct that ASIC official Mr Price told an estimates hearing in 2017 that knowingly lodging a false or misleading document with the official regulator was an offence under corporations law with a maximum term of five years' jail?</p> <p>(i) Did the Department provide the new prime minister with any briefing material on Mr Robert relating to any previous investigations into him by: the Department; the Australian Federal Police; ASIC; or any other government body or agency?</p> <p>(j) If so, can copies of that material/advice please be provided?</p> <p>(k) On what basis has Mr Robert been restored to the ministry?</p>	
188.	191.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Briefings on Incoming Ministers	Government Division	<p>(a) Has the Department provided any briefing material to the new Prime Minister on new or reappointed ministers regarding any other police investigation; or other government department investigation?</p> <p>(b) If so, which ministers?</p> <p>(c) Can copies of that material be provided?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
189.	192.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Statement of Ministerial Standards	Government Division	<p>(a) In the past 12 months, how many times has the Statement of Ministerial Standards been reissued?</p> <p>(b) Can copies of each version be provided?</p> <p>(c) Can details of the changes between each version be provided?</p> <p>(d) During Mr Turnbull's time as prime minister, what steps did Mr Turnbull take to ensure ministers received and understood the statement of ministerial standards?</p> <p>(e) How did the Department support Prime Minister Turnbull to ensure ministers' compliance with the ministerial standards?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
190.	193.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Statement of Ministerial Standards	Government Division	<p>Following the February 2018 revision to the Statement of Ministerial Standards:</p> <p>(a) When did the Department first become aware of Mr Turnbull's desire to revise the statement?</p> <p>(b) How was that communicated?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
191.	194.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Statement of Ministerial Standards	Government Division	What was the Department's involvement in the preparation of the 1 August version of the Statement of Ministerial Standards?	Written, 2 November 2018
192.	195.	Department of	Kitching	Statement of	Government	(a) Following Mr Morrison's successful leadership challenge on 24 August	Written, 2

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		the Prime Minister and Cabinet		Ministerial Standards	Division	<p>2018, when was the issue of a further revision to the Statement of Ministerial Standards raised?</p> <p>(b) Did the Department provide a brief to Mr Morrison?</p> <p>(c) Who drafted the foreword in Mr Morrison’s version of the ministerial standards?</p> <p>(d) What steps did the Department take to ensure that ministers in the Morrison Ministry were made aware of the document?</p> <p>(e) Can the Department advise what ongoing support and advice it provides to the Prime Minister regarding compliance by ministers?</p> <p>(f) What is Mr Morrison doing to ensure ministers adhere to the Statement of Ministerial Standards?</p>	November 2018
193.	196.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Cabinet Handbook	Cabinet Division	<p>(a) Is it correct that the day after Mr Dutton challenged for leadership of the Government and the country on 20 August 2018, a new edition of the Cabinet Handbook was published?</p> <p>(b) When was this decision made?</p> <p>(c) Is it correct that Prime Minister Turnbull’s name appears on the current version of the Cabinet Handbook, issued on 21 August 2018?</p> <p>(d) What was the Department’s involvement in the decision to release an updated Cabinet Handbook during this period of uncertainty?</p> <p>(e) Did anyone consider whether it might be prudent to wait to see who the Prime Minister would be by the end of the week before issuing a new Cabinet Handbook with Mr Turnbull’s signature on the Foreword?</p> <p>(f) Prime Minister Morrison has issued new Ministerial Standards, but hasn’t issued a new Cabinet Handbook.</p> <p>(g) Is work underway to rectify this?</p> <p>(h) Has a decision been made to continue with Mr Turnbull’s handbook?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
194.	197.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Government Board Appointments	Cabinet Division	<p>The Cabinet Handbook sets out the rules and processes around appointments on pages 22 to 24 and in particular, paragraph 115 lists some of requirements that a proposal must contain:</p> <p><i>115. The minister’s proposal should also confirm that:</i>  <i>the person being proposed is appropriately qualified and has experience relevant to the vacancy</i>  <i>the appointment would conform with any applicable legislation</i>  <i>due regard has been paid to gender balance in appointments</i></p>	Written, 2 November 2018



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						<p><i>attention has been paid to the need to have an appropriate geographical balance in appointments</i></p> <p><i>any real or perceived conflict of interest with the proposed nominee has been considered and addressed</i></p> <p><i>any necessary consultation with other ministerial colleagues or state or territory counterparts has occurred (nominating ministers should consult relevant ministerial colleagues when proposing to appoint officers employed in another portfolio to an advisory committee in their own portfolio; where a state or territory public servant is being considered for appointment to a part-time position, the relevant premier, chief minister or state or territory minister should also be consulted).</i></p> <p>(a) Do any rules or conventions exist for the appointment of former parliamentarians?</p> <p>(b) Can a copy of any such rules be provided?</p> <p>(c) Is there any register kept of former MPs being appointed?</p> <p>(d) Can a copy of any such register be provided?</p>	
	<b>198.</b>					A response has not been allocated to this number	
<b>195.</b>	<b>199.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Government Board Appointments	Ministerial Support Division	Has the Department been contacted or prepared any briefing material related to the former member for Braddon, Mr Brett Whiteley, in order for him to be placed on any government boards or given any job with the Commonwealth?	Written, 2 November 2018
<b>196.</b>	<b>200.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Change of Prime Minister	Executive	<p>(a) How has the change of prime minister from Mr Turnbull to Mr Morrison changed the policy focus of the Department?</p> <p>(b) What work did the Department stop doing when Mr Turnbull ceased being Prime Minister?</p> <p>(c) Is innovation still a priority for the Department, noting Mr Morrison has not been as vocal about innovation as Mr Turnbull was?</p> <p>(d) Is agility still a priority for the Government?</p> <p>(e) Has there been any restructuring within the Department to reflect the new priorities of Prime Minister Morrison?</p> <p>(f) If so, what is the nature of this restructuring?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
<b>197.</b>	<b>201.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	COAG discussions on public hospital funding	Economic Division	<p>(a) What is the current status of the dispute between the Commonwealth and all states and territories on the reconciliation of 2016-17 funding?</p> <p>(b) Is it correct that the dispute is between the Commonwealth on one hand and all states and territories on the other?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						(c) Is it correct that at its meeting on 12 October, COAG Health Council agreed to invoke section 23 of the National Health Reform Agreement and refer this dispute to COAG if it was not resolved by Friday, 26 October?	
198.	202.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	COAG discussions on public hospital funding	Economic Division	(a) What steps were taken to settle this dispute previously? (b) Have discussions occurred between officials, then discussions between relevant Ministers, then discussion at COAG Health Council, as envisaged under the National Health Reform Agreement? (c) Are there any previous examples of section 23 of the Agreement being invoked? (d) The states say the Commonwealth is making changes retrospectively, reducing funding for hospital services they delivered in 2016-17, is this correct?	Written, 2 November 2018
199.	203.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	COAG discussions on public hospital funding	Economic Division	(a) What is the scale of the dispute? (b) Is it correct that Victoria says it is owed \$201 million and Queensland says \$79?	Written, 2 November 2018
200.	204.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	COAG discussions on public hospital funding	Economic Division	(a) Is the Department aware of the concerns the states have raised about the supposed independence of the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority and the National Health Funding Body? (b) What has been done to address these concerns?	Written, 2 November 2018
201.	205.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	COAG discussions on public hospital funding	Economic Division	Noting this dispute is over 2016-17 funding, but there was a similar dispute over 2015-16 funding, which arose after then-Treasurer Morrison directed the umpires to audit 2015-16 funding: (a) Did Mr Morrison, as Treasurer, do the same for 2016-17? (b) Is it not the case that the 2015-16 process shows that the so-called independent umpires take direction from the Commonwealth, as the states fear?	Written, 2 November 2018
202.	206.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	COAG discussions on public hospital funding	Economic Division	(a) What is the Prime Minister's involvement in the dispute at this stage? (b) Has he discussed it with the Health Minister? (c) Has he discussed it with other First Ministers? (d) When on 1 October, the Prime Minister told reporters this issue was "straightforward" and that "there are reconciliations done on those from year to year and we're just following the normal process", was that based on advice from the Department?	Written, 2 November 2018

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203.	207.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	COAG discussions on public hospital funding	Economic Division	(a) Would the cancelled October COAG meeting would have discussed health funding – would that have included this issue? (b) When will COAG discuss the issue?	Written, 2 November 2018
204.	208.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Questions on Notice	Ministerial Support Division	With reference to the performance of the Department in answering questions on notice from the 2018-19 Budget estimates, and the letter from Senator Cormann, dated 17 October 2018, in response to the Senate order relating to questions taken on notice as Senate estimates hearings: (a) Is it correct that the Senate order states this letter is to be provided to the Senate “by not later than 10 days before the commencement of the [...] supplementary budget estimates”? (b) Was that Friday 12 October 2018? (c) Why is the letter only dated 17 October 2018? (d) On what date was the letter provided to the minister’s office? (e) What is the reason for the delay?	Written, 2 November 2018
205.	209.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Questions on Notice	Ministerial Support Division	With reference to the performance of the Department in answering questions on notice from the 2018-19 Budget estimates, and the letter from Senator Cormann, dated 17 October 2018, in response to the Senate order relating to questions taken on notice as Senate estimates hearings: (a) Given the letter indicates there were 180 questions placed on notice for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet at the 2018-19 Budget estimates hearings, why were only twelve answers were provided by the due date of 6 July 2018, all by the Office for Women? (b) Why was the Office for Women able to answer its questions, but no other area of the Department was? (c) Will other areas of the Department take guidance from the Office for Women about how to answer a question on notice on time in future?	Written, 2 November 2018
206.	210.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Questions on Notice	Ministerial Support Division	With reference to the performance of the Department in answering questions on notice from the 2018-19 Budget estimates, and the letter from Senator Cormann, dated 17 October 2018, in response to the Senate order relating to questions taken on notice as Senate estimates hearings: (a) Is it correct that 166 answers were all provided to the relevant ministers’ offices by the due date of 6 July 2018? (b) Why did it take more than three months for some of these answers to make	Written, 2 November 2018

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						<p>it to the Senate?</p> <p>(c) What is the process for providing answers and having them approved and providing them to the committee or to the Senate, as appropriate?</p> <p>(d) Was former prime minister Turnbull sitting on them?</p> <p>(e) Why did Prime Minister Morrison continue to sit on them?</p> <p>(f) What was Prime Minister Morrison's reaction when he discovered such a backlog of answers when he came to office?</p> <p>(g) How many of the answers were been provided to the Senate between 15 and 22 October 2018?</p>	
207.	211.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Questions on Notice	Ministerial Support Division	<p>With reference to the performance of the Department in answering questions on notice from the 2018-19 Budget estimates, and the answer to question on notice 185, provided to the committee on Friday 19 October 2018:</p> <p>Senator Wong asked: <i>Was the apprenticeship program agreement, which involves the expenditure of public money, agreed by the cabinet or a subcommittee of the cabinet?</i></p> <p>The answer was: <i>The Prime Minister and/or the Cabinet provide policy authority for all decisions of Government.</i></p> <p>(a) Why did it take four months – from the date of the hearing – for this pitiful answer, which does not even answer the question, to be provided?</p> <p>(b) Can a proper answer to the question be provided now?</p> <p>(c) Does Dr Parkinson think the performance in answering questions on notice is appropriate?</p> <p>(d) Is this the high standard that should be expected of the leading public service department?</p> <p>(e) Does the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet have a role in setting standards for other departments?</p> <p>(f) Has it met its function as a role model through this performance?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
208.	212.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Investigations of breaches into Ministerial Standards	Government Division	<p>Noting evidence at previous estimates hearings relating to investigations into breaches of ministerial standards carried out by Dr Parkinson including into Jamie Briggs and his behaviour on a ministerial trip to Hong Kong, Sussan Ley and her use of entitlements, and Barnaby Joyce and the Statement of Ministerial Standards:</p> <p>(a) Has Dr Parkinson been asked to carry out any other investigations into</p>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						<p>breaches of ministerial standards since the 2018-19 Budget estimates?</p> <p>(b) If so, into what ministers?</p> <p>(c) On what dates were these matters referred?</p> <p>(d) Have final reports been provided to the Prime Minister?</p> <p>(e) Can copies of the reports be provided?</p>	
209.	213.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Acting Appointments	Corporate Division	<p>With reference to the 2017-18 additional estimates and the 2018-19 Budget and the number of SES in acting positions, and evidence in February that there were 28 acting appointments and in May there were 29 acting appointments:</p> <p>(a) How many SES are currently in acting appointments?</p> <p>(b) Why is there still such a high level of acting appointments?</p> <p>(c) Which areas within the Department have the highest levels of acting appointments?</p> <p>(d) What is the Department doing to manage this?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
210.	214.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Coalition Agreement	Prime Minister's Office	Has a new version of the Coalition Agreement been negotiated between the new Prime Minister, Mr Morrison, and the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr McCormack?	Written, 2 November 2018
211.	215.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Coalition Agreement	Government Division	<p>Noting the statement of the Deputy Leader of the National Party, Senator McKenzie, in February this year that the Government had given the Governor-General a copy of the Coalition Agreement:</p> <p>... we have to recognise the Coalition Agreement is not some, you know, sacred document, it is an administrative document that sets out the arrangements between two very independent parties to form government. The Governor-General is across it. That's all we need to worry about.</p> <p>(a) Is the Department aware whether a copy of the Coalition Agreement has been provided to the Governor-General?</p> <p>(b) If so, on what date was a copy of the Coalition Agreement provided to the Governor-General?</p> <p>(c) Did the Governor-General request a copy of the Coalition Agreement, or did the Prime Minister send it to the Governor-General unsolicited?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
212.	216.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Kitching	Coalition Agreement	Government Division	Noting the statement of the Deputy Leader of the National Party, Senator McKenzie, in February this year that the Government had given the Governor-General a copy of the Coalition Agreement:	Written, 2 November 2018

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		Cabinet				<p>... we have to recognise the Coalition Agreement is not some, you know, sacred document, it is an administrative document that sets out the arrangements between two very independent parties to form government. The Governor-General is across it. That's all we need to worry about.</p> <p>(a) Does the Agreement cover the agricultural visa?            (b) Noting last week Mr Morrison was quoted as saying that he and Mr McCormack had been "working on this plan from the day we signed up as a Coalition under our respective leaderships", is the issue of a new agricultural visa part of the Coalition agreement?            (c) What is the most recent version of the Coalition Agreement held by the Department?</p>	
213.	217.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Coalition Agreement	Prime Minister's Office	<p>Noting it was reported in an article on the front page of the Australian on Friday, it is reported that "Many Nationals remain unconvinced the agriculture visa was included in the top-secret Coalition agreement, as Mr McCormack indicated to colleagues when the new agreement was signed":</p> <p>(a) Who is correct, the Nationals cited in the Australian or Mr Morrison and Mr McCormack?            (b) Given that members of the Government itself cannot even agree on what is in the Coalition agreement, why will the Government not just be upfront with Australian people and release the document so everyone can see what the Government's real agenda is?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
214.	218.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Security Clearances	Corporate Division –	<p>With reference to the process for issuing security clearances:</p> <p>(a) Is it correct that the Attorney-General's Department's most recent report on security clearances shows a sharp increase in the issuance of waivers?            (b) Has the Department asked the Attorney-General's Department for any further information or explanation about this report?            (c) If not, why not?            (d) Noting the report states that 47 non-citizens were granted NV1 in 2015-16 and 175 non-citizens were granted it in 2016-17, a 370 per cent jump, what consideration has the Department given to the security implications of this?</p> <p><i>Note: Parts (a) and (d) of this question have been transferred to the Attorney-General's Department and only appear in this index for context.</i></p>	Written, 2 November 2018
	219.					A question has not been allocated to this number	

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215.	220.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Security Clearances	Corporate Division	<p>With reference to the process for issuing security clearances and the Attorney-General's Department's most recent report on security clearances, which explains that historically, waivers for uncheckable backgrounds have mostly been at the PV level, reflecting "more onerous PV background checking expectations":</p> <p>(a) Is it correct that in 2015-16 there were 7 waivers at NV1 level, and last there were 137 waivers at NV1?</p> <p>(b) Which entity is responsible for this, as attributed in the report?</p> <p>(c) Does the Department have any explanation for this change?</p> <p>(d) Dr Cave from ASPI's international cyber policy centre who did have an explanation said "one possible explanation, giving the timing, is that some increase in waivers in 2016-17 were for new political advisers and the result of major ministerial reshuffles that occurred in Parliament in both 2015 and 2016", is this correct?</p> <p><i>Note: Parts (a), (b) and (d) of this question have been transferred to the Attorney-General's Department and only appear in this index for context.</i></p>	Written, 2 November 2018
216.	221.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Security Clearances - Waivers	Corporate Division	<p>(a) How many staff in the Department have received waivers for their security clearances, and in which years were those waivers were provided?</p> <p>(b) How many contractors to the Department have received waivers for their security clearances, and in which years were those waivers were provided?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
217.	222.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Andrew Fisher Building – Budget Estimates QoN 202 Part 1	Corporate Division	<p>Following the 2018-19 Budget estimates, Senator Wong placed some questions on notice concerning the Andrew Fisher Building, 2018-19 Budget estimates questions on notice 202, 203 and 204.</p> <p>In part (1) of the answer to question on notice 202, the Department stated:  <i>The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&amp;C) is undertaking fit-out works for the Andrew Fisher Building (AFB) in accordance with the project approved by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on 20 July 2017.</i></p> <p>(a) Is this what is listed in the Public Works Committee's "medium works list" as the "Working Your Way Fit-out, One National Circuit, Barton, ACT; Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet; 28 June 2017"?</p> <p>(b) As a project valued under \$15 million (noting the answer in part (4) puts it at \$14 million), is it just the case that these works are not subject to a full</p>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						<p>public inquiry by the Public Works Committee, and are simply “noted”?</p> <p>(c) Is it misleading to say the project is <i>approved by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works</i>?</p> <p>(d) If the project was subject to further inquiry by the Committee, in which report is the approval detailed?</p>	
218.	223.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Andrew Fisher Building – Budget Estimates QoN 202 Part 5	Corporate Division	<p>Following the 2018-19 Budget estimates, Senator Wong placed some questions on notice concerning the Andrew Fisher Building, 2018-19 Budget estimates questions on notice 202, 203 and 204.</p> <p>Noting the statement in answer to part (5) of the answer to question on notice 202: <i>The fit-out budget is provided through a lease incentive negotiated in conjunction with lease renewal negotiations. As fit-out costs are incurred, invoices are passed through to the landlord for reimbursement.</i></p> <p>(a) Can the Department explain this further?</p> <p>(b) Who is the landlord?</p> <p>(c) Do taxpayers ultimately pick up the \$14 million cost?</p> <p>(d) Is a fit-out nearing its “end of life” after ten years, as stated in part (2), considered acceptable for a modern building?</p> <p>(e) Given the answer to part (2) indicates the Andrew Fisher Building’s designed capacity was 580, but accommodated over 1000 staff, and part (8) indicates the Department also has office space in Woden, why were more staff not accommodated there?</p> <p>(f) Did the Department seek to obtain further office space elsewhere, and have any conversations with the Department of Finance about such a move?</p> <p>(g) If not, why not?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
219.	224.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Andrew Fisher Building – Budget Estimates QoN 202 Part 6	Corporate Division	<p>Following the 2018-19 Budget estimates, Senator Wong placed some questions on notice concerning the Andrew Fisher Building, 2018-19 Budget estimates questions on notice 202, 203 and 204.</p> <p>Noting the statement in answer to part (6) of the answer to question on notice 202, that the project duration is over two years:</p> <p>Why is this?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018



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220.	225.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Andrew Fisher Building – Budget Estimates QoN 204	Corporate Division	<p>Following the 2018-19 Budget estimates, Senator Wong placed some questions on notice concerning the Andrew Fisher Building, 2018-19 Budget estimates questions on notice 202, 203 and 204.</p> <p>Noting the statement in answer to question on notice 204:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Why does the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet have an aversion to the use of the name “Andrew Fisher Building”?</li> <li>(b) Is Australia’s fifth prime minister not good enough for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, even though Andrew Fisher was responsible for establishing the Department in 1911?</li> <li>(c) Is it because, in years served, he is Australia’s second-longest serving Labor prime minister?</li> <li>(d) What action will the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet take to properly recognise the name of the Andrew Fisher Building, such as by including it on its letterhead?</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018
221.	226.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Annual Report – Staff Photograph	Ministerial Support Division	<p>With reference to the 2017-18 annual report:</p> <p>Who chose the photograph on page V of Department staff apparently watching an estimates hearing in progress?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
222.	227.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Annual Report - Requirements	Ministerial Support Division	<p>With reference to the 2017-18 annual report, noting the statement in the document <i>Requirements of Annual Reports</i>, which is published by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet:</p> <p><i>The primary purpose of annual reports of departments is accountability, in particular to the Parliament.</i></p> <p><i>Annual reports serve to inform the Parliament (through the responsible Minister), other stakeholders, educational and research institutions, the media and the general public about the performance of departments in relation to services provided. Annual reports are a key reference document and a document for internal management. They form part of the historical record.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Does the Department believe the annual report fulfils the requirements of this statement?</li> <li>(b) Why is the 2017-18 annual report lacking in substance?</li> <li>(c) Is the full page for each biography of the Secretary and the deputy</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						<p>secretaries from pages 20 to 29, of which a third is taken up by a photograph, somewhat vainglorious, even narcissistic?</p> <p>(d) Is three photos of the Secretary in the first twenty pages (on pages 2, 8 and 21) overkill?</p> <p>(e) Would a better way to ensure the visage of the Secretary is familiar to members of parliament be for him to cease the practice of excusing himself from attendance at estimates?</p>	
223.	228.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Annual Report – Photograph of Former Prime Minister Turnbull	Ministerial Support Division	<p>With reference to the 2017-18 annual report, and the full page dedicated to a photograph of former prime minister Malcolm Turnbull, on page 32, which seems somewhat unfortunate given his demise following the conclusion of the 2017-18 year:</p> <p>(a) Given the report was only transmitted by the Secretary to the Prime Minister, that is, Prime Minister Morrison, on 3 September 2018 and tabled in Parliament at the start of this month, was any consideration given to making the photograph of the former prime minister less prominent?</p> <p>(b) Did the current Prime Minister, Mr Morrison, sign off on the prominent treatment of his predecessor?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
224.	229.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Annual Report – Preparation of the Report	Ministerial Support Division	<p>With reference to the 2017-18 annual report:</p> <p>(a) Which division of the Department is responsible for the production of the annual report?</p> <p>(b) How many staff work in this division?</p> <p>(c) Over what period of time is the annual report produced?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
225.	230.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Annual Report - Consultancies	Corporate Division	<p>On page 150, the 2017-18 annual report devotes less than a page to spending of \$7.05 million on consultants in 2017-18 and the table indicating that expenditure on consultancies more than doubled from the previous year:</p> <p>(a) Is this cost blowout considered acceptable?</p> <p>(b) Why has the expenditure increased so much?</p> <p>(c) The report states “PM&amp;C engages consultants for specialist expertise or when independent research, review or assessment is required”.</p> <p>(d) Given the Department has over 2,000 staff (Table 3.2: Staff headcount, 2017 and 2018, page 118), what initiatives, including workforce development, is the Department undertaking to reduce this cost?</p> <p>(e) Why, on this page, and the previous and following pages dealing with procurement practices and advertising and market research, has the</p>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						<p>Department taken the approach of referring readers to various websites instead of actually printing the information in the report?</p> <p>(f) How is this in compliance with the statement in the document <i>Requirements of Annual Reports</i>, which is published by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet:</p> <p><i>The content of annual reports should be consistent with the purposes of annual reports – in particular, annual reports should be written in plain English and provide sufficient information and analysis for the Parliament to make a fully informed judgement on departmental performance?</i></p> <p>(g) Is this not an exercise in obscuring information from the Parliament, and the public?</p>	
226.	231.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Annual Report – Operational Deficit	Corporate Division	<p>On page 136, the 2017-18 annual report notes the Department “reported a technical operating deficit of \$24.0 million” but after various adjustments, “an operating surplus of \$2.2 million”.</p> <p>Can the particulars of how these figures are arrived at be explained?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
227.	232.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Appointment of the Governor-General – Advice Provided	Government Division	<p>Given that on page 4 of the 2017-18 annual report of the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, it states “It is expected that the term of the Governor-General will conclude at the end of March 2019 (although there is no set term it is generally understood to be five years)”:</p> <p>(a) Has the Department provided any advice concerning the extension of the term of the current Governor-General?</p> <p>(b) Has the Department provided any advice concerning the appointment of a new Governor-General?</p> <p>(c) Has the Department provided or received any advice concerning the appointment of an administrator in the event that the term of the current Governor-General concludes but a new appointment is not made or finalised before the next federal election?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
228.	233.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Appointment of the Governor-General – Process and Timeline	Government Division	<p>Given that on page 4 of the 2017-18 annual report of the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, it states “It is expected that the term of the Governor-General will conclude at the end of March 2019 (although there is no set term it is generally understood to be five years)”:</p> <p>Can the Department outline the process and anticipated timeline for the appointment of a governor-general?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018

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229.	234.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Appointment of the Governor-General – previous appointment timeline	Government Division	Given that on page 4 of the 2017-18 annual report of the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, it states “It is expected that the term of the Governor-General will conclude at the end of March 2019 (although there is no set term it is generally understood to be five years)”:  What was the timeline for the appointment of the current Governor-General?	Written, 2 November 2018
230.	235.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Women’s Safety Package	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	At recent estimates hearings the Department of Social Services advised that PM&C had responsibility for the following initiatives, funded under the Women’s Safety Package (announced by the former PM in 2015): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$15 million to enable police in Qld to better respond to domestic violence in remote communities and for measures that reduce reoffending by Indigenous perpetrators.</li> <li>• \$3.6 million for the Cross Border Domestic Violence Intelligence Desk to share information on victims and perpetrators who move around the cross border region of WA, SA and the NT.</li> <li>• \$1.4 million to extend the Community Engagement Police Officers in remote Indigenous communities in the Northern territory.</li> <li>• Up to \$1.1 million to help remote Indigenous communities prevent and better respond to the incidence of domestic violence through targeted support.</li> </ul> Provide advice on when each initiative commenced (month/year) and ceased (month/year). Identify which of the initiatives are one –off projects or supplementary funding for an existing program (if supplementary funding - what is the name of the program). How much of the funding for each initiative has been allocated/committed/spent? What is the <u>actual funding</u> profile for each of these initiatives? Are there any unspent funds for any of these initiatives? Is there any expenditure against these initiatives in 2018-19?	Written, 2 November 2018
231.	236.	Australian Public Service Commission	Moore	Balancing the Future strategy	Australian Public Service Commission	Please provide detail on how each of the commitments and key actions identified as part of the <i>Balancing the Future Strategy</i> are being delivered.	Written, 2 November 2018
232.	237.	Workplace Gender	Moore	Employer actions to	Workplace Gender	1. What proportion of employers have done a gender pay gap analysis? 2. Of the employers who have done a pay gap analysis, what proportion have	Written, 2 November

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		Equality Agency		address pay inequity	Equality Agency	<p>taken further action to address their pay gap?</p> <p>3. What proportion of employers identified the cause of their gender pay gap?</p> <p>4. What proportion of employers actually closed like-for-like pay gaps when they found them?</p> <p>5. While there have been improvements, it appears that most organisations still aren't taking action to address their pay gaps – what do you think can be done to incentivise companies to actually take action?</p> <p>6. Would companies be incentivised to take action if their pay gaps were made public?</p>	2018
233.	238.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	Towards 2025 Plan	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<p>The <i>Towards 2025</i> implementation plan for the 2017-18 financial year lists key commitments for WGEA including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Opening the Employer of Choice citation to public sector organisations;</li> <li>o Developing an awards program to recognise innovative initiatives;</li> <li>o Expanding the framework for recognising leading businesses, including in relation to workplace flexibility; and</li> <li>o Introducing voluntary reporting for public sector employers</li> </ul> <p>Could you please update me on progress against these commitments?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
234.	239.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	Towards 2025 Plan	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<p>In response to question on notice 218 at Budget Estimates, WGEA stated “Australian Public Service agencies are not eligible to report directly to WGEA for the Employer of Choice Citation. This response was provided on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2018, after the 2017-18 <i>Towards 2025</i> Implementation Plan had expired – why had no action been taken on this key commitment?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
235.	240.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	Towards 2025 Plan	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<p>What is the objective of expanding the Employer of Choice citation – will this make it easier or harder for firms to be recognised as an employer of choice?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
236.	241.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	Towards 2025 Plan	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<p>Has the Office for Women consulted WGEA on the development of the 2018-19 Implementation Plan? If so, when?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
237.	242.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	Towards 2025 Plan	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<p>Has the Office for Women or Minister's Office consulted you on the development of the government's women's economic security statement?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018

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238.	243.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	WGEA Progress Report	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Has WGEA's 2018 progress report been submitted to the Minister? a. IF YES – Which date was it submitted? [Should have been tabled in Parliament within 15 days of being submitted to Minister's office – follow up if it hasn't been] b. IF NO – According to your work plan, when are you due to submit the report to the Minister? [noting it's supposed to be produced "as soon as practicable" after 31 May 2018]	Written, 2 November 2018
239.	244.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	WGEA Progress Report	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	1. In the 2016 report you made a number of recommendations about how WGEA's reporting practices could be improved – have any of these been implemented? 2. For instance, the report recommended that equity partners be included in the analysis – why was this recommended? Has it been adopted? Why not? 3. Does WGEA get a response from the Minister about whether the recommendations will be adopted? 4. What does WGEA do to encourage the take-up of its recommendations? 5. The report also recommended that data be collected on the uptake of flexible work arrangements – why was this recommended? Has it been adopted? Why not?	Written, 2 November 2018
240.	245.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	WGEA Progress Report	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	One of the key actions for the 2017-18 Implementation Plan of the Government's <i>Towards 2025</i> strategy to improve women's workforce participation was "expand the Workplace Gender Equality Agency's framework for recognising businesses who are leading in gender equality, including flexibility" – if both the progress report and the <i>Towards 2025</i> implementation plan recommend strengthening reporting frameworks for flexible work, why hasn't this happened?	Written, 2 November 2018
241.	246.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	Employer of Choice – Gender Equality citation holders	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	1. Please provide an update to Q0026 (geographic breakdown of Employer of Choice Gender Equality citation holders). a. According to the data provided in Q0026, there is a far higher proportion of citation holders in NSW and Victoria and there are a number of states with no citations. What is the reason for this distribution? b. Only one per cent of reporting companies in WA and Queensland have citations despite the high gender pay gaps in those states – are you doing any work to address this disparity and recruit more Employers of Choice in those states?	Written, 2 November 2018
242.	247.	Workplace Gender	Moore	Upgrade of IT system	Workplace Gender	Please provide an update on work to upgrade the IT system: a. Have you decided upgrades will be made?	Written, 2 November

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		Equality Agency			Equality Agency	<p>b. What capacity would you like to add?</p> <p>c. What is the estimated cost of the upgrade?</p> <p>d. Have you secured funding for the IT upgrade? What will happen if you don't secure funding?</p>	2018
243.	248.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Moore	Workforce participation and gender pay gap research	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Are you aware of any research or evidence showing that increased workforce participation leads to a narrowing of the pay gap, either in Australia or elsewhere?	Written, 2 November 2018
244.	249.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Kitching	Coalition Agreement	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	<p>Noting the statement of the Deputy Leader of the National Party, Senator McKenzie, in February this year that the Government had given the Governor-General a copy of the Coalition Agreement:</p> <p>...we have to recognise the Coalition Agreement is not some, you know, sacred document, it is an administrative document that sets out the arrangements between two very independent parties to form government. The Governor-General is across it. That's all we need to worry about.</p> <p>(a) Has a copy of the Coalition Agreement has been provided to the Governor-General?</p> <p>(b) If so, on what date was a copy of the Coalition Agreement provided to the Governor-General?</p> <p>(c) Did the Governor-General request a copy of the Coalition Agreement, or did the Prime Minister send it to the Governor-General unsolicited?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
245.	250.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Kitching	Coalition Agreement	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	<p>1. Has a new version of the Coalition Agreement been negotiated between the new Prime Minister, Mr Morrison, and the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr McCormack?</p> <p>2. Can a copy of the Coalition Agreement be provided?</p>	Written, 2 November 2018
246.	251.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Kitching	Minority Government	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Following the Wentworth by-election, what steps will the Governor-General take to satisfy himself that the Morrison Government continues to enjoy the support of the House of Representatives?	Written, 2 November 2018

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247.	252.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Kitching	Accommodation	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	In 2017-18, how many nights did the Governor-General spend at: (a) Government House? (b) Admiralty House? (c) Other locations?	Written, 2 November 2018
248.	253.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Kitching	Accommodation	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	(a) In 2017-18, were there any periods of time when either of the official residences were unavailable for the use of the Governor-General, due to maintenance or other factors? (b) If so, for what periods were they unavailable?	Written, 2 November 2018
249.	254.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Kitching	Innovation Cottage	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	(a) What works were required to render the “Innovation Cottage” suitable for use as a workspace? (b) What was the value of works undertaken? (c) Are staff permanently located in this area or is it used on a rotational basis?	Written, 2 November 2018
250.	255.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Kitching	Administrator	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	On how many occasions in 2017-18 was an administrator appointed in place of the Governor-General?	Written, 2 November 2018
251.	256.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Kitching	Administrator	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	For each occasion in 2017-18 when an administrator was appointed in place of the Governor-General, please detail: (a) The name of the administrator. (b) The duration of appointment. (c) Whether the administrator presided over any meetings of the Executive Council during the period of their appointment, if applicable.	Written, 2 November 2018
252.	257.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-	Kitching	Budget viability issues	Office of the Official Secretary to the	With reference to the statement on page 4 of the 2017-18 annual report of the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General that “The Office will address pressing ongoing budget viability issues in consultation with the Government through budget processes to ensure it is best placed to meet the	Written, 2 November 2018



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		General			Governor-General	emerging challenges of the years ahead”: (a) What are the “ongoing budget viability issues”? (b) What discussions have occurred with the Government on these matters?	
253.	258.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Kitching	Kirribilli House	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	With reference to the “Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to provide grounds maintenance to Kirribilli House” as noted on page 34 of the 2017-18 annual report of the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General: (a) Are the services provided on a cost recovery, at cost, fixed price or other basis? (b) What is the value of services provided?	Written, 2 November 2018
254.	259.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Kitching	Works of art	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Noting the statement on page 36 of the 2017-18 annual report of the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General that “The Office is grateful to the National Gallery of Australia, the Australiana Fund, the Australian War Memorial, and the Department of Parliamentary Services for the loan of paintings, sculptures, furniture, and other items for public display at Government House and Admiralty House”: (a) How many items were on loan from each named institution as at 30 June 2018? (b) What is the breakdown for each named institution between paintings, sculptures, furniture, and other items? (c) How many items are located at Government House and how many at Admiralty House?	Written, 2 November 2018
255.	260.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Kitching	Legal Services	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Noting the statement on page 55 of the 2017-18 annual report of the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General that “In accordance with the requirements of the Legal Services Directions 2017, the Office reports that total expenditure on external legal services in 2017-18 was \$32,837.42 (including GST)”:  For what purposes were external legal services required in 2017-18?	Written, 2 November 2018
256.	261. <b>ustr</b> <b>al</b>	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Kitching	Australian Bravery Decorations Council	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-	As at 30 June 2018, how long had the following positions on the Australian Bravery Decorations Council been vacant: (a) South Australia? (b) Western Australia? (c) Tasmania?	Written, 2 November 2018

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					General		
257.	262.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Kitching	Australian Bravery Decorations Council	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Have the following positions on the Australian Bravery Decorations Council, vacant been filled and if so, when were they filled: (a) South Australia? (b) Western Australia? (c) Tasmania?	Written, 2 November 2018
258.	263.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Community Development Programme – proposed reforms	Community and Economic Development Division	Under the proposed reforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much is expected to be saved from income support payments?</li> <li>• How much will be spent on wage subsidies?</li> <li>• How was the appropriate level of subsidy paid to remote employers determined?</li> <li>• Given the fairly limited take up of wage subsidies in non-remote areas, on what basis can the government state that it will be creating 6,000 subsidised jobs?</li> <li>• Please provide a detailed breakdown of the costs and savings from the Governments proposed CDP reforms over 4 years including: projected income support savings; projected costs of wage subsidies; any changes in expected PM&amp;C operational costs or DHS costs, provider fees, costs of any specific measures like business incubators.</li> <li>• Please details the stakeholders, organisations and individuals consulted regarding the introduction to remote regions of the proposed new Targeted Compliance Framework.</li> <li>• Please provide details of modelling that shows the impact of the removal of waivers under the new TCF</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018
259.	264.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Community Development Programme – Evaluation	Community and Economic Development Division	On the evaluation of the CDP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When will the report be released?</li> <li>• Who completed the report?</li> <li>• What was the cost of commissioning the report?</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018
260.	265.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Community Development Programme – Region tenders	Community and Economic Development	Current tender <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide details of the CDP regions that are out for open tender.</li> <li>• Why have these regions gone to open tender?</li> <li>• Some of these regions only successfully retendered this year. Why do they</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018

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					nt Division	have to re tender?	
261.	266.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	PAMA Futures	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What has been the approval process for funding PAMA FUTURES?</li> <li>• Will there be a report supplied to confirm how CYLC spent the \$2 Million in funding for consultation, given that over 70% of Cape York Traditional owner have said NO to the PAMA agenda?</li> <li>• What is the total amount of administration funding to be supplied to CYLC/CYP when the agenda goes ahead?</li> <li>• What funding sources are proposed to go through this new funding allocation system?</li> <li>• What role will PBC's and Aboriginal land owning entities have in the application process for funding?</li> <li>• How will the PAMA agenda funding effect the PBC's and Indigenous Land-owning entities abilities to apply directly to government for funding such as under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy ?</li> <li>• Bama services were given over 20 +million over a beer at Musgrave road house, has any checks been completed to confirm how many Cape York Indigenous clan groups are employed to work on there traditional land areas that are under the Peninsula Development Road, it is the understand across the Cape York that most of the BAMA workers are Torres Straight Islanders</li> <li>• What is the proposed longevity of PAMA futures?</li> <li>• How much of the total funding allocation will be used in administration of PAMA futures?</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018
262.	267.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please give details of the application and process followed by the NT Cattleman's Association for the grant of \$165,000 made to the NTCA "to put forward a case of detriment to the Land Commissioner" (Minister Scullion, Senate Estimates Oct 26, 2018)</li> <li>• Please give details of the application and process followed by the NT Seafood Council for the grant of \$150,000 made to the NTSC "to put forward a case of detriment to the Land Commissioner" (Minister Scullion, Senate Estimates Oct 26, 2018)</li> <li>• Please give details of the application and process followed by the Amateur Fisherman's Association of the NT for the grant of \$170,000 made to the AFANT "to put forward a case of detriment to the Land Commissioner" (Minister Scullion, Senate Estimates Oct 26, 2018)</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What other non-Indigenous organisations have received IAS funding to put forward detriment cases under the land claims process?</li> <li>• Section 54 C of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 provides for funding representation for persons and organisations asserting detriment by application to the Attorney General. Why were these organisations not directed to use the process provided for under Section 54 C?</li> <li>• What advice was provided to the Minister by the Department about these grants? Did the agency provide advice about the Section 54 C provisions? If so what was this advice?</li> <li>• Did the Minister declare any conflict of interest he may have in approving the grant to the NT Seafood Council?</li> <li>• What other grants under the Culture and Capability program of the IAS have been made for the provision of legal advice?</li> <li>• Was the advice of the Aboriginal Lands Commissioner sought on these grants? Did the Aboriginal Lands Commissioner provide any advice on these specific grants? If so what was this advice?</li> </ul>	
263.	268.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Learning on Country Grant to Northern Land Council	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please detail the application process for the Learning on Country grant made to the Northern Land Council ie when NLC applied, details of the application etc</li> <li>• Please details the reasons NLC was granted this funding and what it will be used for</li> <li>• Please give details of the NLC's expertise in the delivery of school-based education programs in the past</li> <li>• Is Dhimurru or the NT Education involved in the delivery of the program funded under this grant?</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018
264.	269.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Remote Indigenous Housing - NPARIH	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In April 2018, the Commonwealth announced it would match the NTG's remote housing commitment to create a total of \$1.1b to be spent on remote housing in the NT. It's been over 6 months since that announcement - have negotiations for that funding agreement been finalised?</li> <li>• How much NPARIH funds remain unspent and in which communities? Have those amounts been indexed? [If not, note that they are worth far less than they would have been in 2009 when the funds were allocated]</li> <li>• Are Northern Territory land councils involved in these housing funding negotiations in any way? How?</li> <li>• Will Northern Territory land councils be involved in the provision of remote</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						<p>housing in their regions under the agreement being negotiated? Why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If Land Councils are to be involved in the provision of remote housing, what research or evidence is there to substantiate this significant change in direction for the delivery of remote housing in the NT?</li> </ul>	
265.	270.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Remote Indigenous Housing - Yarralin	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In correspondence to the Northern Land Council in a letter dated 21 November 2016 the Minister said he required a 99 year housing lease. On what basis was that lease insisted on, when other housing leases are for 40 years? Is this position expressed in departmental policy/guidelines anywhere? Where did this come from?</li> <li>On 19 October 2017, the NLC wrote again to the Ministers, saying that traditional owners had agreed to a housing lease for 99 years, and that it had been approved by the NLC's Full Council, is that right? That letter refers to correspondence between the NLC and the Commonwealth on the 10 March 2017 and 20 March 2017 where the Commonwealth agreed with the course the NLC had taken. Please provide a copy of that correspondence?</li> <li>On 12 December 2017 the Minister replied to the NLC saying "I am inclined to not consent to entering into a 99 year housing lease in Yarralin. Before I make a final decision, I would like to further explore with you a township lease at Yarralin". Please provide the advice on which that decision was made. What policy/department guidelines guided this decision?</li> <li>Why were the wishes of traditional owners, as ascertained by the NLC, to agree to a 99 year housing lease not acted on?</li> <li>Have houses commenced construction in Yarralin?</li> <li>What has happened to the NPARIH money for Yarralin?</li> <li>What funding is to be allocated to Yarralin under the new agreement between the Cth and the NTG?</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018
266.	271.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Remote Indigenous Housing - Borroloola	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What has happened to the NPARIH funds set aside for Borroloola in 2009?</li> <li>Minister Scullion said at Estimates in May 2018 that a 40 year housing lease would be required in order to release these funds. Has this been negotiated?</li> <li>Is there anything else that needs to happen between the NTG and the Cth for NPARIH housing funds to be released and houses constructed using those funds? For example, does the NTG need to prepare a scope of works?</li> <li>What further paperwork and approvals are needed from a Commonwealth perspective?</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018

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267.	272.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Government Response to Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody – Rates of Incarceration	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	The Deloitte report found that while the rate at which Indigenous people have died in custody has halved in the 27 years since the royal commission handed down its final report, the rate of incarceration has doubled. 1. What has contributed to this growth? 2. What steps has the Minister taken to ensure national implementation of the recommendations? 3. Is there correspondence that can be tabled with State and Territory Justice Ministers on the implementation of the recommendations?	Written, 2 November 2018
	273.					A question has not been allocated to this number	
268.	274.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Government Response to Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody – Justice Targets	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	The Deloitte Report indicates <b>29 recommendations</b> that were solely the responsibility of the Commonwealth and <b>194 that the combined</b> responsibility of the States and Territories? 1. Does that change the Minister’s previous view expressed in Estimates that justice targets were solely a State and Territory responsibility? 2. What progress has been made in ensuring that justice targets are part of the Closing the Gap refresh?	Written, 2 November 2018
269.	275.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Government Response to Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody – Non-Custodial Approaches	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	Looking at the report on <b>non-custodial approaches</b> indicates that only 55% of the recommendations have been completely implemented. 1. Is that satisfactory? 2. What actions have been taken by the Government to address the shortfall? 3. What actions have the Minister taken to demonstrate leadership for those 4 areas for which the Commonwealth has the lead?	Written, 2 November 2018
270.	276.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Government Response to Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody –	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	When is the Government releasing its response to the ALRC report: Pathways to Justice–Inquiry into the Incarceration Rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (ALRC Report 133).  Has the Government given consideration to its recommendations for an independent national justice reinvestment body?	Written, 2 November 2018

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271.	277.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	ANAO Evaluation of the PMC Regional Network	PM&C Regional Network Division	The report finds that “the department, through the Network, has not effectively embedded arrangements to coordinate with key stakeholders, input into policy is inconsistent, and Network officers have limited authority to make decisions that impact on local Indigenous communities.” Summarily, the report finds that the effectiveness of the department’s management of the Network is “mixed”. 1. Does the Government accept that finding? 2. What is being done to address these shortfalls?	Written, 2 November 2018
272.	278.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	ANAO Evaluation of the PMC Regional Network – staffing cuts	PM&C Regional Network Division	1. The Government has repeatedly stated that it believes in doing things “with”, not “to” Indigenous peoples. Yet, PM&C staffing numbers, indicate that Indigenous affairs, namely Regional Network staff – have borne the brunt of cuts. Compared to the 5.8% cut for PM&C staffing levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Indigenous Affairs staff cut by 8.5%</li> <li>o Regional network staff cut by 17.5%</li> </ul> How are these numbers consistent with Government rhetoric and objectives? 2. What was the basis for these disproportionate staffing cuts? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The report seems to indicate the department claims the staffing numbers from 2015 were an anomaly resulting from the payroll system. Can this be explained?</li> <li>• The report states: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o “The Network was designed to actively engage with and gather intelligence from Indigenous communities. However, the Network has inconsistent input into Indigenous policy and program development and the value of the Network is not being effectively leveraged. (para 20, page 9)</li> </ul> </li> <li>a) What is the reason for this inconsistency?</li> <li>b) What has been put in place to improve the function of the Network?</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018
273.	279.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	ANAO Evaluation of the PMC Regional	PM&C Regional Network Division	According to a risk assessment from August 2017, the risk that the Regional Network workforce would not support effective community engagement or that staff would lack proper training was “moderate”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it correct that the Government was warned about staffing level problems?</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018

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				Network – staffing cuts		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is it that the Government didn't act to boost staffing levels?</li> </ul>	
274.	280.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	ANAO Evaluation of the PMC Regional Network – staffing cuts	PM&C Regional Network Division	<p>In April 2014, the Government decided not to continue the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Service Delivery. The report states “the 2013 evaluation of the agreement found that many stakeholders held the view that greater devolution of decision-making responsibility to regional and local levels would improve the ability of government to be responsive to community needs”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Therefore why has the Government now disproportionately cut staff in the Network?</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018
275.	281.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	ANAO Evaluation of the PMC Regional Network – Regional consultation	PM&C Regional Network Division	<p>1. The report states by March 2015, elements of the Government's design objectives, including the <b>devolution of decision-making, were not implemented</b> by PM&amp;C. The report then states at paragraph 2.5 that even now, not all proposed objectives for the Network have been implemented. In December 2016, PM&amp;C's internal audit of the implementation of the Regional Network did not review the effectiveness or the network design, or whether government objectives have been achieved. There seems to be a <b>pattern of not reporting against government objectives</b> – a key performance indicator.</p> <p>Is this a problem in the broader Department, or solely in the Indigenous areas?</p> <p>2. Paragraph 2.9 on page 21 says the auditor “has seen no evidence” that the Deputy Secretary Indigenous Affairs was ever updated on the progress of the implementation of the Network.</p> <p>Can this be explained?</p> <p>3. In paragraph 2.15, the report states that an inter-departmental committee chaired by the National Director agreed and endorsed the principles for Commonwealth leadership to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Australian Government agencies will be required to engage early about proposed activities and before making significant program or servicing decisions that will impact on service footprints, modes of delivery and the sequencing of activities in a remote community; and</li> <li>(b) Australian Government agencies will be required to consult on any reductions in funding or service levels.”</li> </ul> <p>In paragraph 2.23, the report states that by October 2015, following feedback from a June 2015 inter-departmental committee meeting that the principles would be updated to remove the requirement for Australian Government agencies to seek</p>	Written, 2 November 2018



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						<p>Regional Manager Agreement prior to implementing spending and servicing decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the basis for this change in rationale?</li> <li>• Have the regions been neutralised in the process?</li> </ul> <p>4. The report states at paragraph 3.16 that of the 13 branch plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ nine branch plans did not include resourcing information, including six plans which also omitted budget information; and</li> <li>○ one branch plan did not detail strategic activities, environmental threats, manager or contact officer information, or resourcing and budget information.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why was this information not provided?</li> <li>• Can you provide an update on the outstanding information?</li> </ul>	
276.	282.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	ANAO Evaluation of the PMC Regional Network – Regional consultation	PM&C Regional Network Division	<p>1. The report states that “A key feature of the IAS’s investment approach was to support regionally focused solutions through the development of regional strategies.”</p> <p>However, the report goes on to say that “The department advised that it <b>did not consult with Indigenous communities when developing the strategies because they were internal planning documents</b>. As such, it is not clear how the department has assurance that the strategies reflect the priorities of local communities.”</p> <p>Without consultation, how did these regional strategies reflect priorities of local communities?</p> <p>2. As the Regional strategies have been replaced with the Regional Blueprints, will these Blueprints involve consultation with indigenous communities?</p> <p>3. As of May 2018, the Blueprints have not been finalised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considering drafts were circulated in February 2018, why has there been this extended delay?</li> <li>• Considering the regional strategies did not include consultation with local communities, does this not mean that since July 2014, the department has had no consultation from local indigenous communities on matters relating to regionally focused solutions?</li> <li>• Does the department have a timeline on Blueprint finalisation?</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November 2018
277.	283.	Department of the Prime	Dodson	ANAO Evaluation of	Programme Office	<p>1. The report states that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “The department’s delegation framework supports the Government’s</li> </ul>	Written, 2 November

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		Minister and Cabinet		the PMC Regional Network – Levels of Ministerial delegation		<p>objective to have senior Network staff making local decisions. In practice, Network officers have limited decision-making authority, with the Minister for Indigenous Affairs approving the majority of funding decisions.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why has the Minister elected to retain personal control over the vast majority of discretionary grant funding approvals, rather than delegating as per the department’s delegation framework?</li> <li>• Can we be provided with a list of expenditure decisions taken by the Minister?</li> <li>• What processes have been put in place to ensure that applications were judged purely on their merits?</li> <li>• What processes have been put in place to ensure that applications were based on departmental advice?</li> </ul> <p>2. The report states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o “In late 2015, the department requested permission for Regional Managers to have the delegation to approve certain projects within their region up to \$500,000, but this was not approved by the Minister.“</li> <li>• On what basis was the request refused?</li> <li>• Does this not contradict the recommendation which was agreed to by the government that ensured administrative arrangements for IAS were in partnership with indigenous communities to deliver local solutions?</li> </ul>	2018
	<b>284.</b>					A question has not been allocated to this number	
<b>278.</b>	<b>285.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Jobfind Centres	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>A Ministerial media release in October 2018 announced the creation of a new <i>Indigenous Business and Economic Advisory Council</i> made up of Indigenous businessmen and women, who will support the implementation of these measures. Mr Mundine will be its inaugural Chair.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is Mr Mundine still the chairman of of Jobfind Centres which trades as RISE Ventures?</li> <li>2. Please provide details of all contracts which have been successfully won by Jobfind Centres, RISE ventures or associated entities in the last financial year.</li> <li>3. Did the Minister award RISE Ventures a new CDP Contract in Central Australia?</li> <li>4. Was that region then removed that region from the current competitive tender process?</li> <li>5. What was the process through which RISE Ventures awarded that contract?</li> </ol>	Written, 2 November 2018

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						6. How will Mr Mundine manage any conflict of interests when CDP items are under discussion?	
279.	286.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Farrell	Administration Costs – Business Cards	Ministerial Support Division	What was the total cost incurred by the Department on <b>new business cards</b> for all Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Ministerial staff following the change of Prime Minister on 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2018, and the subsequent reshuffle of the Government ministry on 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 (please include production, design, and printing costs)?	Written, 5 November 2018
280.	287.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Farrell	Administration Costs – Letterhead and Personalised Stationery	Ministerial Support Division	What was the total cost incurred by the Department on <b>new letterhead and personalised stationery</b> for all Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Ministerial staff following the change of Prime Minister on 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2018, and the subsequent reshuffle of the Government ministry on 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2018? (please include production, design, and printing costs)	Written, 5 November 2018
281.	288.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Farrell	Administration Costs – Electronic Equipment	Corporate Division	What was the total cost incurred by the Department on <b>new electronic equipment (including telephones, ipads, computers, laptops)</b> for all Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Ministerial staff following the change of Prime Minister on 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2018, and the subsequent reshuffle of the Government ministry on 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2018?	Written, 5 November 2018
282.	289.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Farrell	PM&C Budget Estimates Question on Notice 207 – Departmental Liaison Officers	Government Division	With reference to PM&C Question and answer number 207 taken on notice, and answered on 03/05/2018 regarding Departmental liaison officers; 1. Can the Department please provide the number of department liaison officers allocated in ministerial offices as at October 2018? 2. How many Department Liaison Officers ceased working in ministerial offices following the change of prime minister? (please include the number of officers who returned to the department)	Written, 5 November 2018
283.	290.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Waters	Women on Government Boards	Office for Women	In February 2017, Senator Cash, former Minister for Women, said: “The other thing we have done, in terms of our writing to ministers and external bodies, is that I have approved an, 'If not, why not?' So they actually have to justify the appointment that they make if it is not a suitably qualified female.”  Then in May 2017, Senator Cash said in relation to the If not, why not report: “The report will have to be given to cabinet. So, when we go through board appointments at cabinet—without disclosing cabinet processes—the relevant minister will need to justify to cabinet why the particular appointment has not been made, or why a particular appointment is not of a woman, to ensure the targets are	Written, 6 November 2018

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						met.  1. Is the <i>if not, why not</i> reporting a formal process being undertaken for every board appointment? 2. Are Ministers reporting to cabinet? 3. Why is that information cabinet in confidence? 4. Will you release information about the reasons why women weren't found for an appointment? 5. What is being done to address the issues that are arising? 6. In relation to Government Boards where targets have not been met and are a long way from being met such as in Attorney-General and Agriculture, what is being done in those portfolios specifically to increase gender balance?	
284.	291.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Faruqi	National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing	Housing, Land and Culture Division	On the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing (to be re-named the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Housing). How much will the government spend on the \$1.7B joint funding agreement with the Northern Territory government? a. How is the current phase being rolled out? b. Where is the housing being developed? c. Over what timeframe? Please provide exact details with the timeline and housing expected to be completed.	Written, 7 November 2018
285.	292.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Aerosol sniffing	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	<b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Thank you. I want to ask about the increase in aerosol sniffing in central Australia. Has anybody been looking at that? <b>Mr Arnaudo:</b> We, through our regional network, are aware of reports of instances across Australia. Part of our role is to help. Very much the first port of call is often the local authorities on the ground—state and territory health services, state and territory police services, youth services and those sorts of things. Yes, we have a general awareness of it. I'm sure that there will be people in our regions who would be aware of those reports. <b>Senator Scullion:</b> As you would be aware, we're still funding CAYLUS to do some of the tracking for that, which is probably our most advanced provider in that regard. <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> So have you noticed an increase in aerosol sniffing in the work that you're doing? I know that it goes up and down and I know that there was a problem a while ago. There was some action taken. It seems to have—	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 53

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						<p><b>Mr Arnaudo:</b> Particularly in Central Australia, Senator?</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Arnaudo:</b> I might take that on notice so I can give you a more comprehensive answer and make sure that our regional network can ensure that we get feedback into that process as well.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> A lot of the movements anecdotally have been about types of product. We're now going through a deodorant type. They went through an industrial product type earlier. They are the reports that CAYLUS is providing us at the moment. We can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Take it on notice. Take on notice what your understanding is of the current status level of sniffing and whether there's been an increase.</p> <p><b>Mr Arnaudo:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Thank you. Could you include also any harm that is caused by that? I'm interested in knowing what has been the recorded level of harm associated with the sniffing. For example, I understand that there has been at least a couple of deaths because of it. Are you aware of that? If so, could you provide me with any information?</p> <p><b>Mr Arnaudo:</b> We can definitely take that on notice. I'm just seeking to clarify. Is that in terms of Central Australia or across Australia?</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Central Australia but across Australia.</p> <p><b>Mr Arnaudo:</b> We can break that down.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> If you could take it on notice and break that down, it would be really helpful.</p> <p><b>Mr Arnaudo:</b> Yes.</p>	
286.	293.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Statement of Ministerial Standards – The Hon Peter Dutton MP	Prime Minister's Office	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I will now go to Mr Dutton's childcare centres. It's been reported that Mr Dutton and his spouse have interests in childcare centres which have received over \$5 million in public funding. It's also been reported that Mr Dutton's childcare centres have entered into an agreement with the Commonwealth education department to obtain funding for special needs teachers. When asked about his interests in childcare centres during question time on 12 September, Mr Dutton said:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I have always complied with the cabinet rules. I have declared any interests that I've had in any discussion. I've been very clear about that. I've recused myself from discussions where that's been deemed appropriate.</p>	FPA Monday 22 October 2018, page 118

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						<p>Is this correct, according to the records of the cabinet secretariat?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take on notice whether I can assist you with any of this. But what I should say in relation to Mr Robert is that I've been advised that Mr Robert has disclosed his interest fully and transparently to the Prime Minister in accordance with the rules, so he's compliant with the Statement of Ministerial Standards.</p>	
287.	294.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	Indigenous Housing - Negotiations	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Why don't we get on notice the name of all the organisations seeking this approach? I think we're entitled to know that. Why don't you on notice provide details of who has asked for it, what organisations and copies of the correspondence that you've received on this so that we can understand exactly what has been put? Simple. Can you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> I might be able to assist. In the 2016 remote housing review, we spent a significant amount of time consulting right across remote areas. A theme that came through was greater local ownership over housing. That's the theme that we've been building on that the minister is referring to. I think I've tabled in the Senate—and I'll check—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So there's been nothing new since the review?</p> <p><b>Mr Bulman:</b> No. These conversations are regular and continue on and are progressing.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> We want details of these regular and continuing positions that are being put on the ownership because you can't have this issue leaving Indigenous people dying with rheumatic heart disease. It's got to be fixed.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> That's got nothing to do with anything.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What do you mean it's got nothing to do with anything?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> This process will not slow down. It will not slow down.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You just dismiss it. That's fine.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> No. You keep throwing this thing up that we're not building houses. We've just provided evidence that there has been no cessation in the building of houses and that we will be coming to an agreement on this. The notion that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people want to have some ownership in their houses and the fact that the states and territories are a bit more reluctant to agree with that than the Aboriginal people is a fact. Senator, again, if you contact Peter Yu in Western Australia, he'll give his personal views to you on that. I'm surprised you haven't been apprised of that as a senator for Western Australia.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I've asked for details of who continues—</p>	FPA Friday 26 October 2018, page 30-31

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						<b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Sorry— <b>Senator Scullion:</b> And I've agreed to take that on notice.	
<b>288.</b>	<b>295.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Pratt	Commonwealth funding for a custody notification service	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	We understand that the Aboriginal Legal Service in Western Australia has applied for Commonwealth funding to implement a custody notification service. What is the status of that funding application? Will funding be provided? If not, why not?	Written, 13 November 2018
<b>289.</b>	<b>296.</b>	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Leyonhjelm	Gender Workplace Safety Gap	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	What is the gender workplace safety gap?	Written, 2 November 2018