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QoN No.	Agency	Senator who asked	Broad Topic	Question	Type of Question: Hansard Page & Hearing Date or Written
F001	ASC Pty Ltd	Ayres	Workforce Levels	<p>Senator AYRES: Thank you. Earlier this year you, Mr Whiley, said in the budget estimates, I think, in April that there are approximately 300 people we need to keep for Collins. There are some trades but primarily engineers. Then you went on to say, 'Then we've got another 300 who have skills and capabilities that are really important to Collins.' If I can paraphrase you by saying there are 300 workers who are essential for the Collins program and 300 whose skills are really important to the Collins program, if that's a way of describing it. Since April have any of the 300 workers in the essential cohort departed ASC?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: I think I'd have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: What about the really important cohort?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: Again, I'm not sure I could give that answer today. I haven't got the data and I haven't cut it that way, so I'm sorry. It's quite possible we could have lost some one or two people inside those categories, yes.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Over the past 12 months how many people have left?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I think he said he's taking that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Would you be able to provide on notice a breakdown of workforce levels for each of those cohorts over the past three years?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes, we can do that.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator AYRES: How many engineers have left since January 2018?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: Thirty-seven.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Out of how many engineers?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: It would be in the order of approximately 250.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: So it's approximately 250, but you can come back to us with that figure.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Pages 7, 8
F002	ASC Pty Ltd	Ayres	Workforce on Working Visas	<p>Senator AYRES: How many of your current workforce are on working visas?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: I'll have to take that question on notice. I don't know.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 9
F003	ASC Pty Ltd	Ayres	Life-of-Type Extension	<p>Senator AYRES: I've got some questions about the sustainment of the Collins class submarines and the life-of-type extension. Can you provide an update about where the life-of-type extension plan is up to?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator AYRES: So the concept, development, detailed design, implementation—I think there was a midstep there somewhere.</p> <p>Mr Whiley: There is supply. We have to go and buy the equipment.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: A procurement stage?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: Yes.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Would you be able to provide us with when it is planned? What are the dates for each of those phases to commence?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: I can take it on notice, but I think that's maybe a question for Defence in terms of some of that. It's obviously dependent on their process. I can give you what I've got.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: And that's part of the process that you're going through in preparing this proposition for Defence in March—is that right?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: Yes.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Are those dates locked in, as far as you're concerned, subject to Defence's approval?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: I can see whether they are exact dates. Certainly the phases are locked in if we're going to deliver on the FCD—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Whiley: We have a plan. I have exact dates—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Would you be able to provide us with those on notice?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: Yes, I can provide you a breakdown of what those phases are and the approximate milestone dates.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Pages 9, 10
F004	ASC Pty Ltd	Ayres	LOTE - Scope of Work	<p>Senator AYRES: Can you explain that to me? There are five packages and the 33 parts are subsets of the five?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: Originally in the concept for LOTE there were five major packages of work we were looking at. We're currently looking at three of those packages for the March deadline.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: I see. What is the rationale for that?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: Defence has changed the phasing of some of that work. I think it has been pushed out to a later date.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Could you describe what the original five were and what the three are that you've been asked to look at—or retreat to, if that's the right term?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: Can I take that question on notice? I think I can guess. Degaussing and firefighting are the two, I think, that dropped out. We have main motor, diesel and control equipment. They are the three that are in.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 10

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F005	ASC Pty Ltd	Ayres	Docking Schedule	<p>Senator AYRES: To assist the committee, would you be able to provide the scheduled or anticipated time frames for intermediate docking, mid-cycle docking and full-cycle docking for each of the submarines across the Collins fleet until they're withdrawn from service? Mr Whiley: I can do that.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 13
F006	ASC Pty Ltd	Ayres	ASC Sale	<p>Senator AYRES: When is BAE required to sell ASC Shipbuilding back to the Commonwealth? ... Senator AYRES: Is it based on a certain date or is it based on an event? Senator Cormann: It's based on the completion of a \$35 billion build program and the delivery of the nine frigates. Senator AYRES: So you'll be able to provide the details? Senator Cormann: There is an estimated completion date and we'll provide that to you on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Pages 13, 14
F007	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	Site Surveys	<p>Mr Knox: I'll shorten my answer. We've been working on everything to the west of Mersey Road, so everything on the left-hand side of the picture, which are the main halls. We've been working on the design of that in conjunction with CASG and Naval Group. Senator PATRICK: How much money has been spent on that? Mr Knox: I can take that on notice, but it's about \$14 million. I will get the real number to you on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 17
F008	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	Naval Group Australia Diagram	<p>Senator PATRICK: There's another option in play, which is to stay. That's on the record. Where's the diagram for that particular option? Mr Knox: We don't have a diagram. We basically have a series of options, as I've said before, that would enable the works that would take place in the Collins shed to take place elsewhere. ... Senator PATRICK: I'm still struggling as to why, when there are multiple options on the table, only one of them has a diagram of any use, okay? Mr Knox: This is a Naval Group Australia diagram— Senator PATRICK: Okay. Are you aware of any diagram that exists which explains the options— ... Senator PATRICK: I'm not concerned about those two buildings, Mr Knox. To assist the committee and so I can drop this topic, can you please undertake to table those diagrams today. Mr Knox: I will show you where the land is. Senator PATRICK: No, the process is to table the documents before the close of business today. Is that possible? Mr Knox: I can get you a diagram which shows you the areas which we are contemplating, in the event that the function that will take place in the Collins shed has to move elsewhere, as to where we would do that.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Pages 17, 18, 19
F009	ASC Pty Ltd	Patrick	MYEFO Announcement - ASC	<p>Senator PATRICK:...Mr Whiley, the \$27 million that Senator Cormann referred to—that was, for a long time, sitting in a number on a spreadsheet in Canberra, with no money being transferred to you. Can you tell me how much money of that \$27 million announced at MYEFO in 2018, I think it was, has been spent with ASC? Senator Cormann: It was \$29.4. Mr Whiley: I'll have to take that question on notice to give you the breakdown of all of those. Senator PATRICK: Is there any— Senator Cormann: I can give you a bit of an update. Under this initiative, to date \$22.2 million of work has been approved by Defence, and a further \$8.3 million of work is being prepared for consideration by Defence. So that is slightly more than the \$29.4. But there's \$8.3 that has been put forward and that is currently being considered. Senator PATRICK: So that's being considered. There's still no money transferred? Senator Cormann: No—\$22.2 million of work has been approved by Defence. Senator PATRICK: And there's a work order associated with that? Senator Cormann: In terms of the specifics on where that is in the administrative process, you might want to ask Defence. We'll provide you with that information on notice. I was just trying to be additionally helpful, beyond what Mr Whiley just told you. Senator PATRICK: Mr Whiley, on notice—I'm trying to work out what work orders you actually have, and whether that \$22.9 million has turned into a work order in respect of that MYEFO announcement. Mr Whiley: I'll take that question on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 19

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F010	ASC Pty Ltd	Patrick	Navy Advice – Full- Cycle Docking Shift to WA	<p>Senator PATRICK: ... at what point in time did you become aware that the Navy had told ASC to make the assumption in their planning that ASC full-cycle dockings would shift to WA?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: No, hang on. I've got to correct your question there. You just suggested that the Navy had told ASC to make that assumption.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: No, sorry—my apologies. I withdraw that.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: That's what you just said. What you're referring to—</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Is the letter.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: is what Defence has said to Naval Group, which is, of course, the private contractor for the building of the next generation of submarines.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I apologise. I withdraw.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: But that's an important clarification, I think.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Thank you, Minister.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I'll have to take on notice exactly when I became aware of that letter. I really can't recall.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I'm making the distinction between what ANI knows, what ASC knows—we know on record that they didn't know about the letter and necessarily—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Well, I didn't know about the letter either.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I accept that. And what Finance knows—</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We've taken the letter on notice. But in respect of informing the government decision-making process—and I think it's very clearly on the record—we are working with Defence, with ASC and with ANI, as relevant, on ensuring that all the information is in front of government to inform that decision.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 19, 20, 21
F011	Future Fund	Whish-Wilson	Fossil Fuel Companies	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Mr Neal, are you able to look across your subcontractors and their mandates and can you give us an idea of the percentage of your assets that are in fossil fuel companies across those mandates, and the balance between renewable energy investments and fossil fuel investments?</p> <p>Mr Neal: I certainly can't give you a number here; that's a very complex question. Exposure to fossil fuels is not an easy answer by any means.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: We've all agreed there's one particular disclosure regime here that the climate task force has worked on—</p> <p>Mr Neal: I'm happy to give you an estimate, but I'm going to have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: If you could give us, on notice, an estimate and whether it's been changing over time, and a balance across your investments on renewable investment that would be great.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 29
F012	Future Fund	Gallagher	ESG Policy	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: ... On the ESG policy, has there been any update to the list of companies excluded from the Future Fund's portfolio under the board's policy recently, or has that just remained the same?</p> <p>Mr Neal: To give you a precise answer, I'd have to take that on notice. My strong expectation is that there will have been some changes, because there are always companies coming in and out.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 29
F013	Finance	Gallagher	Public Asset Funds	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Going back to where we talked about the six funds, the investment mandate and how they're all slightly different, I'm wondering if you could take on notice to provide a small table about what that looks like for us or against us—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We can do that. We're probably best placed to do that through Finance.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: That would be very useful.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 29
F014	Finance	Gallagher	Cumulative Impact of the Efficiency Dividend Since 2013-14	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Thank you. On the efficiency dividend, to begin with, are you in a position to advise the committee on the cumulative impact of the efficiency dividend since the 2013-14 budget—was that your first budget?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: No, the first budget was the 2014-15 budget. How could you forget?</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Was I there then?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I think you were.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Let's not talk about me coming and going. Have you got a figure? I've tried to put it together. I've got a cumulative figure in the order of \$10 billion. Is that a figure that you would agree with? That would be the cumulative impact of announcements made from 2014-15 and 2016-17 onwards.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: To provide you with a cumulative number since 2014-15, we might have to take that on notice. We, of course, inherited an efficiency dividend, and we've made some adjustments to it along the way which were documented at the time. We had another one in the lead-up to the election, of course.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, that's right. I'll come to that. I've done a back-of-the-envelope calculation, but I would appreciate it if you would be able to take on notice that figure, which would incorporate the efficiency dividends in the period from 2014-15 to 2019-20. My figure is in the order of nearly \$10 billion. If you take that on notice, that's great.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 36

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F015	Finance	Gallagher	ASL Exemptions	<p>Senator Cormann: The only way something can come into the ERC room in terms of increased ASL is if I agree to provide an exemption or if the Prime Minister agrees to provide an exemption.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes. Could you tell me how many exemptions have been granted in the last financial year?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Will you take it on notice?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: And the circumstances around the exemptions?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes—well, you're asking for detail around every individual exemption? Is that what you're suggesting?</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Well, I don't know how many there are. It's really: how many exemptions have been given? I don't want people spending hours on it.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Why don't we start with providing you with the number of exemptions over the last year and then we'll take it from there.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Pages 41, 42
F016	Finance	Gallagher	CSIRO ASL Exemptions	<p>Senator Cormann: Questions have been put to me that were very much generated by a union. Let me just make it very clear: if there is a good case as to why additional ASL are required and the explanation is provided that the opportunity for reprioritisation of existing resources has been exhausted, that absolutely can and would be considered by the government. The proposition somehow that there is inflexibility in this rule is wrong. It is something that particularly the union has been trying to suggest for some time, falsely. There is no limit to the capacity of the government to make decisions to provide additional resources, as long as we have been satisfied that a genuine effort has been made to reprioritise existing resources and as long as there is a case that that is in the public's and indeed in the country's interests.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Are you saying in that situation—this actually wasn't raised with me by the union— that that did not occur at the CSIRO?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I will have to take that on notice. I'm not aware of that specific instance.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: It's not even an instance; it's a series of instances where funding has had to be rejected and referred to universities.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'm not personally aware, off the top of my head—and I stand to be corrected, but I don't believe that I've been presented with a request to provide an exemption by the CSIRO.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 42, 43
F017	Finance	Gallagher	Total Costs of People Employed or Contracted not Under the Public Service Act	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: What I'm trying to get to is, I guess, the total cost for the APS of people employed or contracted not under the Public Service Act. How would you capture labour hire, management consultants and other contractual arrangements that involve labour and consultants, because I think—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We might take the detail of that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: If you reject the view that the cost of non-traditionally employed—under the Public Service Act—public servants, or the cost of contracting them outside of those arrangements is not increasing, then how do I get a gauge on those figures? Where do I find them, if I can't find them on AusTender? They are categorised under different definitions, and it seems to me most of them aren't consultants. You bring in most of your outside labour under labour hire or management consultants or other terms of employment. It's very difficult to get a gauge on what the total cost to the Commonwealth and the taxpayer is for that.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Firstly, we've kept the size of the Public Service stable, at around about the same number since 2014-15. That has helped us control the growth in expenditure of the Public Service, but obviously there hasn't been—as some people wrongly suggest—a related explosion in the cost of contractors and consultants, because, if there had been, that would be reflected in the graph on page 16, which shows a continued reduction in the cost of government administration as a proportion of overall government expenditure, of which it is one of the components. The budget papers report, obviously, expenditure on the same basis as it was reported under your previous government. If you want further breakdowns, then obviously we're always prepared to assist on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Pages 45, 47

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F018	Finance	McAllister	Drought Package	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Can I ask about the fiscal pressures associated with the drought response. Yesterday with Prime Minister and Cabinet I asked officials to talk me through the \$7 billion drought package that the government claims is being delivered. Could you explain to me what that comprises.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Mr Fredericks is going to be able to assist you with this. Just to put it into context again, obviously there are various components that make up the fiscal impact of the drought on the spending side of the budget. You've got the fiscal impact of new policy decisions to support drought affected communities and families and then, of course, you've got a range of existing demand driven programs, which will see increased demand and, hence, increased expenditure as a result of these programs working as intended. On the former, Mr Fredericks will be able to take you through that in some detail. On the latter, I committed yesterday, and I commit again today, that we will provide that information on notice.</p> <p>Mr Fredericks: The package you described, the \$7 billion, is an accumulation of measures that were introduced in the MYEFO of 2018-19, the budget of 2019-20 and then measures that have been announced since the budget. I will deal with those three categories at a relatively high level, and, on notice, we will be able to give you more detail.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Fredericks: That's correct. The one thing I should say on that one, though, is that we don't have a final profile yet on what will be provisioned between which years. Obviously, this was only announced on 13 October. And then, finally, on 17 October there was a Farm Household Allowance one-off drought relief payment measure announced, which has an impact of \$12.8 million. On notice, we can give you that in more detail. But the total impact of those three packages—MYEFO 2018-19, budget 2019-20 and post-2019 election—is \$2.6 billion, and what I didn't include in that total is the impact of the \$5 billion for the drought fund, which gives you the \$7.6 billion.</p> <p>Can I just emphasise something that minister said? What I've stated there is the collation of additional programs that were announced in those three circumstances. What that doesn't tell you is what the pre-existing programs were that were already in place in advance of those. There are a range of programs that also contribute to dealing with drought that are already in existence, and we haven't brought those to book here. To further enforce the minister: some of those programs are demand driven and, as you know, will be reflected year on year depending on demand. I can give you that in more detail on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 50
F019	Finance	McAllister	National Water Infrastructure Development Fund	<p>Senator McALLISTER: In relation to the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund, how much of that funding has been made available to drought affected communities?</p> <p>Mr Fredericks: I think we'd have to take that on notice. It's a question that's probably more suitable for Agriculture, but we're happy to take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 52
F020	Finance	McAllister	Briefing on Drought Response	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Has the department provided you, Minister, with briefs for question time, estimates or at a ministerial level about the drought response?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: For question time?</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'd have to take on notice what sorts of briefings I have received. I do prepare myself for question time in order to ensure that I can answer all of the detailed questions I get asked to the best of my ability, so I'm sure I would have.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: That's not our direct experience.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: The answer is, yes, I'm sure I would have been provided with briefings about the work that is done across the government. Where precisely these briefings came from I'd better check on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 52

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F021	Finance	Ayres	Decentralisation Criteria	<p>Senator AYRES: I just want to ask a couple of questions about the government's mooted decentralisation agenda. What is the role of the Department of Finance in the government's decentralisation agenda?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We've gone through that in great detail in the past. Essentially we assessed the business case template for potential organisations that might be considered for decentralisation opportunities, and ultimately the finance department supports the government's decision-making process through the Expenditure Review Committee as part of the budget process. That's at the high level.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Ayres: Are you aware of the criteria that the then minister for regional development announced in April 2017?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes, and I'm happy to—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: And are they the criteria that the department uses to assess—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Well, the department isn't the decision-maker. The department developed the template for the assessment of potential business cases, and the department provides advice as part of the budget process. But ultimately these are decisions of government. But there were a whole range of criteria developed at the time. I'm quite happy to provide those on notice again, as we have in the past. I'm not sure that there's much we can add to this now.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Are they the same as the criteria that the minister—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: They haven't changed.</p> <p>Senator Ayres: Are they the same as the criteria that the minister said the government was going to develop in 2017?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We've previously provided the criteria. We've previously tabled all that information. I'm happy to do so again. There hasn't been any recent change in relation to the template or the criteria.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 55, 57
F022	Finance	Gallagher	Decentralisation Update	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: To follow up there: is Finance doing any review of decisions that have already been taken, assessing them as to whether they've been value for money for the taxpayer? Of the decentralisation that has occurred—say, for example, the APVMA—are you going back, having a look at that and seeing whether it's actually delivered the benefits, efficiencies and savings that were originally predicted through the business case that was done? If not, why not?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Cormann: If your question is: 'Can you provide us an update of how that decentralisation opportunity has worked out since it was implemented?', I'm happy to provide that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 56
F023	Finance	Farrell	Current Staffing Levels - Ministerial and Parliamentary Services	<p>Senator FARRELL: What are the current staffing levels within the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services? Mr De Silva, you look like you're reaching for some information?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Yes, I just looked this up morning. The total M&PS headcount is 364. That includes casual Comcar drivers.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Have the casual Comcar drivers always been included in those figures?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: They're always included in the headcount, yes.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: So why did you make a comment about them? Why did you—</p> <p>Mr De Silva: There are 209 casual Comcar drivers, so it's a fair proportion of the 364.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Okay. Can you provide us with a breakdown of the staffing profile?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I can tell you that there are 209 casual staff and 142 ongoing, and there are 13 non-ongoing.</p> <p>Ms Jones: In terms of a more detailed breakdown of the profile and level of staff, we would have to take that on notice. We can prepare it fairly easily, but we just didn't bring that breakdown with us.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Thank you, I would welcome that documentation.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 58
F024	Finance	Farrell	Staffing – Parliamentarians and Staff Helpdesk	<p>Senator FARRELL: ...how many staff work on the parliamentarians and staff helpdesk?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I would have to take that on notice in terms of the exact number.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Right. Well, while you're providing that information, can you also tell us how many staff work in the outside-of-hours operation of the helpdesk?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: We're happy to take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Has the staffing profile changed since the election?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'd need to take on notice the total comparison before and after.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 58
F025	Finance	Farrell	Communications Staff – Ministerial and Parliamentary Services	<p>Senator FARRELL: ...How many communications staff work in the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services? That's staff to deal with the circulars and staff communications.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Again, I have to take that on notice in terms of the complete breakdown.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: While you're doing that, could you tell us whether that figure has increased or decreased since the election?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'm happy to do that.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 58

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F026	Finance	Farrell	PEMS – Staff Usage, Submitting of Claims, Manual Certification Function	<p>Senator FARRELL: ...do you have any figures on the staff usage of PEMS? Mr Sheridan: We'd have to take that on notice. I don't have those with me. Senator FARRELL: Okay. You gave us those percentage figures, but can you tell us how many offices are actually using PEMS as their standard method of submitting claims? Mr Sheridan: I'd have to take that on notice; I don't have that figure with me. Senator FARRELL: Can you tell us how many of the 227 MPs use the manual certification function in PEMS? Mr Sheridan: Again, I'd need to take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 59
F027	Finance	Farrell	PEMS Costs: Total and Two-Factor Authentication	<p>Senator FARRELL: Can you tell us what the total cost of the PEMS project has been? Mr Sheridan: I don't have the exact figure in front of me. I will have to take it on notice. Senator FARRELL: Are you able to break that down to tell us the two-factor authentication cost? Mr Sheridan: I'd have to take that on notice. I'm not sure we identified it that way, but I'll take it on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 60
F028	Finance	Farrell	PEMS System Errors	<p>Senator FARRELL: How many issues with PEMS, or system errors, have been raised by officers? Mr Sheridan: I'd need to take that on notice. We get both requests and incidents reported in this way. I don't have those figures in front of me.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 61
F029	Finance	Patrick	Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 Annual Report 2012-13	<p>Senator PATRICK: ...I was just looking at a document called: <i>Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 Annual Report 2012-13</i>. It's got some really interesting information in it, and I'm just wondering why the department stopped publishing this particular annual report? ... Senator Cormann: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 61
F030	Finance	Ciccone	MOP(S) Enterprise Agreement	<p>Senator CICCONE: What would be the normal time frame? What's been the time frame in terms of the negotiations for such agreements? Mr De Silva: In terms of how long it's taken? Senator CICCONE: Yes. Mr De Silva: I'd need to take on notice how long the last one took and the one prior. I am happy to do that.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 62
F031	Finance	Ciccone	Briefing to the Minister - MOP(S) Enterprise Agreement	<p>Senator CICCONE: Have any briefs been provided to the minister by the department on this matter? Senator Cormann: Sorry? Senator CICCONE: Have you had any specific briefs in relation to the MOPS enterprise agreement? Senator Cormann: I do get briefed on these matters as required. In terms of any specific recent briefings, I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 62
F032	Finance	Ciccone	Party Merchandise	<p>Senator CICCONE: So is party merchandise or the selling of party political merchandise considered as commercial? Senator Cormann: Yes. Senator CICCONE: Not to pick on any particular people in this room, but I go there because throughout the campaign I did notice that Senator Hanson's Facebook page was selling party merchandise. Is the department aware of such a fact? Has she or her party put in an invoice to seek the Commonwealth to reimburse for any advertising on her Facebook page? Senator Cormann: Senator Hanson advertising through her Facebook page, or even selling party merchandise, is something she's entitled to do, as is any other senator or member of parliament. What they're not entitled to do is use public resources to fund such an exercise. Now, in terms of the specific question, obviously I'm not aware of claims made by individual members of parliament. But, having asked the question, let us take it on notice to consider what appropriate response, if any, we can provide. Bear in mind that if you've got a specific allegation, obviously that can be assessed in the appropriate way, and that is something that is applied across the board. But, in general, the department doesn't comment on the expenditure of individual members of parliament whether they are Labor, Green, One Nation, Liberal or National. If there are specific allegations that you would like the department to investigate, please put them. Other than that, I'm happy to consider on notice whether there is any way that we can assist you in relation to that inquiry that was just put to us. Senator CICCONE: I appreciate that, Minister, and, yes, essentially it goes to the selling of party merchandise and whether any claims have been put to the department for invoices. I appreciate that; thank you</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 63

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F033	Finance	Ayres	Bullying Allegations – Minister Ken Wyatt	<p>Senator AYRES: Have any further complaints been made in relation to this minister or in relation to this set of allegations?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I'd need to take that on notice. I'm not aware of any, but we'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Are the staff who raised the initial complaint still in the employment of the government following the election?</p> <p>Ms Jones: We'd need to take that on notice. There's typically quite a lot of movement across offices or sometimes out of working in the parliamentary offices, so we'd need to take that on notice for you.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Do you know whether the complainants were satisfied with the outcome?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I don't think I could express a comment as to their satisfaction with the report.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: But you received the report and conveyed—as you say, they're not provided with the report but are simply told that the report's been completed. Did you convey that to them?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Do they just get a letter?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: From memory, it was an email. They were emailed to advise that the investigation was completed, but I can take it on notice as to whether it was an email or a letter.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator AYRES: ... Back to this matter, are the alleged perpetrators of the bullying still in the employ of the government?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I'd need to take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 64, 65
F034	Finance	Waters	Exceptional Circumstances Funding	<p>Senator WATERS: I have a small amount of questions that relate to exceptional circumstances funding. Prior to the election, former senator Ian Macdonald was granted leave to use \$26,000 of public money for printing and advertising expenses under the exceptional circumstances provision. The ads promoted flood relief in his region but they were dominated by his name and face. I did ask a question on notice about this. I was advised that there had been eight applications for exceptional circumstances under the act, and seven of those had been successful, including former Senator Macdonald's. I'm interested in the circumstances of those other seven and the nature of the ads that were approved as exceptional circumstances. I'm not sure who to ask, sorry.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Could you repeat the last bit of that question?</p> <p>Senator WATERS: In the QoN you said that eight had been approved. We know one of them was former Senator Macdonald's. I'm interested in the other—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Let me correct you there. Eight requests for additional resources were made. Seven have been approved.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Seven were approved. One of them was former Senator Macdonald's, so the other six are what I'm interested in. What were the natures of those pieces of advertising and why were they considered exceptional circumstances?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: The normal process is that it's for each of the parliamentarians to demonstrate that there are exceptional circumstances. Where that is demonstrated they will set out what additional assistance they may need.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: But what were the circumstances? What were the other six?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I would have to take on notice what each one was, but also whether it would be appropriate to comment on the individual parliamentarians in relation to their individual requests made.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Why would it be inappropriate to comment on public money being used?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: As I said, I'm happy to take on notice as to what information we can provide, given that the standard practice is that we don't comment on individual parliamentarians. I'm happy to take on notice what information we can share.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Okay. I understand that, but, when it's approximate to an election and the face and name of the person features heavily, you do raise your eyebrow a little. I'm interested in whether that is a common thing or whether that was just the case with former Senator Macdonald's ads. I look forward to that further information. I note that there was one application that was refused of those eight. Why was that and what did that relate to?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'm happy to take that on notice regarding the specifics. I don't have the specifics around that particular application.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thanks for taking that on notice. Lastly, I'm interested in why former Senator Macdonald's ad was considered to be exceptional rather than just a general parliamentary business expense.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Happy to take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 65, 66

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F035	Finance	Farrell	Inquiries Response Rate	<p>Senator FARRELL: Does the automatic acknowledgement that the inquiry was sent when an email is received count towards the 90 per cent? In other words: I send an inquiry and then I get an email back saying 'I've received your inquiry and I will follow through on it'—is that included in the 98 per cent?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I don't believe so, but I'll take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: I think you mentioned the agreed time frames. Did you say 24 hours?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: To acknowledge within 24 hours.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Acknowledge receipt of the inquiry within 24 hours?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Yes. And then respond to within agreed time frames. You acknowledge within 24 hours and then you respond to whatever issue has been raised within agreed time frames.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: How do you reach those agreed time frames?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: The agreed time frames would depend on the nature of the matter. It might just be a request for information but it might be quite a detailed question where we need to go back and seek further information. It would really depend on the activity.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Who's agreeing? You're agreeing a time frame with the person who's making the inquiry?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: In most cases, yes. We agree that we will be able to respond to you in X period.</p> <p>Ms Jones: I think it would be fair to say that in terms of the different types of inquiries we've established agreed time frames. For an inquiry that came in in that category, we aim to meet that standard time frame that we set ourselves. It's the time frames that we hold ourselves to account to respond to inquiries.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Right, so not necessarily a time frame that you've agreed with the—</p> <p>Ms Jones: No.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Okay. Is that public? Do you have that on record?</p> <p>Ms Jones: We'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Is there a difference between the response rates to telephone calls and the response rates to emails?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I would need to take on notice what the difference may be if there is one.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Does the response rate figure include Comcar bookings as well as inquiries that go to the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services help desks?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I need to take it on notice to double-check that.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: If the answer is yes, could you provide a breakdown of the response rates for Ministerial and Parliamentary Services and Comcar?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: If we're able to, yes.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Do any inquiries go unanswered?</p> <p>Ms Jones: It certainly would not be our intention. We would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Are unanswered inquiries recorded somewhere?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: We track each inquiry that comes in to ensure that each gets closed off. I'd need to take on notice whether we've got 99.99 per cent or 100 per cent.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Pages 66, 67
F036	Finance	Farrell	Remittance Advice	<p>Senator FARRELL: I have a couple of quick questions on the period of not sending remittance advice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Who was affected?</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: A range of PEMS customers, if you like, both members of parliament and staff.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Do you know how many?</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: I don't have the figures; I'd have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Were all the staff who were affected contacted and advised of the problem?</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Can you tell us whether or not all the invoices have now been paid?</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: I believe so. But, again, I'd have to take it on notice. I don't think any invoices were not paid; it was remittance advice only. I don't think there were any problems with invoices.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: No invoices were paid twice?</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: I'd have to take that on notice, but I don't think so.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 67
F037	IPEA	Farrell	Inquiries Received since Inception	<p>Senator FARRELL: Thank you. How many inquiries has the authority now received and answered since its inception?</p> <p>Ms Godwin: I've actually brought with me the figures for the last financial year, rather than figures since our inception. I would need to take the question on notice from the inception, but I'm happy to give you that information and that might be sufficient.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Yes. Could you tell us? You can answer it on notice with the additional information but tell us what information you've actually brought.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 68

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F038	Finance	Gallagher	Charter Letter – Finance Minister to Assistant Minister	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Okay. I have some questions around how the administrative responsibilities line up. What are the formal responsibilities of Assistant Minister Seselja?...</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Does he administer any legislation?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I've got a letter that I can provide. I can provide you the information. I didn't expect that question. I do have a specific document which lists his responsibilities. I'll give you that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: He doesn't get a charter letter for the Prime Minister, for example.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: It's the equivalent of his charter letter from me.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So it would be a mini charter then. Can we get a copy of that?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I think the same would apply. I will consider that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 73, 74
F039	Finance	Ayres	Operation Tetris	<p>Senator AYRES: What savings have been generated in the last financial year?</p> <p>Ms Johnson: In the 2018-19 budget, savings in relation to leasing of \$105.3 million were allocated to agencies.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: And the year before?</p> <p>Ms Johnson: The year before Operation Tetris, we have cumulative or aggregate figures from 2015 to 2018. It was around \$322 million.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Would you be able to provide on notice a year-by-year account of the savings?</p> <p>Ms Johnson: Yes.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 75
F040	Finance	Kitching	Advertising Electorate Offices	<p>Senator KITCHING: The Dentsu Mitchell Media Australia at \$15,422.20 was in relation to—so what are you advertising in relation to electorate offices?</p> <p>Ms Jones: That's my area of responsibility. We sometimes advertise so that prospective landlords who might have properties that are suitable for electorate offices can advise us of the suitability of those properties, and then we can look to see whether they will be appropriate for either a new office for an existing member or a different location, if needed, if a new member has come in.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Do you do that in real estate.com.au? Where do you do that advertising?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I'd need to take that on notice, in terms of the specifics. My understanding—but I will take it on notice—is that we do it in local newspapers</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Pages 77, 78
F041	Finance	Kitching	Promotional Merchandise	<p>Senator KITCHING: ... Did the department have any promotional merchandise? Do you have any promotional merchandise? Mouse pads or T-shirts?</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Badges, pens?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I don't believe so.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I haven't seen any around.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Ms Jones is looking.</p> <p>Mr Scott: We will need to take that on notice. We can't give you a reliable answer.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: That's fine.</p> <p>Ms Jones: It's not often that we spend anything on that. We will check. We may have done some material for our internal security week to promote security awareness and enhance security culture within the organisation, but that would be for internal use.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Okay. Just in the last financial year, that would be good.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 81
F042	Finance	Gallagher	Campaign Advertising	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: I have two follow-up questions on campaign advertising. Does being in caretaker affect government advertising spending? And if so, how?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: ... Then there is a process of consultation between the government and the opposition that goes to saying that this is what's happened and seeking to consult with the opposition as to whether some of the campaigns previously running might be restored. In the case of the most recent election, there were a number that were agreed between the opposition and the government to continue. In fact, I can tell you which ones for this election. There was—</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Just before you do that: that consultation between the government and the opposition is also informed by a review which is conducted by Finance and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to provide advice about which campaigns may be recommenced.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I'm happy, if it's a list, just to have that provided to the committee, if that's all right.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 84

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F043	Finance	Gallagher	GreenPower	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: In table 2 it has 'GreenPower purchased'. There is a difference between those two numbers. It's a big enough difference to probably have a note to explain why. It is between 674,000 and 851,000 kilowatt hours.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: It related to the department divesting itself of several buildings, in particular the space that we occupied in Garema Place, where the service delivery office was housed.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So you have a smaller footprint; therefore, smaller energy use.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: There are a number of buildings that we are no longer using. We have consolidated more staff into 1 Canberra Avenue. They all supplied 10 per cent GreenPower to Finance, so I think that made a difference to the numbers. We can give you a more detailed answer.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Thank you. I checked the year before and it was pretty standard.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: It's a combination I believe of the footprint of the department and the staff numbers.</p> <p>Mr Scott: And total energy consumption has declined.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can you just confirm that on notice for me?</p> <p>Mr Scott: Yes.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 88
F044	Finance	Gallagher	Travel Expenditure	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Another significant difference I noticed was the total distance of flights in kilometres. According to this table, it jumped by one million kilometres without an obvious explanation. The flights increased slightly, but the kilometres went through the roof.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Scott: Yes, we'll have to take that on notice. In terms of total travel expenditure, between 2017-18 and 2018-19 there was a reduction, particularly in international travel.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yet you're going a million miles more?</p> <p>Mr Scott: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: It'll just be the nature of the travel that was conducted, but we'll take it on notice and get to the bottom of it.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 88
F045	Finance	McAllister	Snowy Hydro - Capital Cost	<p>Senator McALLISTER: It would be helpful to step through what's in and what's out of the \$5.1 billion capital cost. You've said electrical, civil and mechanical works.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Yes.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: It doesn't include the early works and a separate contract was written for earlier works. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I think there are contracts in place around early roadworks, insurance and safety. There's also the potential for costs with environmental offsets, which are still to be determined, and a contingency amount that Snowy Hydro is factoring in. I think you referred us earlier to the statement of risk in budget paper No. 1. That also made a reference to the fact that the final cost won't be known until environmental approvals and planning is complete and all of those stages are in place. We're still at that phase of the project.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Can you provide me with the value of the early works?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Let me just see if we've got that with us. I might just take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: The contingency allowance was estimated to be \$400 million last time this was canvassed at estimates. Has that changed?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: It won't have been revised downwards though, will it, Mr Jagers?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I think that the company was asked some similar questions about the value of the contingency and the project, and it indicated that, for commercial reasons, it was very reluctant to provide that. I don't actually have in front of me the company's final view on what the contingency should be at this stage, so I'll need to take it on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 89, 90
F046	Finance	McAllister	Snowy Hydro – Cost of Finance	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Can I ask you about some other questions essentially to understand what's in the \$5.1 billion cost estimate. Does it include the cost of finance? I assume not since it is a contract written with Clough?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: That's the capital cost of the project in that contract only.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: It does not include the cost of Finance?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: That's my understanding. I'll confirm that on notice, but that's my understanding.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: So, the cost of finance is likely to be separate—and you'll confirm on notice. Mr Broad had previously indicated that he expected borrowings in the order of \$3 billion to finance the project. So, the cost of finance will be related to that \$3 billion in borrowing, presumably.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: There'll be the cost of finance for the project; that's right. There will be borrowing costs associated with it. The capital structure involves an equity contribution from the Commonwealth of \$1.38 billion and also private debt. That debt will obviously come at a cost, and Snowy Hydro is in the process of securing debt packages at the moment.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 90

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F047	Finance	McAllister	Snowy Hydro - Transition Infrastructure	<p>Senator McALLISTER: And Mr Broad has previously explained that the linking element of the transition infrastructure will be the responsibility of Snowy Hydro. Are those costs included in the \$5.1 billion estimate?</p> <p>Ms Hall: We'd have to take that on notice. I'm not familiar with Mr Broad's specific testimony, so I'd have to check what he was actually referring to.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Well, it's that there's the big transition system and then there's the local linking infrastructure that allows a generator to link to the transmission system overall.</p> <p>Ms Hall: We'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: We don't know if that's in the \$5.1 billion?</p> <p>Ms Hall: I'm not confident I can give you an accurate answer today with the information I've got with me.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 90
F048	Finance	McAllister	Snowy Hydro – Financing	<p>Senator McALLISTER: For clarity, Ms Hall, this was not a question taken on notice. This was a public commitment made by the minister to seek an explanation. He didn't undertake to provide the explanation to us. I'm asking you, as a departmental official, did the minister successfully obtain an explanation from the board as to why there was such an inconsistency between his understanding of the position and the public statements made by Mr Broad?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I recall from those discussions at the last hearing that Minister Cormann outlined the request from Snowy Hydro for financial support in relation to the equity commitment. We'll need to take on notice the second component of that question.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: My question is, was an explanation provided about the discrepancies between the Minister's understanding and the public statements by the CEO?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I understand that and I'm taking that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 92
F049	Finance	Gallagher	SMEs	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: ... Again on the annual report, on page 86, under 'Initiatives to support small and medium-sized enterprises and Indigenous business': in the previous year's annual report you reported a figure for contracts that were awarded to small and medium enterprises. I think in the previous annual report you had a figure of 56 per cent for contracts that were awarded to SMEs. It was in the same section last year. This year, in that section you don't give a figure; it's not reported. My question was going to be—although maybe I've just answered my own question.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Isn't it 85 per cent? Is that what you're looking at there?</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I think I just answered my own question while I was asking it. Is that the same thing? It's written a different way. It's 'participation statistics', but the measure last time was that 56 per cent of contracts had been awarded to SMEs. It can't possibly be that 85 per cent have been awarded to SMEs, so I guess I'm asking: what's been the change and why? I don't mind if people come back to me on that. It's probably a bit specific.</p> <p>Senator Seselja: I think we'll come back to you on notice with any additional information we can provide.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Sorry, there was a bit of confusion about whether we were talking about a Finance number or a whole-of-government number, but it's a whole of government number.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I got it from the last annual report. For some reason I must have read that and thought, 'Why isn't that figure in there?' It was the same section. You go through the payment times, you give an update on the percentage of invoices for contracts valued, but then there isn't a figure for what contracts have been awarded.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We might have to take that on notice and look at last year's annual report. We can do a compare and contrast.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Basically, the question is: what percentage of contracts were awarded to SMEs? That was reported in the last annual report but it doesn't seem to be in this section. It might be in another section, but I'm happy if people want to—</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We can take it on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 93, 94
F050	Finance	Gallagher	PGPA Act Review	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: In terms of all of the other ones, you're in charge, Finance, of implementing all of the other agreed recommendations?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Most, but not all of them, are directed to us. We are either actioning them or in the process of consultation with relevant agencies. That's the kind of thing that we're doing with and through the JCPAA. There are a number that are directed towards accountable authorities. For example, recommendations 17, 18 and 21 are for accountable authorities to do things. In order to kick that off, the secretary of Finance has written to accountable authorities on that particular matter.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I have written to accountable authorities on a number of matters. We can provide you the detail on notice, but a large number of the recommendations have been actioned or are in the process of being actioned.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Okay, if you have it handy...</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 95

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F051	Finance	Gallagher	FOI Act	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Do entities have to report noncompliance to you?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: There are requirements within the PGPA Act for entities to report where significant changes have occurred. Often what they have reported is reporting to a minister. We are not a regulator under the PGPA Act; we are, if you like, a support mechanism. We work with people, we work through communities of practice et cetera, but we are not a regulator in the sense that your question might be—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I am trying to work out how this perhaps interacts with other legislation. Yesterday we had the Department of the Environment acknowledging that they were breaking the law. They were breaching the FOI Act. They have openly acknowledged that. They have written a letter to the Office of the Information Commissioner and explained it, and they are taking rectification action. But it is a significant accountability and transparency measure. In that instance, would they also be falling foul of the PGPA Act, and how does it interact with the FOI Act? Would Finance then have a role to say 'Your responsibilities under the PGPA Act are pretty significant. You need to lift your game'?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: I don't know enough about the specifics of the evidence that was given yesterday. But the FOI Act is a separate piece of legislation.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I understand that. I am asking about the interaction between the two.</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: We are getting into hypotheticals.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: It's not a hypothetical. They admitted they were breaking the FOI Act. They were prioritising another clause. They've got reasons. They're not denying it. Therefore, is there a subsequent impact on that failure through the PGPA Act as well?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: I think we'd have to take that question on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 95
F052	Finance	Gallagher	Portfolio ASL Caps	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: I'm looking at a document the CSIRO had which I didn't have this morning. I don't want to re-prosecute it, but it said: 'The Department of Finance has approved ASL caps for each portfolio and monitored actual ASL across all portfolios and entities to ensure the policy commitment is delivered.' Would I be able to get a copy of the ASL caps for each portfolio? Take it on notice. I acknowledge Minister Cormann isn't here. If you could take it on notice, I would appreciate it.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We'll take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, page 96
F053	AEC	Waters	Intentional Informal Voting	<p>Senator WATERS: ... I am sure you are aware that there was a video that basically went viral on Facebook talking about how people should write, 'No candidate to match my will,' ...</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WATERS: So you didn't, for example, do a short video of you or anybody else speaking to the camera, explaining why the other lady's video would lead to a vote being wasted?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I think we did mentioned 'vote of no confidence' in a media interview. I'd have to check the record. But we didn't specifically counter it with a video.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I'm interested in why that judgement was made. Was it that you didn't want to reinforce the incorrect information?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: Yes. I'll have to check; we may have put something on our website. But that's why we were dealing with the social media companies—to try and have that message removed.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, page 105, 106
F054	AEC	Waters	Temporary Election Workforce Training	<p>Senator WATERS: You mentioned training for polling booth staff and those folk who explain to each voter how to vote. In short form, because I'm conscious there are other folk with questions and it's getting late, what training is given to those staff? Perhaps you could take on notice to provide me with that training, particularly in relation to how to make a valid vote and the notion of preferential voting. Has the AEC received any complaints about the adequacy of that particular voting instruction given by officials at the booths?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: Off the top of my head, no, but why don't I take that entire thing on notice and provide you with a package on our training? Just to give you a taste of that: you won't be surprised to hear that the amount of training provided varies depending on the role that you are fulfilling on the day.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Sure.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: We provide a mixed training package, depending on who you are, with most training targeted at the OICs in the polling places and then down from there. But it's good training.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I'm interested in the person who has contact with the voter and explains to the voter what to do.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: Yes.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, page 107

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F055	AEC	Farrell	Election Funding – One Nation	<p>Senator FARRELL: On the 1 August [sic] you made a determination, refusing part of the claim by Pauline Hanson's One Nation for public funding. What was the reason for that refusal?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I'd have to take that on notice. I'm not sure, but I'll take it on notice and find out.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Do you recall making that?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: No.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: This might also have to be taken on notice. How much did One Nation claim in total and how much was accepted? What evidence did One Nation provide when it submitted its claim? Was this insufficient or incorrect? And has One Nation sought to correct their claim for public funding?</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, page 109
F056	AEC	Farrell	Remote Area Mobile Polling	<p>Senator FARRELL: The AEC is responsible for polling services. How many remote polling places were there in the Northern Territory during the election?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: We do have that figure. Here we go: in 2019, there were 42 remote area mobile teams, 381 localities were visited and 23,503 ordinary votes were taken. It was very similar to the service offering we had in 2016.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Were any complaints received?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I would have to take that on notice</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, page 110
F057	Finance	Polley	Office Relocation - Senator Bushby	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What date did former Senator David Bushby sign a lease on a new office in Launceston? 2. What was the term of the lease signed on the building in Launceston? 3. What was the total cost of his office relocation to Launceston? 4. How much did the fit out of the new office in Launceston cost? 	Written
F058	Finance	Kitching	Executive Management	<p>In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for FY 2018-19 and 2019-20 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The total number of executive management positions b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. c. The change in the number of executive manager positions. d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. 	Written
F059	Finance	Kitching	Ministerial functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 July 2018, can the following be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written
F060	Finance	Kitching	Departmental functions	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio since 1 July 2018, can the following be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST <u>inclusive</u>). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written
F061	Finance	Kitching	Executive office upgrades	<p>Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded since 1 July 2018. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).</p>	Written

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F062	Finance	Kitching	Facilities upgrades	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies since 1 July 2018. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided. 	Written
F063	Finance	Kitching	Staff travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.	Written
F064	Finance	Kitching	Legal Costs	What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.	Written
F065	Finance	Kitching	Secretarial travel	<p>Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department since 1 July 2018 be provided including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided. 	Written

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F066	Finance	Kitching	FOI	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; and f. 2019-20 to date. 2. For each year above, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. 3. For each year above, please also provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). 4. For each year above, please also provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material. 5. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; and f. 2019-20 to date. 6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department. 7. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level. 8. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office. 9. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response. 10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister. 11. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request). 	Written
F067	Finance	Kitching	Briefings	<p>Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position 	Written
F068	Finance	Kitching	Acting Minister arrangements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to date. 2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period. 	Written

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F069	Finance	Kitching	Departmental staff allowances	Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.	Written
F070	Finance	Kitching	Market research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs d. Contract date period 3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred. 	Written
F071	Finance	Kitching	Advertising and information campaigns	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for FY 2018-19 and for the current financial year to date. 2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline. 3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided. 	Written
F072	Finance	Kitching	Promotional merchandise – Total Expenditure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for FY 2018-19. 2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided. 3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided. 	Written
F073	Finance	Kitching	Ministerial overseas travel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 July 2018 please be provided including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel. b. 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. c. 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. d. 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. e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided. 	Written
F074	Finance	Kitching	Social media influencers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for FY 2018-19 and 2019-20 to date. 2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote. 3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided. 4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided. 	Written
F075				No question has been allocated to this number.	

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F076	Finance	Kitching	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 24 August 2018, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date commissioned. b. Date report handed to Government. c. Date of public release. d. Terms of Reference. e. Committee members and/or Reviewers. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost. 3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel. 4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel 5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review. 6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level. 7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so. 	Written
F077	Finance	Kitching	Board Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio 3. Please detail any board appointments made from 1 July 2018 to date. 4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid. 5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors. 6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors. 	Written
F078	Finance	Kitching	Appointments – briefs prepared	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level. 2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The former member. b. The board or entity. c. Whether the request originated from the Minister’s office. d. Whether the appointment was made. 	Written
F079	Finance	Kitching	Stationery	How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.	Written
F080	Finance	Kitching	Media monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20. 	Written

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F081	Finance	Kitching	Communications staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 2. By Department or agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. d. How many are graphic designers. e. How many are media managers. f. How many organise events. 3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, why. b. When was it established. c. What is the set up cost. d. What is the ongoing cost. e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications. 	Written
F082	Finance	Kitching	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Duration of secondment. b. APS level. 2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level. 	Written
F083	Finance	Kitching	CDDA Payments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for FY 2018-19? 2. How many claims were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Accepted. b. Rejected. c. Under consideration. 3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker. 	Written
F084	Finance	Kitching	Congestion busting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks. 2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department. 	Written
F085	Finance	Kitching	Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. 2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided. 	Written
F086	Finance	Kitching	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 21 October 2019. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget. 2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing. 3. How many redundancies have occurred in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. How many were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. voluntary b. involuntary. 4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies. 5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff. 6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. 7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. 	Written
F087	Finance	Kitching	Comcare	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status. 2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date. 	Written
F088	Finance	Kitching	Fair Work Commission	For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.	Written

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F090	Finance	Kitching	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	Written
F091	Finance	Kitching	Public Interest Disclosures	For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written
F092	Finance	Rice	Australian Government Fleet	Please provide a breakdown, by Department and Agency, of: 1. The number and type of vehicles in each Commonwealth Department or Agency fleet 2. When new vehicles will next be purchased or procured for each Department or Agency, and in what quantities / types. 3. The number of years new vehicles are expected to operate in the fleet for, where that information is available.	Written
F093	Finance	Rice	Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender	Please provide an update to <u>2018-19 Budget Estimates QoN 22, 23 and 24</u> . In particular, is the Department compliant with the Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender? Are its portfolio agencies compliant?	Written
F094	ASC Pty Ltd	Kitching	BAE Systems	In response to Question on Notice 16 at Additional Estimates on 20 February 2019, the Department of Defence said that ASC had advised that 439 ASC trade employees had been released since January 2017 up until the time that ASC Shipbuilding became a subsidiary of BAE Systems Australia in December 2018. a. What was the process for releasing these employees? b. Did ASC place any contractual obligations on BAE to pick up those employees? c. Were there any arrangements in place to have them redeployed to other sectors? d. What role has the Naval Shipbuilding College played in assisting employees into new employment? e. In terms of investment and training in people at ASC, how much did ASC spend in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19?	Written
F095	ASC Pty Ltd	Kitching	Employees June 2017	How many people were employed at ASC in Osborne and South Australia as at 30 June 2017? How many were contractors?	Written
F096	ASC Pty Ltd	Kitching	Employees June 2019	How many people were employed at ASC in Osborne and South Australia as at 30 June 2019? How many were contractors?	Written
F097	ASC Pty Ltd	Kitching	Fleet Base West	Are upgrades at Fleet Base West to facilitate ASC submarine maintenance on base still on track to be occupied by late 2020? When are the upgrades due to be completed?	Written
F098	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Building 22	When is Building 22, the major ship assembly facility, due to be completed? Is ANI on track to achieve the expected completion date?	Written
F099	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Block Assembly Hall	When is the block assembly hall due to be completed? Is ANI on track to achieve the expected completion date? What was the original completion date?	Written
F100	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Building 20	When is Building 20, the steel fabrication facility, due to be completed? Is ANI on track to achieve the expected completion date?	Written
F101	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Building Delays	Have there been any delays to the facilities ANI is building in Osborne South? If so, what were the causes of each delay?	Written
F102	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Minister Reynolds and Price Statement	A joint media release by Ministers Reynolds and Price on 27 June 2019 states: “Construction of the advanced, digitally-enabled shipyard infrastructure at Osborne South was on track for completion by March 2020.” a. Is it still the case that infrastructure upgrades at Osborne South are expected to be completed by March 2020? b. What is ANI’s level of certainty and assessment of risk associated with completion of these works by March 2020? c. The Naval Shipbuilding Plan (para 3.17, page 53) states that completion of these works was to occur “by the second half of 2019”. Why has completion slipped from the second half of 2019? d. The Naval Shipbuilding Plan (para 3.17, page 53) describes these works as: “the most time-critical component of the Government’s planned infrastructure works to enable the future frigate construction program to commence in 2020”. As the most time-critical component of the infrastructure for the Future Frigate build, what impact will the slippage from the second half of 2019 to March 2020 have on the Future Frigate project?	Written

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F103	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Rescheduling	Is ANI aware of any rescheduling by Defence and/or BAE Systems of prototyping and/or construction work for the Hunter class Frigates, including as a result of delays in infrastructure upgrades at Osborne?	Written
F104	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Future of Osborne South	Once ANI completes the infrastructure, what will be happening in Osborne South before the Frigate construction commences?	Written
F105	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Frigate Program Delays	Has ANI made any contingency plans for any slippage in the Frigate program? What plans and procedures are in place in the event of any delays to the Future Frigate program?	Written
F106	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Supply class Auxiliary Oiler Replenishment (AOR) vessels	Would the Osborne South shipyard be large enough to carry out work on the Navy's new Supply class Auxiliary Oiler Replenishment (AOR) vessels?	Written
F107	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Progress on Osborne North Development Project	Provide an update on progress with the Osborne North Development Project for the Future Submarines? Have the civil and earthworks started? Have there been any issues or changes in plans from Naval Group or Lockheed Martin in terms of their requirements and timelines? If so, provide details.	Written
F108	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Combat System Physical Integration Facility	When is the Combat System Physical Integration Facility due to be completed? Is ANI on track to achieve the expected completion date?	Written
F109	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Platform Land-Based Test Facility	When is the Platform Land-Based Test Facility due to be completed? Is ANI on track to achieve the expected completion date?	Written
F110	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Osborne North Delays	Have there been any delays to the facilities ANI is building at Osborne North? What are these delays and what is the reason for each delay?	Written
F111	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Next Phase of Infrastructure Work	What are the next phases of infrastructure work at Osborne North after the Combat System Physical Integration Facility and the Platform Land-Based Test Facility? What are the timelines for these next phases?	Written
F112	ANI Pty Ltd	Kitching	Osborne North facilities - Conceptual Design	In relation to the Osborne North facilities, ANI Pty Ltd's 2017-18 annual report said: "A 30% conceptual design has been developed by Naval Group, and a strategy for the appointment of a Managing Contractor to finalise the design and implement the works is being progressed by the Commonwealth and ANI." a. What is meant by a "30% conceptual design"? b. Has a Managing Contractor been appointed to finalise the design and implement the works? If so, who is the Managing Contractor? c. Has the design of the Osborne North project been completed?	Written
F113	Finance	Gallagher	INFOSEC 10 - Overall compliance and reporting	1. Is the Department compliant with the core requirements in the Protected Security Policy Framework, <i>INFOSEC 10: Safeguarding information from cyber threats</i> policy? 2. Under the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, all non-corporate Commonwealth entities are required to report annually to the Attorney-General on the implementation of the Protected Security Policy Framework (PSPF). Has the Department provided an annual report to the Attorney general in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 on compliance with the INFOSEC 10 core requirements?	Written

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F114	Finance	Gallagher	INFOSEC 10 - Mandatory 4 implementation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, requirement 1: application whitelisting? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model¹ what is the maturity of application whitelisting implementation? 2. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, requirement 2: patching applications? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model, what is the maturity of patching applications implementation? 3. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, requirement 3: restriction of administrative privileges? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model, what is the maturity of ‘restrict administrative privileges’ implementation? 4. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, requirement 4: patching operating systems? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model, what is the maturity of ‘Patching operating systems’ implementation? 	Written
F115	Finance	Gallagher	INFOSEC 10 - Essential 8 implementation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework <i>INFOSEC 10, C.4, 27 (a)</i>: configuring Microsoft Office macro settings? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model what is the maturity of ‘configuring Microsoft Office macro settings’ implementation? 2. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework <i>INFOSEC 10, C.4, 27 (b)</i>: user application hardening? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model what is the maturity of ‘user application hardening’ implementation? 3. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework <i>INFOSEC 10, C.4, 27 (c)</i>: multi-factor authentication? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model what is the maturity of ‘multi-factor authentication’ implementation? 4. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework <i>INFOSEC 10, C.4, 27 (d)</i>: daily backups? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model what is the maturity of ‘daily backups’ implementation? 	Written
F116	Finance	Gallagher	Self assessment	How many times has the Department conducted a self assessment of its compliance with the Protected Security Policy Framework Essential Eight mitigation strategies and cyber resilience since 1 July 2013?	Written
F117	Finance	Gallagher	Independent Assessment	How many independent assessments of its cyber resilience has the Department conducted since 1 July 2013?	Written
F118	Finance	Gallagher	Cyber Security briefing	Has the Minister responsible been briefed on cyber security vulnerabilities in the Department networks since 1 July 2013?	Written
F119	Finance	Gallagher	Cyber Security Sprint Team	Has an Australian Signals Directorate cyber security sprint team been deployed to the Department since 1 July 2013?	Written
F120	Finance	Gallagher	Cyber Security Funding	How much funding has the Department allocated to cyber security each year during 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019?	Written
F121	Finance	Gallagher	Cyber Intrusion	How many times has there been a physical or cyber intrusion attempt made on the Department’s networks that were considered serious enough to warrant an operational response in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019?	Written
F122	Finance	Farrell	Government Advertising – ANAO Recommendations	<p>Has the Department provided briefings or reports to the Minister for Finance, or any other Government minister, regarding the recommendations of the Australian National Audit Office in the <i>Auditor-General Report No. 7 2019-20 Performance Audit – Government Advertising: June 2015-April 2019</i>?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. on what date(s) were those briefings or reports provided? ii. can all briefings or reports which have been given to the Government on the ANAO’s report please be provided? b. If no: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Has the Department drafted a briefing or report to provide to the Minister for Finance, or any other Government minister, regarding the ANAO’s recommendations? ii. When will the Department provide a briefing to the Minister for Finance, or any other Government minister, regarding the ANAO’s recommendations? 	Written

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F123	Finance	Farrell	MOP(S) Act Staff Salaries – Above the Band Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Of the MOP(S) Act staff currently being paid above the top increment of their classification, how many are Government staff or employees within Government offices? 2. Of the MOP(S) Act staff currently being paid above the top increment of their classification, how many are non-Government staff or employees within non-Government offices (excluding Opposition offices)? 3. Of the MOP(S) Act staff currently being paid above the top increment of their classification, how many are currently approved for a salary above the classification of Principal Advisor? 4. What is the classification level of each individual MOP(S) Act staff member currently being paid above the top increment of their classification? 5. Of those MOP(S) Act staff currently being paid above the top increment of their classification, what is the gender breakdown? 6. Of those MOP(S) Act staff currently being paid above the top increment of their classification, what dates were the approval letters signed by the Prime Minister or his delegate? (If more than one approval has been granted for an individual staff member, please provide both dates) 7. How many individual MOP(S) Act staff currently being paid above the top increment of their classification are employed in the Prime Minister’s Office? 8. What is the current total per annum figure paid above the established salary bands to those MOPS(S) Act staff employed in the Prime Minister’s Office? 9. How many individual MOP(S) Act staff currently being paid above the top increment of their classification are employed in the Deputy Prime Minister’s Office? 10. What is the current total per annum figure paid above the established salary bands to those MOPS(S) Act staff employed in the Deputy Prime Minister’s Office? 11. Can the Department provide a breakdown of the number of individual MOP(S) Act staff currently being paid above the top increment of their classification in each Ministerial Office? 12. How many of the 52 MOP(S) Act staff currently paid above the top range of their classification are situated in Liberal Party Ministers’ offices? 13. How many of the MOP(S) Act staff currently paid above the top range of their classification and situated in Liberal Party Ministers’ offices are women? 14. How many of the 52 MOP(S) Act staff currently paid above the top range of their classification are situated in National Party Ministers’ offices? 15. How many of the MOP(S) Act staff currently paid above the top range of their classification and situated in National Party Ministers’ offices are women? 16. How many individual MOP(S) Act staff have been approved to be paid above the top increment of their classification during the 46th Parliament? 17. How many individual MOP(S) Act staff were approved to be paid above the top increment of their classification during the term of the 45th Parliament? 18. How many individual above the band appointments have been approved by Mr Scott Morrison since he became Prime Minister? 19. How many above the band appointments were approved by the previous Prime Minister Mr Turnbull since the 2016 federal election? (please provide the number of individual staff approved) 20. How many above the band appointments were approved by the previous Prime Minister Mr Turnbull from when he became Prime Minister in 2015 to when he resigned as Prime Minister in 2018? (please provide the number of individual staff approved) 21. Of those MOP(S) Act staff currently approved for an above the band appointment, did the Minister or Chief of Staff recommend the approval to the Prime Minister or his delegate? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, how was this recommendation communicated? 	Written
F124	Finance	Farrell	Parliamentary Expenses Management System	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can a list of the known issues with the Parliamentary Expenses Management System (PEMS) please be provided? 2. Please describe the process for managing known issues with PEMS. 3. Are known issues with PEMS communicated to users? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, how? 4. Has the Department sought additional funding for this project for both communication to parliamentarians and their offices and to ensure the software is functional? 	Written

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F125	Finance	Farrell	Ministerial & Parliamentary Services Staffing Profile	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many sections or divisions are there in Ministerial & Parliamentary Services (M&PS)? 2. Please provide a list of the sections or divisions in M&PS. 3. Using FTEs, please provide the number of staff allocated to each section or division. 4. Please provide a breakdown of staff as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many full-time staff are employed in each section or division? b. How many part-time staff are employed in each section or division? c. How many casual staff are employed in each section or division? d. How many ongoing staff are employed in each section or division? e. How many non-ongoing staff are employed in each section or division? 	Written
F126	Finance	Farrell	Response Rate to Enquiries	<p>In the Portfolio Budget Statement 2019-20 Budget Related Paper No. 1.7 at page 54 it says that for the period ending 1 January 2019, 98% of client contacts were acknowledged within 24 hours and responded to within agreed timeframes. During Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings on 22 October 2019, a Departmental official stated that ‘For an inquiry that came in in that category, we aim to meet that standard time frame that we set ourselves. It’s the time frames that we hold ourselves to account to respond to inquiries’.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can a list of the categories of enquiries please be provided? b. For each category of enquiry, what are the agreed timeframes? c. Who are the timeframes agreed with? d. How are the timeframes decided? e. Within M&PS, who is the approver or delegated approver of agreed timeframes? f. Is there an internal document which sets out agreed timeframes? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, can the document please be provided? g. What is the percentage of enquiries that are responded to within agreed timeframes? h. Are agreed timeframes ever changed during the course of responding to an enquiry? 	Written
F127	IPEA	Farrell	Staffing Levels	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the full time equivalent number of staff in the Authority? 2. How many of the Authority’s headcount of 56 staff are full time? 3. How many of the Authority’s headcount of 56 staff are part time? 4. How many of the Authority’s headcount of 56 staff are casual? 5. How many sections, divisions or branches are there in the Authority? 6. Please provide a list of the sections, divisions or branches in the Authority. 7. Using FTEs, please provide the number of staff allocated to each section, division or branch. 8. Please provide a breakdown of staff as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many full-time staff are employed in each section, division or branch? b. How many part-time staff are employed in each section, division or branch? c. How many casual staff are employed in each section, division or branch? d. How many ongoing staff are employed in each section, division or branch? e. How many non-ongoing staff are employed in each section, division or branch? 	Written
F128	IPEA	Farrell	Monthly Management Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regarding the identified error of two consecutive Monthly Management Reports being sent to an incorrect senator, can the Authority please provide a detailed description of the quality assurance process that was undertaken to uncover the error? 2. At the time of the error occurring, what was the standard quality assurance process for ensuring that the correct information is provided to each parliamentarian? 	Written
F129	IPEA	Farrell	Special Envoy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many individual trips has Mr Barnaby Joyce MP undertaken in his role as Special Envoy? 2. On what dates were these trips undertaken? 3. For each trip, please provide the location of departure and destination. 4. For each trip, what was the mode of transport used? 5. What is the total cost of each of these trips? 	Written

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F130	IPEA	Farrell	IPEA - Responses to Enquiries and Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many individual travel related enquiries were received by the agency between 11 April to 18 May 2019? 2. What was the average response time to enquiries received by the agency between 11 April to 18 May 2019? 3. How many additional staff were employed or utilised between 11 April to 18 May 2019? 4. How many additional hours were undertaken by existing staff between 11 April to 18 May 2019? 5. Were staff paid overtime for additional hours worked between 11 April to 18 May 2019? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, what was the total value of overtime paid to staff? 6. IPEA's annual report for 2018/19 refers to 'agreed timeframes' for responding to enquiries, processing transactions, compiling and publishing expenditure reports, and auditing parliamentarians' expenses. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can a list of the categories of enquiries please be provided? b. For each category of enquiry, what are the agreed timeframes? c. For processing transactions, what are the agreed timeframes? d. For compiling and publishing expenditure reports, what are the agreed timeframes? e. For auditing parliamentarians' expenses, what are the agreed timeframes? f. Who are the timeframes agreed with? g. How are the timeframes decided? h. Within IPEA, who is the approver or delegated approver of agreed timeframes? i. Is there an internal document which sets out agreed timeframes? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, can the document please be provided? j. What is the percentage of enquiries that are responded to within agreed timeframes? k. Are agreed timeframes ever changed during the course of responding to an enquiry? 	Written
F131	IPEA	Farrell	IPEA Client Survey	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many individual offices responded to the client survey conducted in 2018? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these offices were Government offices? b. How many of these offices were Opposition offices? c. How many of these offices were Minor Parties' offices? d. How many of these offices were Independent parliamentarians' offices? 2. How many individual staff responded to the client survey conducted in 2018? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these staff were from Government offices? b. How many of these staff were from Opposition offices? c. How many of these staff were from Minor Parties' offices? d. How many of these staff were from Independent parliamentarians' offices? 3. How many individual parliamentarians responded to the client survey conducted in 2018? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these were Government members or senators? b. How many of these were Opposition members or senators? c. How many of these were Minor Parties' members or senators? d. How many of these were Independent members or senators? 	Written
F132	IPEA	Farrell	IPEA IT Systems	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I refer to evidence provided by the agency on 4 April 2019 during Budget Estimates hearings about a new IT system the agency is developing for HR and financial systems with an implementation date scheduled for 30 June 2019. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the name of the system? b. Has the system now been implemented? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, what date was the system implemented? ii. If no, when will the system be implemented? c. How many IPEA staff have been trained to use the system? d. How many IPEA staff are using the system? 2. Have any security issues been identified with the electronic data management system, TRIM? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, please specify describe those security issues. 	Written

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F133	AEC	Farrell	Indigenous Enrolment Figures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What percentage of eligible Australians identify as Indigenous for the purposes of enrolling to vote? 2. As at the close of rolls for the 2019 federal election, what percentage of eligible Indigenous Australians in the Northern Territory were not enrolled to vote? 3. As at the close of rolls for the 2019 federal election, what percentage of eligible Indigenous Australians in Western Australia were not enrolled to vote? 4. As at the close of rolls for the 2019 federal election, what percentage of eligible Australians living within Indigenous communities were not enrolled to vote? 5. As at the close of rolls for the 2016 federal election, what percentage of eligible Indigenous Australians in the Northern Territory were not enrolled to vote? 6. As at the close of rolls for the 2016 federal election, what percentage of eligible Indigenous Australians in Western Australia were not enrolled to vote? 7. As at the close of rolls for the 2016 federal election, what percentage of eligible Australians living within Indigenous communities were not enrolled to vote? 8. For each financial year since 2013, how much money has been spent on the Indigenous Electoral Participation Program? 9. For each financial year since 2013, how many FTE staff have been allocated to the Indigenous Electoral Participation Program? 10. For each financial year since 2013, please provide a list of community visits undertaken for the purposes of conducting the Indigenous Electoral Participation Program? 11. For each financial year since 2013, how many Indigenous Electoral Participation Program staff have been located in the Northern Territory? 12. During the 2017/18 financial year, how many trips did QLD based AEC staff make to the Northern Territory to undertake work previously undertaken by Northern Territory AEC staff? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the total cost of these trips, including flights, accommodation and meals? b. How many staff undertook the travel? c. How many days in total were spent in the Northern Territory? 13. During the 2018/19 financial year, how many trips did QLD based AEC staff make to the Northern Territory to undertake work previously undertaken by Northern Territory AEC staff? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the total cost of these trips, including flights, accommodation and meals? b. How many staff undertook the travel? c. How many days in total were spent in the Northern Territory? 14. During the 2017/18 financial year, how many trips did AEC staff based in locations other than Queensland make to the Northern Territory to undertake work previously undertaken by Northern Territory AEC staff? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the total cost of these trips, including flights, accommodation and meals? b. How many staff undertook the travel? c. How many days in total were spent in the Northern Territory? 15. During the 2018/19 financial year, how many trips did AEC staff based in locations other than Queensland make to the Northern Territory to undertake work previously undertaken by Northern Territory AEC staff? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the total cost of these trips, including flights, accommodation and meals? b. How many staff undertook the travel? c. How many days in total were spent in the Northern Territory? 16. What percentage of eligible Australians living in remote communities were unable to be contacted through the Federal Direct Enrolment and Update process to enable them to be enrolled to vote in the 2019 federal election? 17. What percentage of eligible Australians living in remote communities were unable to be contacted through the Federal Direct Enrolment and Update process to enable them to be enrolled to vote in the 2016 federal election? 18. Please list the methods used to contact eligible Australians living in remote communities through the Federal Direct Enrolment and Update process. 19. Where electors are contacted by email or SMS, are they advised that they will be automatically enrolled? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, why not? 	Written
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F134	AEC	Farrell	Early Voting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of promoting and advertising booth availability and locations for early voting for the 2019 federal election? 2. What was the total dollar figure spent on online promotion of early voting for the 2019 federal election? 3. What was the total dollar figure spent on promotion via social media sites of early voting for the 2019 federal election? 4. What was the total dollar figure spent on print media promotion of early voting for the 2019 federal election? 5. What was the total dollar figure spent on TV promotion of early voting for the 2019 federal election? 6. What was the total dollar figure spent on radio promotion of early voting for the 2019 federal election? 7. How many FTE staff were used at pre-poll voting locations for the 2019 federal election? 8. What was the total dollar value of staffing pre-poll voting locations for the 2019 federal election? 9. What was the total cost of promoting and advertising booth availability and locations for early voting for the 2016 federal election? 10. What was the total dollar figure spent on online promotion of early voting for the 2016 federal election? 11. What was the total dollar figure spent on promotion via social media sites of early voting for the 2016 federal election? 12. What was the total dollar figure spent on print media promotion of early voting for the 2016 federal election? 13. What was the total dollar figure spent on TV promotion of early voting for the 2016 federal election? 14. What was the total dollar figure spent on radio promotion of early voting for the 2016 federal election? 15. How many FTE staff were used at pre-poll voting locations for the 2016 federal election? 16. What was the total dollar value of staffing pre-poll voting locations for the 2016 federal election? 17. What was the total cost of advertising election day booth availability and locations for 2019? 18. What was the total dollar figure spent on online promotion of election day booth availability and locations for 2019? 19. What was the total dollar figure spent on promotion via social media sites of election day booth availability and locations for 2019? 20. What was the total dollar figure spent on print media promotion of election day booth availability and locations for 2019? 21. What was the total dollar figure spent on TV promotion of election day booth availability and locations for 2019? 22. What was the total dollar figure spent on radio promotion of election day booth availability and locations for 2019? 23. What was the total cost of advertising election day booth availability and locations for 2016? 24. What was the total dollar figure spent on online promotion of election day booth availability and locations for 2016? 25. What was the total dollar figure spent on promotion via social media sites of election day booth availability and locations for 2016? 26. What was the total dollar figure spent on print media promotion of election day booth availability and locations for 2016? 27. What was the total dollar figure spent on TV promotion of election day booth availability and locations for 2016? 28. What was the total dollar figure spent on radio promotion of election day booth availability and locations for 2016? 	Written
F135	Finance	McAllister	Snowy Hydro - pressures and risks	Budget Paper 1 states that the pressures and risks associated with the project “are being mitigated through close management of the delivery program.” Please detail the Department’s role in the close management of the delivery program. What factors and indicators does it monitor? How often is it briefed by the board?	Written
F136	Finance	McAllister	Clough Contract	What is included in the \$5.1b contract with Clough? Please detail what works, costs and risks have not been included, as well as their value where available.	Written
F137	Finance	McAllister	Cost of Snowy Hydro	What is the projected total cost of the project for Snowy Hydro?	Written

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F138	Finance	McAllister	Snowy Hydro - Investment	<p>1. Has the projected return on investment for Snowy Hydro changed since the business case was finalised in December 2018?</p> <p>2. Has the projected return for the government on its potential equity injection changed since the business case was finalised in December 2018?</p> <p>3. Department officials stated at estimates that: “the key risk mitigator for the Commonwealth's investment in this project is that major contracts will be entered into, EISs will be completed and the board will have taken its final decisions before equity starts to flow. If those things aren't in place, the equity subscription agreement that we have with the company will mean that funding won't flow. So the Commonwealth's investment is protected until those things are in place.”</p> <p>a. Has the Department determined if the government should not or will not proceed with the equity injection if the major contracts and project particulars do not meet certain parameters?</p> <p>b. If yes</p> <p>i. Have those parameters been communicated to the board?</p> <p>ii. What are they?</p> <p>iii. Has the Department discussed with the Board what alternative funding arrangements may be available in this eventuality?</p> <p>iv. Would declining to proceed with Snowy Hydro 2.0 affect the value of the Commonwealth's equity in Snowy Hydro? Has the Department modelled the impact? What would it be?</p>	Written
F139	Finance	Gallagher	Action 19 - 2016 Australia's Cyber Security Strategy	<p>Action 19 of the 2016 Australia's Cyber Security Strategy is “Improve Government agencies' cyber security through independent cyber security assessments for agencies at higher risk of malicious cyber activity that also helps those agencies address the findings”.</p> <p>Appendix A of the “2020 Cyber Security Strategy: A Call for Views” paper reports that for Action 19, ASD has conducted active vulnerability assessments of a number of key government agencies.</p> <p>Has the government allocated additional funding to any agencies to remedy issues identified in these independent security assessments?</p> <p>a. How much?</p> <p>b. To who?</p>	Written
F140	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	ANI's Role - Osborne Naval Shipbuilding Precinct	What is ANI's role in the development of the Osborne Naval Shipbuilding Precinct operating concept?	Written
F141	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	Finalisation of Osborne Layout	When does ANI need to finalise the layouts for the Osborne facilities?	Written
F142	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	Three Resident Naval Construction Entities	How is ANI managing or coordinating the ‘three resident naval construction entities’ to define/develop what will be the most effective solution to meet their and the Navy's needs in the short and longer terms?	Written
F143	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	Common User Facility (CUF)	<p>With reference to the Common User Facility (CUF)</p> <p>a. Will the large synchro-lift utilised in the AWD construction be part of the Common User Facility?</p> <p>b. What other infrastructure, existing or new, will belong to the CUF going forward?</p> <p>c. How will the CUF be managed and maintained going forward?</p>	Written
F144	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	Investment – Osborne Precinct	In what other areas has ANI maximised the benefit or return on the investment across the yards in the Osborne precinct?	Written
F145	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	Capabilities - Osborne Precinct	What facilities or capabilities, if any, have been, or will be, duplicated across the Osborne shipbuilding precinct?	Written
F146	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	Limitations - Osborne Precinct	What if any limitations exist in the precinct that had, or would need, to be considered in altering or expanding the precinct? (e.g. environmental, protected species, geological, incompatible operations, land/facility ownership, commercial/security restrictions, etc)	Written

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F147	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	Scope of Supply	Is the equipment being provided by the platform designer/prime that will be installed in the respective yards, part of their contracted scope of supply and thus becomes Commonwealth property?	Written
F148	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	SEA 1180 program – Osborne Precinct	Has the SEA 1180 program, Arafura Class, driven any of ANI’s decisions regarding the design or development of the Osborne Naval Shipbuilding Precinct?	Written
F149	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	Ongoing Ship And Submarine Sustainment Model	What ongoing ship and submarine sustainment model is ANI working against for planning of the future infrastructure?	Written
F150	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	Australian Naval Sustainment Infrastructure	Does ANI have a concept or overview of what the Australian naval sustainment infrastructure needs to be going forward?	Written
F151	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	Sustainment Concepts	At what point in time does ANI need the sustainment concepts defined or finalised?	Written
F152	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	Attack Class & Hunter Class	How has the scope (space) been determined for New Build and Sustainment of: a. the Attack Class at the relevant sites? b. the Hunter Class at the relevant sites?	Written
F153	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	SEA 1180 program Future Sustainment	Does the SEA 1180 program, Arafura Class, have any impact on ANI’s considerations for future sustainment?	Written
F154	ANI Pty Ltd	Patrick	Milestone Plan - Osborne Precinct	In response to a QON 3/ F003 from Budget Estimates 19/20, ANI provided a milestone plan, however it was only the milestone plan for the Osborne Shipbuilding Facility. Please provide a milestone plan for the complete infrastructure works at the Osborne precinct?	Written
F155	Finance	Gallagher	External Consultants	In relation to the use of all external consultants in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided. a. For each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19, the total amount spent on external consultants, including: i. contracts tagged as a “consultancy”. ii. contracts not defined as a “consultancy”, but tagged as “business intelligence consulting services”, “information technology consultation services”, “management advisory services”, “management support services”, “organisational structure consultation”, “risk management consultation services” or “strategic planning consultation services” b. The total amount of full time equivalent hours (FTE’s) provided by external consultants in 2018-19. c. The total amount of variances granted to external consultant contracts (including those specified in 1(a)(i) above) in 2018-19. d. A breakdown by consultant, specifications and project completion for 2018-19.	Written
F156	Finance	Gallagher	Information Technology Consultant Spend	In relation to expenditure on information technology in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided. a. For each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19, the total amount spent on information technology consultation services b. The total amount of full time equivalent hours (FTE’s) provided by information technology consultation services in 2018-19. c. The total amount contracted to information technology consultation services in 2018-19. d. The total amount of variances granted to information technology consultation services contracts in 2018-19. e. A breakdown by consultant, specifications and project completion for 2018-19.	Written
F157	Finance	Gallagher	External Contractors	In relation to the use of all external contractors in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided: a. The total amount spent on all contracts for Management and Business Professionals and Administrative Services for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19. b. The total amount spent on all contracts tagged as “Temporary Personnel Services” for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19. c. The total number of external contractors employed in 2018-19. d. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all external contractors employed in 2018-19. e. The total number of FTE hours provided by external contractors in 2018-19.	Written

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F158	Finance	Gallagher	Information Technology Contractors	In relation to the use of external information technology contractors in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided: a. The total amount spent on external contractors for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19. b. The total number of external contractors employed in 2018-19. c. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all external contractors employed in 2018-19. d. The total number of FTE hours provided by external contractors in 2018-19.	Written
F159	Finance	Gallagher	Grants	Please provide, for all administered and discretionary grant programs administered by each department and agency within the portfolio: a. Name of the administered or discretionary grant program. b. The recipient of the grant. c. The ABN or ACN of the grant recipient. d. The charitable status of the grant recipient. e. Who authorised the grant payment. f. For each year of the budget and forward estimates: i. What is the total funding budgeted for the program; ii. How much funding has been contracted and allocated; iii. How much funding has been contracted but not allocated; iv. How much funding has been committed but not contracted; v. How much funding is uncommitted, uncontracted and unallocated?	Written
F160	Finance	Gallagher	Cost of APS staff	The total cost of all staff employed under the Public Service Act for each of the last six financial years from 2013/14 to 2018/19.	Written
F161	Finance	Gallagher	Drought fund	Senator GALLAGHER: Was there a budgeted rate of return for the drought fund in the budget? Senator Cormann: When the budget measure was announced, there was \$3.9 billion in the fund. The projection is that, over the medium term, the capital value in the fund will increase to about \$5 billion. That is after regular drawdowns of \$100 million every year, from 1 July 2020, to be invested in drought resilience projects. These projections will be updated at the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, but the most recent fiscal projection in relation to this is that the capital value would increase to \$5 billion over the decade at the same time as making regular withdrawals of \$100 million a year. Senator GALLAGHER: So I could work it out if I project forward when you are going to be at \$5 billion—where you are now, minus \$100 million from 2020 from earnings—or you could just tell me. Senator Cormann: I will tell you as soon as we are in a position to do that. Senator GALLAGHER: But didn't you have one for the budget? Senator Cormann: Sure, we did have some underlying assumptions underpinning the budget, and I could provide those to you on notice if you would like us to. Senator GALLAGHER: All right.	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Pages 23
F162	Finance	Sheldon	Announcement	Senator SHELDON: I understand that Garry Hounsell was reappointed to the board of the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation for a term starting on 1 July this year. Senator Cormann: That's right. Senator SHELDON: Can you advise when his appointment was announced and made public? Senator Cormann: From memory, he's a longstanding member of the board. Dr Helgeby: It's his second term. Senator Cormann: It's his second term, yes. Ms Huxtable: We don't actually have the date. We could take that on notice. The first of July 2019 is the date of appointment. Senator Cormann: I think it happened after the election that he was reappointed. Ms Huxtable: We can take it on notice. Senator Cormann: We'll take that on notice, yes.	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Pages 32, 33

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F163	Finance	Patrick	Retaining costs in SA	<p>Senator PATRICK: Of course they do do some work in Western Australia, and they do a lot of good work. In relation to rough order of magnitudes of retaining the capability in South Australia, whether that involves a shifting of assets to do that or whether that's retained in the same place and the cost of shifting across to WA, what are the rough order magnitudes associated with those sorts of options?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Those numbers just aren't available at this point, because we're still working through those options with ASC and with Defence.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: How do you advance things without an estimate of cost? That seems perverse and unprofessional?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: No. As I said, it's part of the overall consideration, but the work is not complete.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I'm just asking you—</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: You're asking me—</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I'm happy for you to take it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: You're asking me to inform a number that is not—the work is not complete.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: You're seriously telling me there are no estimates of numbers?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I don't think—</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Seriously, you expect me to believe that?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: The work is incomplete.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Are there estimates of those numbers available? I am not asking you for the numbers. Have you been made privy to estimates of numbers?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We might take that on notice and we'll—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Cormann: The secretary has given you her best answer right now, but on notice we ensure we will give you our best possible answer having considered the question that you have asked on notice to make sure—as I said to colleagues of ours yesterday—that it's entirely accurate based upon our best available information.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Pages 20, 21.
F164	Finance	Gallagher	Budget process and operational rules	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Have the budget process and operational rules for the 2020 budget been set?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: When were they set?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'll have to get you the specific date, but it was determined through the cabinet process.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Pages 71, 72.
F165	Finance	Ciccone	Employee Advisory Group	<p>Senator CICCONE: Have that advisory group's delegates or members been finalised?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: The employee advisory group was set up, I think, probably six or eight weeks ago. I'd need to double-check the exact time. I think they've met at least once and I think they're due to meet in the next couple of weeks. They meet on a regular basis.</p>	Proof Hansard, 22 October 2019, Page 62.
F166	Finance	McAllister	Whole of Government Travel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the 2019 calendar year, detail all travel for Department travel across all Australian Government departments, agencies and offices. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 2. For the 2019-20 financial year to date, detail all travel for Department travel across all Australian Government departments, agencies and offices. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 3. Does anyone centrally track travel allowances across government? 	Written
F167	Finance	McAllister	Waiver of debts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the last five financial years, provide the total number of debt waivers that have been approved by the Finance Minister, or the appropriate delegate, and the total dollar value of debts waived. 2. For the 2019-20 financial year to date, provide the total number of debt waivers that have been approved by the Finance Minister, or the appropriate delegate, and the total dollar value of debts waived. 	Written
F168	Finance	McAllister	Unlegislated expenditure savings measures - underlying cash balance	Provide a list of all currently unlegislated expenditure savings measures, including financial implications profile over the forward estimates, in underlying cash balance terms.	Written
F169	Finance	McAllister	DLOs in Finance Portfolio Minister offices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many DLOs are there in the Finance Minister's office? 2. What levels are they? 3. How many Finance staff DLOs are there in the Assistant Minister's office? 4. What levels are they? 	Written

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F170	Finance	McAllister	Future Drought Fund legislation / Emergency Response Fund legislation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why was the draft Future Drought Fund legislation placed on the Finance website a few days before it was introduced into the Parliament? 2. Who made that decision? 3. When was that decision made? 4. Why was the draft Emergency Response Fund legislation not placed on the Finance website a few days before it was introduced into the Parliament? 5. Who made that decision? 	Written
F171	Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	McAllister	Impact of 'Protecting Your Super' and 'Putting Members Interests First' packages	Can you describe what changes, and how many accounts and people have been impacted (that you are directly responsible for), have been made as a result of the 'Protecting Your Super' and 'Putting Members Interests First' legislative packages passing into law?	Written
F172				No question has been allocated to this number.	
F173	Finance	McAllister	Senate Estimates preparation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the department engage any contractors or consultants to assist in preparing for the 2019 Supplementary Budget Estimates round? 2. If so, what was the cost of engaging these contractors or consultants? 3. Does the Department conduct any training for staff to help prepare them for estimates hearings, including this round? 4. If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the nature of the training? b. How many sessions were there? c. How much did it cost to run? d. How many staff went through this training? e. What levels were they? f. Has Finance assessed the effectiveness of this training? 	Written
F174	Finance	McAllister	Newstart	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has Finance, since the 2019 Federal Election, performed any analysis or costing work in relation to increasing the rate of Newstart? 2. Has Finance provided any briefing or information to the Minister, or Minister's office, in relation to increasing the rate of Newstart? This includes question time briefs, estimates briefs, ministerial briefs, emails, text messages. 	Written
F175	Finance	McAllister	APS Wages / Budget presentation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where are the impacts of APS wages shown in the budget? 2. When there were delays in agreeing new Enterprise Agreements, how were wages reflected in the budget? If a wage increase was budgeted for, but didn't occur, what happened to that extra funding? 	Written
F176	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – Net Future Fund earnings	Page 7 of the FBO states that Net Future Fund earnings were \$4.3 billion higher – over 100 per cent – compared to the 2018-19 Budget. Can you provide more detail as to what these improved investment earnings were, and what was the reason for this improvement?	Written
F177	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – NDIS spending	The media release accompanying the 2018-19 FBO refers to an increase in spending on the NDIS from \$4 billion in 2017-18 to \$8.5 billion in 2018-19. Can you identify where in the FBO and in the Budget papers, does it state the \$4 billion and \$8.5 billion figure?	Written
F178	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – Social security and welfare expenses	On page 10 of the 2018-19 FBO, it shows a decrease of \$5.9 billion in expenses for the Social security and welfare function. Can you provide a breakdown of that \$5.9 billion, where relevant, into the components shown in Tables 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 in Budget Paper 1 in the 2019 Budget?	Written
F179	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – Health expenses	Can you provide a breakdown of the \$1.4 billion increase for the Health function shown in the 2018-19 FBO, where relevant, into the components shown in Tables 8.1 and 8.2 in Budget Paper 1 in the 2019 Budget?	Written
F180	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – Higher Education expenses	What is the reason for the \$168 million underspend in Higher Education expenses as shown in the 2018-19 FBO?	Written

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F181	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – Vocational and other education expenses	What is the reason for the \$148 million underspend in Vocational and other education expenses as shown in the 2018-19 FBO?	Written
F182	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – schools expenses	What is the reason for the \$239 million overspend in Schools expenses as shown in the 2018-19 FBO?	Written
F183	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – assistance to the states for public hospitals expenses	What is the reason for the \$548 million overspend in assistance to the States for public hospitals expenses as shown in the 2018-19 FBO?	Written
F184	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – hospital services expenses	What is the reason for the \$131 million underspend in hospital services expenses as shown in the 2018-19 FBO?	Written
F185	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – housing expenses	What is the reason for the \$305 million underspend in housing expenses as shown in the 2018-19 FBO?	Written
F186	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – urban and regional development expenses	What is the reason for the \$250 million underspend in urban and regional development expenses as shown in the 2018-19 FBO?	Written
F187	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – natural resources development expenses	What is the reason for the \$522 million underspend in natural resources development expenses as shown in the 2018-19 FBO?	Written
F188	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – communication expenses	What is the reason for the \$486 million underspend in communication expenses as shown in the 2018-19 FBO?	Written
F189	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – rail, air and road transport expenses	What is the reason for the combined \$432 million underspend in rail, air and road transport expenses as shown in the 2018-19 FBO?	Written
F190	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – immigration expenses	What is the reason for the \$356 million overspend in immigration expenses as shown in the 2018-19 FBO?	Written
F191	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – Defence - net capital investment	What is the reason for the \$1.5 billion increase in net capital investment for the Defence function as shown on page 11 of the FBO?	Written
F192	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – Defence - Non-financial assets	What is the reason for the \$716 million increase in purchases of non-financial assets for the Defence function as shown on page 11 of the FBO? What do these purchases represent?	Written
F193	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – headline cash balance estimates	Can you explain why investments in a. student loans were \$204 million less than budgeted b. the NBN loan was \$483 million less than budgeted c. Trade support loans were \$54 million more than budgeted d. CEFC loans and investments were \$224 million more than budgeted e. The NAIF was \$706 million less than budgeted?	Written
F194	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – dividends	Total dividends were \$1.9 billion higher than budgeted at the 2018 Budget, as shown on page 37 of the FBO. a. What constitutes the ‘other dividends’? b. Which entities from the public sector contributed to the \$381 million in higher than budgeted dividends? c. Can you break down the total dividends by public sector entity that leads to the total \$2.1 billion figure?	Written

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F195	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 FBO – expenses to non-profit organisations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Expenses to non-profit organisations were \$1.1 billion higher than budgeted, as shown on page 39 of the FBO. What’s the reason for this? Which grants to non-profit organisations ended up being higher than budgeted? By how much? What grants to non-profit organisations weren’t originally budgeted for, and what did they amount to? 	Written
F196	Finance	McAllister	Unlegislated expenditure savings measures - year-by-year profile	Provide the current list of unlegislated expenditure savings measures, with the total savings over the forward estimates and the year-by-year profile over the forward estimates (in underlying cash terms).	Written
F197	Finance	McAllister	Pharmaceutical Supply Chain	When will the reforms relating to the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain be completed?	Written
F198	Finance	McAllister	Removal of rebates paid by pharmaceutical companies to the Government	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is Finance’s role in relation to the policy to remove rebates paid by the pharmaceutical companies to the Government as part of reforms to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme? Is Finance aware of any issues with administrative or accounting changes that could implement the reforms? 	Written
F199	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 Advances to the Finance Minister	Were any advances to the Finance Minister provided in the 2018-19 financial year? If so, which entities were involved, what was the amount provided, and what was the purpose?	Written
F200	Finance	McAllister	Expenditure models	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does Finance have access to any of the models that underlie areas of expenditure, such as the Child Care Subsidy or payments administered by Services Australia? Access means that the models are available on the Finance ICT network. If so, which models are they? How long has Finance had access to these models? 	Written
F201	Finance	McAllister	Vehicle Fleet	Can you provide details of each of the 20 fleet vehicles identified in the 2018-19 Annual Report – their make and model, age, when each of those vehicles was acquired?	Written
F202	Finance	McAllister	‘Onboarding’	Who used the word ‘onboarding’ on page roman numeral 11 of the 2018-19 Annual Report? Was it the Secretary, or someone else?	Written
F203	Finance	McAllister	Number of Staff	Provide the numbers of staff in each of the branches (or if there are no branches, whatever identified group) that are identified in the Finance organisational chart.	Written
F204	Finance	McAllister	Contract details	Are there any circumstances in which contract details published by a Commonwealth entity in accordance with Senate Order 13 would not also be required to be published on AusTender. If yes, what are those circumstances.	Written
F205	Finance	McAllister	GBE Company Secretaries Forum	<p>Page 59 of the 2018-19 Annual Report discusses a GBE Company Secretaries Forum that was held in Adelaide.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many attendees were there? Did all company secretaries of GBEs attend? Did all representatives of shareholder departments attend? How many Finance officials attended? What about anyone from the Minister’s office? Any other ministers office? Why was this forum held in Adelaide? Noting that the GBEs and shareholder departments are all based across Australia, did all attendees not based in Adelaide fly to attend the forum? If yes to f. above, who paid for the flights and how much was spent on flights for attendees to attend the forum? What was the venue where the Forum was held? Can you outline any costs for refreshments, venue hire [if not in a Commonwealth owned building] and other expenses? Why was it necessary for there to be such a face-to-face meeting? 	Written
F206	Finance	McAllister	Property divestment program	Page 55 of the 2018-19 Annual Report says there are 25 properties on the program for divestment. Provide details of these 25 properties, including addresses, current tenant, land size.	Written

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F207	Finance	McAllister	Coordinated procurement for leasing and property services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Page 55 of the 2018-19 Annual Report states that as of 30 June 2019, 75 per cent of non-corporate Commonwealth entities had transitioned to the coordinated procurement arrangements for leasing and property services. What is that percentage now? Provide a list of the entities that are yet to transition to the coordinated arrangements. How are these entities conducting their leasing and property services? When are these entities scheduled to move over to the coordinated arrangements? What level of savings or efficiencies has Finance calculated to come out of these coordinated arrangements? 	Written
F208	Finance	McAllister	GBE Professional Education Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Page 29 of the 2018-19 Annual Report goes through the ‘GBE Professional Education Program’. Why was it deemed necessary to establish this program? What were the types of capability shortfalls being seen that required this education program? What problems were being experienced that led to the establishment of the program? In delivering this program, were consultants or contractors hired? If so, provide details of these consultancies and contracts, such as which firm provided the services, what was the cost, and how many staff members went through the courses? It talks about secondment opportunities – who was being seconded where? How many Finance staff are involved in this program? How many staff from other departments and agencies? How much does it cost to go through the course that is facilitated by UNSW? Where is this course held – in Sydney, or in Canberra? Or online? Who pays for this course? How many Finance staff have gone through this? What about APS staff generally? 	Written
F209	Finance	McAllister	Common ERP Platform	<p>On roman numeral 11 of the 2018-19 Finance Annual Report, there’s a mention of a “common ERP platform across government”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the platform? Where is this work up to? Which departments/agencies are using, or are anticipated to use the platform? How much will this platform cost to operate? How many Finance staff are involved in this work? 	Written
F210	Finance	McAllister	Australian Accounting Standard AASB 16 - Leases	<p>On roman numeral 9 of the 2018-19 Finance Annual Report, it talks about the use of a new accounting standard which means there is more reliable estimates around leasing data. Can you provide an update on where this is up to, and what this means for the 2019-20 MYEFO as compared to the 2019-20 Budget?</p>	Written
F211	Finance	McAllister	Government Business Analytical Unit	<p>On roman numeral 9 of the 2018-19 Finance Annual Report it talks about the Government Business Analytical Unit increasing its capability and increased the use of data.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Explain what this unit is using the data for? The section in the annual report talks about Finance using the data ‘in a more sophisticated way’ to build an evidence base, inform policy-making and enhance reporting and transparency. What does this mean in an operational sense – what specifically is this data being used for? 	Written
F212	Finance	McAllister	GovCMS Mega Meetup	<p>Provide details of the GovCMS Mega Meetup that was held on Friday 20 September:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What was the purpose of the meeting? How many attendees were there? How much did it cost to run, including venue hire, cost of refreshments, any other expenses? 	Written
F213	Finance	McAllister	Commonwealth Procurement Awards for Excellence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> With regards to the Commonwealth Procurement Awards for Excellence, how many nominations were there for awards? Who is on the judging panel? Is the representative from the business community being remunerated for their time spent judging the awards? If so, how much? 	Written
F214	Finance	McAllister	Transparency Portal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide an update on where work on the transparency portal announced on 13 March of this year is up to. How many unique website hits are you receiving for this website, on a monthly basis? Have all of the 2018-19 Annual Reports for all Commonwealth Government bodies been published on this website? How much does it cost to operate? 	Written

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F215	Finance	McAllister	GovTEAMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is GovTEAMS? 2. How many users are there who are registered? 3. Who can use the system? 4. What has been the feedback from users, positive, negative, neutral? 5. How much does it cost to operate? 6. Who in Finance is responsible for the site’s maintenance? How many staff members are involved? 	Written
F216	Finance	McAllister	Service Delivery Office	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. According to the latest Finance Corporate Plan, it says that Finance has transitioned to receiving its shared services to the Service Delivery Office as of 1 July this year. Can you advise how that is going, any issues/concerns with how it is operating? 2. Which services is Finance receiving via the Service Delivery Office? 3. Which other departments and/or agencies are receiving services via the Service Delivery Office? 4. Who is responsible for the Service Delivery Office? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where is it located? b. How many staff work in the Office? c. How much does it cost to operate? 5. On page 14 of the Annual Report, it says that ‘the SDO continued to challenge and change the way shared services can be delivered...’ How did the SDO “challenge” the way shared services can be delivered? 	Written
F217	Finance	McAllister	Procurement Consultative Roundtable	<p>The latest Finance Corporate Plan refers to a Procurement Consultative Roundtable.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many times has roundtable been convened? b. Which secretaries of departments have attended? Which other senior staff of departments have attended? c. Which representatives of the procurement sector have attended? d. Which representatives of business have attended? e. Where are these roundtables held? f. What expenses on food, drinks, and any other costs, have been incurred to hold these roundtables? g. When is the next roundtable scheduled? 	Written
F218	Finance	McAllister	Productivity and Automation Centre of Excellence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Productivity and Automation Centre of Excellence? 2. How many staff are in this Centre? 3. Where is it based? 4. When was the Centre established? 5. How much does it cost to operate? 	Written
F219	Finance	McAllister	Centre of Procurement Excellence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Centre of Procurement Excellence? 2. How many staff are in this Centre? 3. Where is it based? 4. When was the Centre established? 5. How much does it cost to operate? 	Written
F220	Finance	McAllister	Ausgovboards.gov.au website	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When was the decision made to shutdown the ausgovboards.gov.au website? 2. Who made this decision? 3. Why was the decision made? 4. Was this decision announced at all? 5. Did Finance make a specific decision to merge the information that was on this website into the directory.gov.au website? 6. When did Finance first brief the Minister of the intention to shut down the ausgovboards.gov.au website? 7. What role does Finance have in managing the information of the boards sections on the directory.gov.au website? 8. How much does the directory.gov.au website cost to operate? How much does it compare to the running of the old ausgovboards.gov.au website? 	Written

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F221	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 Annual Report – Expenses by Outcome	<p>Explain why expenses for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Advice in Outcome 1 were \$1.3 million higher than budgeted? Financial Reporting in Outcome 1 were \$1.8 million lower than budgeted? Financial Framework in Outcome 2 were \$5.9 million lower than budgeted? The Property Special Account in Outcome 2 were \$54.1 million lower than budgeted? The Comcover Special Account in Outcome 2 were \$40.6 million higher than budgeted? Technology Transformation in Outcome 2 were \$3.4 million lower than budgeted? The Coordinated Procurement Contracting Special Account in Outcome 2 were \$2.2 million higher than budgeted? The special appropriation for the <i>Governor-General Act 1974</i> were \$12.6 million lower than budgeted? The Medical Research Future Fund special account were \$33.5 million higher than budgeted? The Building Australia Fund special account were \$35.8 million higher than budgeted? The Education Investment Fund special account were \$57.8 million higher than budgeted? 	Written
F222	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 Annual Report – Work health and safety	<p>Page 109 of the Annual Report talks about one notifiable dangerous incident involving Finance staff that was reported to Comcare.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Describe what this incident was? How many Finance staff were involved? When did the incident occur? What procedures occurred when the incident happened? Have any procedures in Finance changed as a result of this incident? 	Written
F223	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 Annual Report – Building Capability	<p>Page 99 of the Annual Report talks about the department committing to further investment for leadership programs. What is this extra investment is? How much has this costed?</p>	Written
F224	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 Annual Report – staff mobility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> When was the Internal Career Opportunities Register first implemented? How many staff applied for the register? How many staff have moved areas because of the register? How many staff have been involved in the Surge Readiness Management Model? In the last financial year, how many staff were moved into different areas of the Department as a result of this Model? Which areas of Finance did they go to? 	Written
F225	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 Annual Report – ‘significant decisions’	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Page 81 of the Annual Report talks about no decisions of an administrative tribunal, or the Australian Information Commissioner, or the Australian Privacy Commissioner that had a significant impact on the Department’s operations. What’s the definition of ‘significant’ for these purposes? Were there any decisions that had an impact not classified as ‘significant’? What happened in these cases? How was the issue resolved? In relation to reports of the Commonwealth ombudsman as stated on page 83 of the annual report – were there any reports that had an impact that were not ‘significant’? If so, what were they, and how did the department respond? 	Written
F226	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 Annual Report – ‘significant noncompliance issues with finance law’	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Page 80 of the Annual Report states that the department did not report any matters of ‘significant’ noncompliance to the Finance Minister. What is the definition of ‘significant’ in this context? What is the level of noncompliance that needs to occur to trigger the ‘significant’ definition? Were there any matters of noncompliance that were not ‘significant’? If so, what were they? What happened – how was the issue resolved? Was the Finance Minister or his office made aware that these had occurred? 	Written
F227	Finance	McAllister	Finance Corporate Plan – risk culture/integrity	<p>The Finance Corporate Plan states that the department is ‘strengthening its focus on risk culture and integrity, informed by key lessons from recent reviews including the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Inquiry into the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry’. Can you explain what specific lessons the department has taken on board from these recent reviews that have been applied to the operation of Finance? What are the issues around risk culture and integrity within the department that you’re seeking to address?</p>	Written

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F228	Finance	McAllister	Departmental reporting on regulation/deregulation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It has been reported that each department, via the Departmental Secretaries Board, will have to report twice yearly to the secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet about the progress in ‘identifying, improving and removing unnecessary regulation in their areas’. Is this correct? 2. If so, when does this twice yearly reporting commence? 3. What work is being done by Finance to identify, improve and remove unnecessary regulation in your areas? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many staff are engaged with this task? b. Have you had to recruit new staff to deal with this? c. What about consultants or contractors? 	Written
F229	Finance	McAllister	2018-19 Annual Report – Building further capability	<p>On roman numeral 11 of the 2018-19 Finance Annual Report, there’s a mention of building further capability in areas such as data analytics, commercial investment and management, financial modelling and business analysis.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which areas in Finance need to build further capability in these areas? b. Is there an identified shortfall in capability in these areas which have caused problems? What are these problems? c. How much is it costing Finance to build up these capabilities? d. When is it anticipated that Finance will have these capabilities up to the standard that you desire? 	Written
F230	Finance	McAllister	Organisational Chart	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does the ‘Productivity and Business Improvement’ division do? 2. What do the ‘Online Services’ and ‘Technical Services’ branches do? 3. What does the ‘Principal Advisor’ in the Budget Policy & Coordination division do? What level is this position? 4. What does the ‘Special Advisor’ in the Financial Analysis, Reporting & Management division do? What level is this position? 	Written
F231	Finance	McAllister	Shared Budget Workflow System	<p>The latest Finance Corporate Plan refers to the ‘Shared Budget Workflow System’.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who apart from Finance uses this System? b. What are the processes that have been ‘streamlined, automated and modernised’ as a result of this system? c. It was funded out of the Modernisation Fund – how is it’s continued operation being funded? d. How does this system interact with the Central Budget Management System? 	Written
F232	Finance	McAllister	Modernisation Fund	<p>The Annual Report on page 39 states that \$11.9 million was reprioritised to drive improved outcomes for projects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was that \$11.9 million originally for? b. Why was it deemed unnecessary for that original purpose? c. What specific things did this reprioritised \$11.9 million go to? 	Written
F233	Finance	McAllister	Defence capability – capability acquisition and sustainment report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would Finance receive a copy of the capability acquisition and sustainment report that was released under FOI (https://defence.gov.au/FOI/Docs/Disclosures/027_1920_Documents.pdf) ? 2. Would Finance have briefed the Finance Minister on this report? 3. Would Finance be concerned with the capability slippage, or just simply on the budgetary risks? 4. Does Finance work with Defence in relation to these reports? How often would Finance receive updates? 	Written
F234	Finance	McAllister	PFAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has Finance provided any advice to the Minister or the Minister’s office in relation to PFAS contamination on Commonwealth land/properties? 2. When did Finance first provide advice to the Minister or the Minister’s office in relation to PFAS contamination on Commonwealth land/properties? 3. Which areas in Finance are providing advice on PFAS-related matters? 4. Has Finance provided any advice to the Minister or the Minister’s office in relation to impending class actions relating to PFAS contamination? 	Written
F235	Finance	McAllister	Grid Reliability Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did Finance provide costing advice for the Grid Reliability Fund that was announced on 30 October 2019? 2. If so, when was this advice provided? 3. Did Finance provide advice to the Minister or Minister’s office in relation to the Grid Reliability Fund that confirmed it would provide the Clean Energy Finance Corporation with additional capacity to support affordability, reliability and security of supply? 4. If so, when was this advice provided? 5. When did Finance first receive details about the proposed Grid Reliability Fund? 6. Did Finance provide any advice about the amount to be provided for the Grid Reliability Fund? 7. If so, was there any advice about a higher or lower number for the Grid Reliability Fund? 	Written

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F236	Finance	McAllister	Perth City Deal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has Finance provided any advice to the Minister or Minister’s office in relation to the Perth City Deal? 2. Did Finance provide any advice to the Minister or Minister’s office in relation to the Perth City Deal prior to the joint media release of 28 October 2019? 	Written
F237	Finance	McAllister	Drought policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has Finance provided any advice to the Minister or Minister’s office in relation to the \$1.3 billion package released by the Nationals on 23 October 2019? 2. Has Finance received any costings from the Department of Agriculture, or any other Department, in relation to the \$1.3 billion drought package released by the Nationals on 23 October 2019? 3. Has Finance signed off on any costings in relation to the \$1.3 billion drought package released by the Nationals on 23 October 2019? 	Written
F238	Finance	McAllister	Website	Why is a link to ‘Quit the Red Tape Habit’ still active on the frontpage of the Department of Finance’s website when it links to an archived webpage?	Written
F239	Finance	McAllister	Indigenous Recognition Referendum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is there funding still in the Budget for the Indigenous Recognition Referendum? 2. If so, in what financial year is that funding? 3. If so, what amount of funding is available? 4. If not, when was the decision taken to remove that funding? 5. If not, when was that decision announced? 	Written
F240	Finance	McAllister	Flammable Cladding – 2017 decision to audit	<p>What role, if any, did the Department of Finance have in the decision made by the Commonwealth in 2017, alongside the states and territories, to commit to an audit of flammable cladding on all properties?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If Finance did have a role, what was it? b. If Finance did not have a role, why not? 	Written
F241	Finance	McAllister	Flammable Cladding – actions prior to 2017	<p>Did Finance provide any advice to the Minister or the Minister’s office, or provide any guidance to other Government departments and agencies prior to 2017, in relation to addressing the risk presented by flammable cladding?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when was this advice provided? b. If not, why not? 	Written
F242	Finance	McAllister	Flammable Cladding – coordination role	Why has the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science taken on a coordination role for the audit of flammable cladding on Commonwealth properties when the Department of Finance is responsible for managing the domestic non-Defence property portfolio?	Written
F243	Finance	McAllister	Flammable Cladding – addressing safety risks	Since the commitment in 2017 to audit flammable cladding, what has the Department of Finance done to address any safety risks to tenants of properties that are part of the domestic non-Defence property portfolio?	Written
F244	Finance	McAllister	Flammable Cladding – risks to properties	<p>Has the Department provided any advice to the Minister or the Minister’s office about any potential risks caused by flammable cladding on properties part of the domestic non-Defence property portfolio?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. when was this advice provided? ii. how many properties have been identified as having potential risks caused by flammable cladding? iii. how many properties will require rectification work as a result of flammable cladding? b. If no, why not? 	Written
F245	Finance	McAllister	Flammable Cladding – rectification work	<p>Is the Department, the Minister, or the Minister’s office, aware of all the information known to the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science in relation to the 11 Commonwealth-owned buildings which have been identified as requiring rectification work?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. how were they made aware of this information? ii. when did this occur? iii. what did the Department, the Minister or the Minister’s office do with this information? b. If not: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. why not? ii. what information does the Department, the Minister or the Minister’s office have, in relation to the 11 buildings identified as requiring rectification work? 	Written

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F246	Finance	McAllister	Austender analysis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department of Finance used Austender to analyse trends in the absolute expenditure on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Consultancies b. Work performed by consulting firms not tagged as a consultancy on Austender c. Labour hire d. Any other category of contract 2. If yes to (1), what was the analysis and when was it conducted. 	Written
F247	Finance	McAllister	Contract reporting in Annual Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department of Finance conducted any analysis of consultancy expenditure reported by agencies in Annual Reports? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. When was this performed ii. What was the result of the analysis iii. Was this analysis provided to the Minister or the Minister’s office b. If not, why not. 2. In the last three financial years, has the Department of Finance reviewed its guidance to entities on how to determine whether a contract should be reported as a consultancy or not for the purposes of <i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014</i> (PGPA Rule) 17AG. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. when did this review/s take place. ii. were any changes made to the Department’s guidance, and if so what were they. b. If not, why not. 	Written
F248	Finance	McAllister	Review of the PGPA Act	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Of the 52 recommendations in the Final Report of the Independent Review of the PGPA Act: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many have been implemented. b. How many are the Department of Finance responsible for implementing and which ones are they. c. Of those for which the Department of Finance is responsible, how many have been implemented. 2. Has the Department of Finance clarified its definition of consulting with agencies pursuant to recommendation 37. 3. Why did the Department of Finance not follow recommendation 38 for its 2018/19 Annual Report. 4. What steps has the Department of Finance taken to give effect to recommendation 38. 	Written
F249	Finance	McAllister	Consultancy contracts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to Contract Notice 3548729, under which the Department engaged the consulting firm Synergy Group Australia to perform management advisory services for a fee of \$334,400 over the period 21 September 2018 to 31 December 2019: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why was Synergy engaged and what services did they perform for the Department? 2. In relation to Contract Notice 3579585, under which the Department engaged Deloitte under its “Consultancy and Business Services” Panel to perform management advisory services for a fee of \$123,312.75 over the period 6 March 2019 to 31 August 2019: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why was Deloitte engaged and what services did they perform for the Department? 3. In relation to Contract Notice 3544933, under which the Department engaged the consulting firm Catalyze APAC to perform management advisory services for a fee of \$79,995 over the period 24 September 2018 to 30 June 2019: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why was Catalyze engaged and what services did they perform for the Department? 4. In the Department’s 2018/19 Annual Report it declared expenditure of \$14.5 million on consultancies. Were each of the three contracts listed in 1, 2 and 3 above included in this calculation? If not, where was the expenditure on these contracts declared the Department’s 2018/19 annual report? 	Written