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1	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F001	Jane Hume	Electoral - Referendum disclosure scheme	Senator HUME: Minister, if there are organisations that have collected money but haven't spent it or have collected money under false pretences for this referendum, is it, in your mind, the ACNC's responsibility to follow that up? Who is responsible? Senator Farrell: I'd have to get a little bit of advice on that. It's not something that's come across my desk before, but I will get a little bit of advice and come back to you with a formal response to that question.	Hansard	99	15/12/2023
2	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F002	Larissa Waters	Electoral - Funding and disclosure electoral reform	Mr Rogers: As you know, we are consulted from time to time about a whole range of things with legislation. To cut to the chase, with the specific issue that you're raising, at low levels in the agency we've had some consultation about potential reform. To be clear, I would just point out: we're the implementation agency, not the policy agency. The Department of Finance is the policy agency. I don't point that out to dump the Department of Finance in it; that's just the appropriate siloing of that activity. Our advice is technical advice: could it be done, rather than should it be done; how much would it cost; how long would it take—those sorts of issues. I've said to this committee and to JSCEM previously that the legislative design of the funding and disclosure system is a matter for parliament. We use a mnemonic—TECT: transparency, enforceability, clarity and timeliness—as a guide, and we've said parliament needs to be the one that self-assesses against that. What we wouldn't say is, for example, something about the cap—whether it should be \$1,000, \$2,000 or \$20,000. That's not advice we would provide. We would simply talk about, if it was to be done, what the implications might be. That's our view. Senator WATERS: That's the approach you've taken. That sounds perfectly reasonable. When did those discussions occur?	Hansard	100	15/12/2023
3	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F003	Larissa Waters	Electoral - Political donations	Senator WATERS: Yes, thank you. I now have some questions about dark money. A report from the Centre for Public Integrity in February this year estimated that \$91 million of the declared income that parties have received is from an unexplained origin, and they dubbed that 'dark money'. Based on the AEC's records, which entity has received the highest proportion of its income from unexplained origins? Mr Rogers: We'd have to take that one on notice. Senator WATERS: Thank you. The Centre for Public Integrity's figures suggest that, in the last 13 years, the LNP had received \$846 million in dark money and the Labor Party had received \$486 million in dark money. Is it within your scope to verify or correct those figures if they're not accurate?	Hansard	103	15/12/2023
4	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F004	Larissa Waters	Electoral - Mobile polling in prisons	Senator WATERS: Perhaps, on notice, you could provide me with what the barriers were to having mobile polling in all prisons, whether there's anything further that we as a legislature can do to assist you to make sure that all prisons facilitate that polling, and any other barriers that you can identify.	Hansard	104	15/12/2023
5	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F005	Louise Pratt	Electoral - Indigenous translation of referendum information - Western Australia	Senator COX: I know previously we talked about the translation of some of those AEC materials. How many languages were they translated into in the end? Mr Pope: It was 22 First Nations languages. Senator COX: Can you confirm that they were distributed across all of those localities? Mr Pope: To the extent where those languages were relevant. That's my understanding. ... CHAIR: I just wanted to ask: were any of those languages Western Australian Indigenous languages? Mr Pope: Yes, they were. CHAIR: In which places were they deployed? Was it the Ngaanyatjarra lands, or the Kimberley?	Hansard	104,105	15/12/2023
6	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F006	Kerrynne Liddle	Electoral - Community Field Officers	Senator LIDDLE: I just want to go to the community field officers. It's sounds like a terrific initiative, and people took that up. Can I ask you: what was the transition like for those people that you trained as field officers to people who actually became, say, interpreters for the referendum polling booths? Mr Rogers: That's a good question. I might have to consider that one, I think, because there are a couple of different categories. We've got the community electoral participation officers, and then we've got local assistants. Mr Pope: That's right. Mr Rogers: The local assistants were grabbed during the election period, or just before the election itself, to help us run those events in those local communities. So I'd have to think about the transition from the community electoral participation officers, who helped us run the education sessions, into either local assistant roles or other roles. I might come back to you on that. Mr Pope: They're slightly different roles there. Senator LIDDLE: Yes. I'd be really interested to know, though, in the interest of continuity of people being educated about the electoral process, how many of those people that you did some training with have then transitioned to doing something else associated with that. Mr Pope: Right. Senator LIDDLE: It's a figure that I'm quite interested in. Mr Rogers: We'll come back to you with some detail on that, and we'll throw some stuff in about what we're doing with those officers and the benefit that we think they provide.	Hansard	106	15/12/2023

7	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F007	Louise Pratt	Electoral - Remote voter services - Noonkanbah	<p>CHAIR: Was the aged-care centre gazetted as a polling place?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: Yes, it was.</p> <p>CHAIR: When was that done, in terms of it changing?</p> <p>Ms Gleeson: I'll have to take that on notice, but you're correct in saying that gazettals shift. That's very common during the early voting period. They're updated on an almost daily basis, as you would know. We first gazetted our remote voter services schedule on 7 September, and it underwent changes almost on a daily basis throughout the period. We can get back to you on that particular community and the change to the aged-care facility.</p>	Hansard	113	15/12/2023
8	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F008	Jane Hume	Electoral - Indigenous partnerships	<p>Senator HUME: You were talking about the community partnerships. Can I ask how many of them there were—did you say 22?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: No, I said 80. Actually, it was more than 80.</p> <p>Mr Pope: There were over 100 before the referendum. There are currently 80.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Could we get a list, on notice, of the 100 and maybe the 80 that are there now, too?</p>	Hansard	114	15/12/2023
9	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F009	Jane Hume	Electoral - Polling places - Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services	<p>Senator HUME: That would be helpful. Thank you. Were any of the polling places Aboriginal community controlled health services?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: We will have to take that on notice and find out.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Thank you. If there were, could you list those for us.</p>	Hansard	114	15/12/2023
10	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F010	Jane Hume	Electoral - Referendum date	<p>Senator HUME: That would be very helpful. I want to ask some questions about the issuing of the writs for the referendum. On what date was the AEC consulted about the date for the conduct of the referendum?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator HUME: At what point did you find out what the official referendum date was? When it was announced or before?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: It's not unusual to find out when it is announced. I can remember an election previously we found out when I turned on the news and saw the Prime Minister's car going down Russell Drive towards Government House. So quite often we are the last people consulted about that.</p> <p>Senator HUME: You weren't the last people consulted on that. Was the AEC aware of the date for the referendum before it was announced?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I think we became aware on announcement. I will check that to make sure. But we became formally aware of that genuinely on announcement.</p> <p>Senator HUME: When you do that consultation, is it done by email, message, phone call or meetings?</p>	Hansard	114	15/12/2023
11	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F011	Jane Hume	Electoral - Secondees	<p>Senator HUME: Just for our information could you, on notice, give us the number of people that were seconded from other government departments or agencies?</p>	Hansard	117	15/12/2023
12	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F012	James McGrath	Electoral - Authorisation - Aircraft signage	<p>Senator McGRATH: As a matter of interest. Would you have to authorise the side of a plane? Would it have to have an authorisation on it? It is sort of like a billboard.</p>	Hansard	120	15/12/2023
13	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F013	James McGrath	Electoral - Federal Direct Enrolment and Update - additions	<p>Senator McGRATH: I'm not going to ask you about that! I'm going to go on to election enrolments. I wrote to you a few months ago in relation to the FDEU, the Federal Direct Enrolment and Update program. I think we all support more Australians being able to participate in the democratic process. I'm concerned there may be an unintended consequence here, so you'll have to bear with me. I want you to take this on notice. From 1 January to the close of the roll this year, what was the total number of additional voter enrolments?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I might have to take that on notice and come back to you.</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: Are you able to break out what portion of those additional enrolments was through the FDEU program?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: We will be able to do that. It might help if I give a positioning statement about FDEU. It is overwhelmingly the No. 1 growth method for the roll. It was introduced back in 2013, from memory. It's still combined with a range of other measures. Self-initiated enrolment online is still a key measure as well. We encourage people to do that. We still use continuous roll update and a range of other methods as well. Federal direct enrolment has been the issue that has assisted us to get the roll where it is today.</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: This was discussed earlier this evening in relation to Indigenous voters being added to the electoral roll. I want to know how many additional digital enrolments were recorded from 1 January to the close of rolls.</p>	Hansard	120	15/12/2023
14	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F014	James McGrath	Electoral - Non-voting - 2022 federal election	<p>Senator McGRATH: How many Australians were fined for not voting in the 2022 election?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: Can I take that one on notice and I'll come back to you with the figure of how many were fined.</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: How many show cause letters were sent out? How many elected to pay the fine? And if there are court cases, if they're finalised, how many—</p>	Hansard	121	15/12/2023
15	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F015	Jane Hume	Electoral - Redistribution timetable	<p>Senator HUME: Can you give us a guide as to when the draft decisions from the commission come out and the final decision on the redistributions?</p>	Hansard	126	15/12/2023
16	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F016	Jane Hume	Electoral - Referendum voter turnout	<p>Senator HUME: Is there any way you could compare, say, the voter turnout and the size of the roll in 1999 with 2023? Have you got that ability?</p>	Hansard	127	15/12/2023
17	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F017	Jane Hume	Electoral - Enrolment	<p>Senator HUME: Since the updates to your auto enrolment functions—for example, I think you added in Medicare and removed some other requirements—how many auto enrolments have there been? Is that something you keep separately?</p>	Hansard	127	15/12/2023
18	Australian Electoral Commission	23/10/2023	F018	Gerard Rennick	Electoral - Multiple marks	<p>Mr Rogers: We have a whole process where we do exactly that. We investigate apparent multiple marks. On the paper certified list that we use to mark people off, many of the issues that emerge tend to be clerical errors, where the wrong person has been marked off, the wrong person has been—</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: Yeah, that's fine. I'm more interested in just the public reporting of the number of people that vote more than once.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: Absolutely we do.</p> <p>Senator RENNICK: So that is publicly reported?</p>	Hansard	130	15/12/2023

19	PWSS	23/10/2023	F019	Jane Hume	PWSS - Forward Estimates	<p>Senator HUME: ... Can I ask about your expected budget for the 2023-24 financial year.</p> <p>Ms Wicks: Certainly. I'll split this up into a couple of components: there's \$2.9 million which is the former PWSS element of the budget; there's \$15 million which is the new measure funding; and we're still negotiating the funding around the resources coming from the Department of Finance functions that are joining.</p> <p>Senator HUME: That's just for this financial year?</p> <p>Ms Wicks: That's for this financial year.</p> <p>Senator HUME: What about over the forwards?</p> <p>Ms Wicks: I don't have the forward estimates, but I'm more than happy to provide that on notice.</p>	Hansard	134	15/12/2023
20	IPEA	23/10/2023	F020	Simon Birmingham	Special Purpose Aircraft - Travel Security Advice	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Senator Farrell, can you see any inconsistencies here, with the way Defence is applying security advice that may identify pattern of life or pattern of movement for use of special-purpose aircraft and the fact that that is potentially readily identifiable under IPEA reporting?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: But to your knowledge have they been asked to report on publication and reporting of commercial aircraft use at all?</p> <p>Senator Farrell: I'll check that out for you and find out whether or not there has been any advice sought or given in respect of that matter.</p>	Hansard	138	15/12/2023
21	Finance	24/10/2023	F021	Jane Hume	MOP(S) Act employees - Enterprise agreement	<p>Senator HUME: I want to ask about the enterprise agreement. I'm wondering whether the department has briefed the minister on how those changes might affect the status of the enterprise agreement?</p> <p>Ms Bruce: ...I don't have that to hand.</p> <p>Senator HUME: If you could take that on notice—</p> <p>Ms Bruce: We could take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Could you also take on notice whether you've sought any advice, whether it be legal or other advice, on any work that might have been done as a result of these changes to current policies or any of the employment framework documents, including the enterprise agreement, and what the status of these documents is, in terms of their enforceability, given the changes.</p> <p>Ms Bruce: We can take that on notice</p>	Hansard	8-9	15/12/2023
22	Finance	24/10/2023	F022	Jane Hume	MOP(S) Act employees - Timeframes for previous three enterprise agreements	<p>Senator HUME: Can I ask the department, then, to take it on notice and provide an answer as to how long previous bargaining has taken in the last three enterprise agreements? Perhaps while that's on notice, somebody might be able to provide an overview of the steps that are required to negotiate a new enterprise agreement. What are all the steps that you would need, from initiating the bargaining to the new agreement coming into force?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: I'm happy to take the first question on notice, absolutely. We'll come back to you with timing.</p>	Hansard	9	15/12/2023
23	Finance	24/10/2023	F023	Jane Hume	MOP(S) Act employees - Timeframe for current enterprise agreement negotiations	<p>Senator HUME: Can I ask then, please, on notice, if I could have a detailed breakdown of the time line for the negotiations for the enterprise agreement?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: Absolutely, we're happy to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	10	15/12/2023
24	Finance	24/10/2023	F024	Jane Hume	Ministerial Wing - Fundraisers	<p>Senator HUME: Does the Department of Finance police whether there are fundraisers being held in the ministerial wing?</p> <p>Ms Bruce: To the best of my knowledge, we take bookings for two meeting rooms in the ministerial wing. I understand that how that process works is we record which ministerial office requires the booking, not what the room will be used for. I understand we don't have visibility of fundraising events which take place in those suites. We simply record which office has booked the room.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Can we have a list, on notice, please, of which offices have booked the rooms in the ministerial wing?</p> <p>Ms Bruce: Yes.</p> <p>Senator HUME: For the last 18 months, since the change of government.</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: Which rooms are they?</p> <p>Ms Bruce: My colleague Ms Bektas might have that information, or we might have to take that on notice to confirm the suite numbers.</p> <p>Ms Bektas: I will take the actual room names on notice, if that's okay. I can say that the monkey pod room between Minister Burke's and Minister King's suite is one the Serjeant-at-Arms has historically looked after. So it's the other two, but I don't have the names with me. I can come back to you on that one.</p> <p>Senator HUME: To book that room, you need to ask the Serjeant-at-Arms?</p> <p>Ms Bektas: That's my understanding, but I will come back to you.</p> <p>Senator HUME: And the Department of Finance does or does not have a form, the same way that DPS does, that seeks information as to whether that booking is for a fundraiser?</p> <p>Ms Bruce: As I said earlier, to the best of my knowledge what we capture is simply which office is booking the room, not the details, at the time. As far as I understand, we don't capture the purpose and what category of event that would be for, including fundraising or something else.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Do you think it might be appropriate for the department to consider having a form that asks the purpose, so that we don't simply ring-fence the ministerial wing to have different rules to the rest of the building?</p> <p>Ms Bruce: We can take on notice the particulars that we capture and come back to you with that information.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Could you also come back to me on whether there is a good reason why you wouldn't capture the information as to what the purpose of that meeting is for, or whether fundraising is the purpose of that meeting. Can ministerial officers book rooms on behalf of third parties?</p> <p>Ms Bruce: I think we'd have to take that on notice. As I said, my understanding is we capture which office is making the booking.</p> <p>Senator HUME: If you could include that on notice, that would be helpful.</p>	Hansard	10-11	15/12/2023

25	Finance	24/10/2023	F025	Jane Hume	Ministerial Wing - Policy on fundraising	<p>Senator HUME: This was an announcement by your government back in October. I'm asking you, as the appropriate minister, whether you are going to check that your colleagues have abided by that rule within the ministerial wing, which has no oversight</p> <p>Senator Farrell: Yes, I'll check.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Thank you.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator HUME: Can I ask you to not just check but explain to this committee, on notice, how you have checked.</p> <p>Senator Farrell: When I check—you're talking into the future here.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Yes—when you check, and you come back and say, 'I've checked', can you explain to this committee the process by which you've undertaken that check.</p> <p>Senator Farrell: I'll come and tell you.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Farrell: If you have some evidence that we're not complying with that policy, I'd welcome it—...</p> <p>Senator HUME: ... I'm asking whether your government has a method of policing the policy that you have implemented.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Farrell: We do what we say. You having raised it, as a courtesy I'll check it out and I will come back to you.</p>	Hansard	12	15/12/2023
26	Finance	24/10/2023	F026	Larissa Waters	Electoral Policy - JSCEM interim report findings	<p>Senator Farrell: It says: 'I have confirmed I have written to the Prime Minister following the JSCEM interim report findings but no decisions have been made by the government.'</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WATERS: And have you received a response to that letter?</p> <p>Senator Farrell: Not to the best of my knowledge. But, again, I'll check that out.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	15	15/12/2023
27	Finance	24/10/2023	F027	Simon Birmingham	Special Purpose Aircraft - Finance consultation on changes	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Thanks, Ms Wiley-Smith. The question more broadly is: is finance aware whether it has been consulted at all in Defences' work of redrafting the guidelines for the use of special-purpose aircraft?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: I think the answer is, 'I don't think so,' but we'll take that on notice and confirm for you.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Wiley-Smith: Going back to the questions we had earlier on whether the Department of Finance was consulted on the development of the changes to the SPA guidelines, the special purpose aircraft guidelines. I can now confirm that one of our officers was part of a discussion with the security coordination group earlier this year, which included discussions on updating the then 2013 SPA guidelines, and so we did have visibility, through the security coordination group, of the guidelines.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Can I clarify on behalf of Senator Birmingham. When you say 'earlier this year', when was that?</p> <p>Ms Wiley-Smith: It was on 22 February 2023.</p> <p>Senator HUME: And it was just the one meeting? It wasn't a series of meetings?</p> <p>Ms Wiley-Smith: What I have in front of me is that it was that particular meeting where the discussion occurred, but it may have also come up previously, so I'll take that on notice and come back to you.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	16, 22-23	15/12/2023
28	Finance	24/10/2023	F028	Simon Birmingham	Special Purpose Aircraft - draft guidelines	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: I appreciate that, Ms Wilkinson, but Defence's expertise is not exactly in appropriate transparency and accountability for parliamentarians' use of travel entitlements or resources. That's a degree of expertise vested primarily in Finance and then in IPEA in terms of what is appropriate there. The Deputy Prime Minister's said that 'the security coordination committee recommended the 2023 SPA guidelines remain in draft form until broader transparency and accountability measures are finalised'. What I'm hearing is certainly Defence hasn't been consulting Finance or IPEA on what broader transparency or accountability measures might look like.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: You're saying a change in arrangements from what the current arrangements have been. Is that what you're suggesting?</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: It's what the Deputy Prime Minister is suggesting, that the SPA guidelines remain in draft form 'until broader transparency and accountability measures are finalised'. But there's nothing from Prime Minister and Cabinet, who I checked with yesterday, nothing from Finance and nothing from IPEA to suggest that Defence are actually consulting on what those broader transparency or accountability measures might look like.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: Again, I'm happy to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	17-18	15/12/2023
29	Finance	24/10/2023	F029	Richard Colbeck	Special Purpose Aircraft -transparency lead	<p>Senator COLBECK: Who has the lead on transparency, and why does someone travelling on a SPA have a higher level of protection than anyone else in the parliament?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: All I can speak to is the fact that the 2013 guidelines included all of the elements of who can travel, when they can travel, how the costs are recovered and the transparency. That was all incorporated within those guidelines, which were the responsibility then and are still, as I understand it, the responsibility of the Minister for Defence.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Minister, please take those two questions on notice.</p> <p>Senator Farrell: Certainly, Senator Colbeck.</p>	Hansard	18	15/12/2023
30	Finance	24/10/2023	F030	Jane Hume	Ministerial Wing - Refurbishments	<p>Senator HUME: What was the first suite to go through the process?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Bektas: ...I've just got a message to say that M1-23 was the first suite that was maintained.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Do we know whose suite that is?</p> <p>Senator Farrell: We can find out for you.</p>	Hansard	19-20	15/12/2023

31	Finance	24/10/2023	F031	Jane Hume	Ministerial Wing - Total refurbishments cost	<p>Senator HUME: What's the total cost of the refurbishment of the ministerial wing?</p> <p>Ms Bektas: I'll have to take that question on notice.</p>	Hansard	20	15/12/2023
32	Finance	24/10/2023	F032	Jane Hume	Ministerial Wing - Program and process for refurbishments	<p>Senator HUME: Was that a planned upgrade that has been on the books for some time? I don't remember seeing it spoken about anywhere in budget measures.</p> <p>Ms Bektas: I believe we have a schedule with DPS that sets out the program for us. I will come back to you with the response for that question.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Was it requested or initiated by the department? If it was requested, who made that request?</p> <p>Ms Bektas: I'll take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator HUME: When was the last time that furniture was changed in the building or in the ministerial wing?</p> <p>Ms Bruce: We could take that on notice. My understanding is that the Department of Finance supports accommodation facilities in the ministerial wing, that that arrangement is governed by a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Parliamentary Services and that how we offer administrative and property services in the min wing is broadly consistent with arrangements for Parliament House proper. We work closely with the Department of Parliamentary Services to ensure that arrangements are consistent, but we can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator HUME: So what is the process by which this occurs? It does sound to me like it's departments receiving approval from departments. At some point, is there a sense check given to ministers? 'We're about to change all the furniture in the ministerial wing, starting in the ministerial wing then working around the building. It's going to cost X dollars. Government, are you happy doing this at this point in time?' Does that occur, or does it just happen automatically and the government says, 'No, it's out of my control'?</p> <p>Ms Bruce: We can take that on notice with regard to arrangements at APH. My understanding is that we work closely with DPS in terms of their broader program for, I guess, fitting out the building.</p> <p>Ms Bruce: Is your question relating to Parliament House more broadly or specifically the ministerial wing?</p> <p>Senator HUME: Both.</p> <p>Ms Bruce: In relation to the ministerial wing, we can take that on notice, and I think it would be for the Department of Parliamentary Services—</p> <p>Senator HUME: Somebody must be responsible for this program, though. Is it the Department of Finance, DPS, the Special Minister of State or the Minister for Finance? Who's responsible for making the decision to change all the furniture in the ministerial wing and, indeed, all the furniture in all of the suites in the building? We don't know what it's going to cost, we don't know what the time line of the rollout is and we don't know who's responsible.</p> <p>Ms Bruce: As I explained, the Department of Finance supports accommodation at the min wing, and that's governed by an MOU with the</p>	Hansard	20	15/12/2023
33	Finance	24/10/2023	F033	Jane Hume	COMCAR - low emissions target	<p>Senator HUME: I want to ask some questions about COMCAR, please. The government set a target, obviously, of 75 per cent of the Commonwealth's car fleet of new passenger vehicles to be low emissions by 2025. Can I confirm: is that by the beginning of 2025 or the end of 2025?</p> <p>Ms Bruce: I'm not sure I have the date of the target with me. What I've got in front of me is 75 per cent of new car orders to be low emissions by 2025. We can take the specific date on notice if that would assist.</p>	Hansard	21	15/12/2023
34	Finance	24/10/2023	F034	James McGrath	COMCAR - charging range	<p>Senator McGRATH: What's the range?</p> <p>Mr Dimmock: For the range, I'd have to take that fully on notice, but it's around 400 kilometres for the iX 40, and for the iX 50 it's more 600 to 650. Like an ICE car, an internal combustion engine car, it depends very much on how you drive them. Electric vehicles on the highway tend to be the opposite of traditional cars, so, for the majority of our use in the cities and on short journeys, it's actually better and more economical in an electric vehicle than in a normal car.</p>	Hansard	22	15/12/2023
35	Finance	24/10/2023	F035	Jane Hume	COMCAR - Cost of EV charging stations	<p>Senator HUME:what's the cost of installing an electric vehicle charging station?</p> <p>Mr Dimmock: We're currently going through the process of that. We're finalising a tender.</p> <p>Senator HUME: On notice then, could you, for clarity for this committee, provide a work plan for us as to when those leases are going to expire, when the new zero-emissions cars will be coming online, when the charging stations will be installed and at what cost, and—particularly with the new leases—whether they are more expensive cars than the COMCAR fleet would have previously had.</p>	Hansard	22	15/12/2023
36	Finance	24/10/2023	F036	Barbara Pocock	PwC Contracts - Contracts	<p>Senator BARBARA POCOCK: I've got a number of questions in relation to Scyne. I understand there is something like 74 contracts to the value of about \$250 million that remain in the public sector. Do those figures sound about right to you, Mr Jagers?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Let me see if we can find that detail for you.</p> <p>Ms Antone: Can I just clarify: are they contracts with PwC? Is that what you're asking?</p> <p>Senator BARBARA POCOCK: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Antone: We don't have the number of live contracts in front of us but I'm sure we can get that for you.</p> <p>Senator BARBARA POCOCK: Perhaps you can confirm that on notice.</p>	Hansard	79	15/12/2023
37	Finance	24/10/2023	F037	Barbara Pocock	PwC review materials	<p>Senator BARBARA POCOCK: You decided on 12 October that you were satisfied: ... that Scyne has the appropriate governance, accountability and ethical frameworks in place to contract with the Commonwealth. You base that on a number of reports and assurances from the two law firms, Mallesons and Allens—two separate reports that were, of course, commissioned by PwC—and on the findings of the Switkowski review, a probity review by Andrew Greenwood and advice from Simon Longstaff. The public hasn't seen that material. Did you see all of that material in full?</p> <p>Senator BARBARA POCOCK: ...can you provide to us the letters, the documentation, the letters from the legal firms and from Mr Longstaff, and the correspondence with Mr Greenwood?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Let me take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BARBARA POCOCK: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	79	15/12/2023

38	Finance	24/10/2023	F038	Barbara Pocock	PwC - Greenwood review details	<p>Mr Sebar: Mr Greenwood provided us with a range of information about the individuals he had spoken to that were potentially going to transfer from PricewaterhouseCoopers to Scyne. The issues he investigated and addressed through his conversations were broader than just being focused on the Tax Practitioners Board matter. He picked up through his examination a range of additional factors that you've mentioned, that go beyond simply the Tax Practitioners Board matter.</p> <p>Senator BARBARA POCKOCK: Can you spell those out for us?</p> <p>Mr Sebar: I will need to take the detail of that on notice.</p>	Hansard	80	15/12/2023
39	Finance	24/10/2023	F039	Barbara Pocock	Scyne code of conduct	<p>Senator BARBARA POCKOCK: You rely on their code of conduct in your report as giving you some confidence about the practice.</p> <p>Mr Sebar: Yes.</p> <p>Senator BARBARA POCKOCK: So I would like to see it if it's possible for you to provide it to us on notice. I would be very interested in seeing its content, and I'm interested in whether penalties for breaching the code of conduct are a feature of that code. Could you supply us with any information you have on breaching and the internal regulation—the consequences of breaching.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Yes, Senator. We'll come back to you on notice.</p>	Hansard	81	15/12/2023
40	Finance	24/10/2023	F040	Jane Hume	Working from home arrangements	<p>Senator HUME: ... How many employees in the Department of Finance are working at home one day a week, two days a week, three days a week, four days a week and full time?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Lovelock: I have it over a fortnight. Of that 31 per cent of our workforce that have an arrangement in place, 1.5 per cent work from home one day in a fortnight; 21.2 per cent work from home two days in a fortnight; 4.4 per cent work from home three days in a fortnight; 56.1 per cent work from home four days in a fortnight; 3.6 per cent work from home five days in a fortnight; 5.9 per cent work from home six days in a fortnight; 1.1 per cent work from home seven days in a fortnight; 1.3 per cent work from home eight days in a fortnight; 0.4 per cent work from home nine days in a fortnight; and 4.5 per cent work from home 10 days in a fortnight. I'm happy to provide that so that you've got it rather than having to write it down.</p> <p>Senator HUME: That would be great,</p>	Hansard	83	15/12/2023
41	Finance	24/10/2023	F041	Jane Hume	\$61 billion budget improvements	<p>Ms Wilkinson: Exactly. We provided the names of every measure in which there was either a saving or a receipt measure, and we provided it, I thought, to assist the references within Budget Paper No. 2, where those individual measures were listed.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Can I ask, again on notice, whether each one of those measures can have the profile extrapolated after it so that we get a better sense of what exactly makes up that \$61 billion?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: I'm happy to take that on notice. It's not usual for the sort of detail that goes beyond what's published in the budget papers to be provided—</p>	Hansard	84	15/12/2023
42	Finance	24/10/2023	F042	Jane Hume	Savings returned to the budget	<p>Senator HUME: When we talk about \$61 billion worth of savings, how much of that was returned to the budget? And how much was spent on other priorities?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I might come back to you on that. I remember a couple of figures in my head, but I don't want to get it wrong. I think we were clear about that at the time. Anyway, I think, if we take it on notice, we can definitely provide that.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Perhaps you, Minister, can take on notice exactly how much of that \$60 billion was, in fact, returned to the budget and how much was simply a reprioritisation. Ms Wilkinson, could we get from you a breakdown of the measures and also the profile of the measures?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: I think we'll consider that. That is not detail that has ever been provided before, I think. I'm very happy to do what we can to assist at an aggregate level.</p>	Hansard	85	15/12/2023
43	Finance	24/10/2023	F043	Jane Hume	Emissions reduction measures	<p>Senator HUME: How much was spent on reducing the department's greenhouse emissions in 2022-23?</p> <p>Mr Lovelock: I'll take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Could you give us, on notice, a full list of all the emissions reductions measures that were funded in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 budgets, and the cost of those.</p> <p>Mr Lovelock: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: Within the department?</p> <p>Senator HUME: Yes, within the department.</p>	Hansard	90	15/12/2023
44	Finance	24/10/2023	F044	Jane Hume	Emissions reporting - travel	<p>Senator HUME: How many domestic and international flights have been taken? Is that something you record when you're reporting emissions? Obviously, that's part of the scope 3 factor.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator HUME: The flights that were taken domestically and internationally are obviously recorded. Can you also provide for me the top 5 international destinations most frequently visited by officials in 2022-23?</p> <p>Mr Lovelock: I'll provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Was there any offset taken for those domestic and international flights in 2022-23? Obviously, when you purchase tickets, you can buy offsets. If you didn't actually purchase any credit units for any other reason, did you use them when you were buying airfares?</p> <p>Mr Lovelock: I will take that on notice, noting that we work with a whole-of-government provider for our travel bookings.</p>	Hansard	91	15/12/2023
45	Finance	24/10/2023	F045	Jane Hume	Number of solar panels	<p>Senator HUME: ... Does the department have solar panels on its buildings?</p> <p>Mr Lovelock: We do.</p> <p>Senator HUME: You do? How many, do you know?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Lovelock: It is. I can confirm, on notice, the number of panels.</p>	Hansard	90-91	15/12/2023

46	Finance	24/10/2023	F046	David Pocock	SME and First Nations procurement	<p>Ms Antone: In terms of the work we're doing in this space, I think it's been mentioned before that there is a program of work under the Buy Australian Plan initiative being undertaken by the Future Made in Australia Office, which is really focusing in on small to medium enterprises as well as businesses that are First Nations owned et cetera, to understand what more could be done to support their participation in Commonwealth procurement. That has led to a better understanding of what some of the barriers are, and we're already in the process of doing more to update the supporting information we provide as well as support—both face-to-face and other engagement—to enable us to help those entities compete. There's information I can provide you if you'd like it.</p> <p>Senator DAVID POCCOCK: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	94-95	15/12/2023
47	Finance	24/10/2023	F047	Jane Hume	DTBNA forward estimates profiles	<p>Senator HUME: I just want to be clear: of all the measures that you have just spoken to me about, only the first one was in the 2022-23 financial year?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: The announcement might have been there, but I don't have the profile; I just have the amount and that they were included in the 2023-24 budget. I don't have a breakdown whether any of those dollars would have flowed in 2022-23 as opposed to 2023-24.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Some of these have profiles that are going to extend out beyond the one budget year?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: Yes. Hummingbird, in the Health and Aged Care portfolio, ensuring service delivery at Hummingbird House—was announced after budget with a value of \$0.9 million. Home Affairs—this was another one linked to the Quad Leaders' Joint Statement, establishing the Pacific open access network testbed. Again, that did not have a specified amount. Social Services portfolio, the National Disability Data Asset—had an announced amount of \$68.3 million. And, increasing financial support for temporary visa holders experiencing violence—had an announced amount of \$4.4 million. They are all ones that have now been announced from the May budget.</p> <p>Senator HUME: On notice, can you give me a list of those and their forward estimates profile?</p> <p>Ms Patterson: Yes, we can take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	99	15/12/2023
48	Finance	24/10/2023	F048	Jane Hume	HAFF - Additional \$1 billion funding	<p>Senator HUME: Where's the additional \$1 billion that was committed to in order to get the Housing Australia Future Fund through? Where will that appear?</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: That'll be accounted for properly. It's just how those measures are described. The money will be accounted for in the normal way, but I'm not sure whether they will be described as separate measures.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Sorry, is the additional billion that was used in order to get the Housing Australia Future Fund through part of the Social Housing Accelerator, or is it for something else? It does not sound like it was ready to announce on 17 June.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: We are just checking to make sure that the information we are giving you is correct, Senator Hume.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I will take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Williamson: but we will take on notice the details you're asking for about how it will appear.</p>	Hansard	100	15/12/2023
49	Finance	24/10/2023	F049	Jane Hume	Estimates Variations	<p>Senator HUME: ... I asked a question on notice about the 10 largest estimates variations in the finance portfolio, and I thank you very much for the response that you have given me on that. The Department of Finance, general services, Outcome 2 was No. 5 on that list, with an additional \$163 million—a \$163,235,000 variation. That is quite a substantial one. Can you tell me what has caused that large estimates variation? It's general services, Outcome 2.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: Can we take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator HUME: Yes, you can. If you are going to take that on notice, can you also then provide for me the largest movements of funds across the portfolio, irrespective of whether it's an improvement or a deterioration of the underlying cash balance that is made up within that?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: Across the finance portfolio?</p> <p>Senator HUME: Yes, please.</p>	Hansard	100-101	15/12/2023
50	Finance	24/10/2023	F050	Jane Hume	Electoral Policy - Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984 Amendment	<p>Senator HUME: You can take this on notice: was the wording included in schedule 1 of the EM put to the minister for approval or was it amended without approval?</p> <p>Mr Dilley: Certainly, we can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Evidence was given by the Department of Finance to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters that said: ... the bill itself is almost entirely a technical alignment with the Commonwealth Electoral Act. I can say that schedules 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 essentially are entirely technical alignments with the machinery of the Commonwealth Electoral Act to bring the two acts, as far as we can get them, into complete alignment in terms of the electoral machinery. That goes to things like postal voting ...</p> <p>That was evidence given by your department to a committee. There is an EM that says one thing, but the bill says another. Given what I have said, do you think that that is accurate advice?</p> <p>Mr Dilley: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator HUME: I am wondering why the minister's explanatory memorandum and department officials appearing at the committee didn't advise that this key part of the postal voting process was being changed to fall out of alignment with the Electoral Act, rather than intentionally aligning it with the Electoral Act. Does anyone know anything about this?</p> <p>Mr Dilley: I think that is one we will take on notice.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Does anyone know what the policy rationale for that would have been?</p> <p>Mr Dilley: As I say, I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	104	15/12/2023

51	Finance	24/10/2023	F051	Jane Hume	Additional ASL levels	<p>Senator HUME: I want to talk about Finance portfolio additional resourcing on page 112 of BP 2, which provided for \$55.2 million over four years from 2023-24 and \$12.5 million a year ongoing to Finance. There's \$40.2 million over four years that is cited there. Can you give me some idea of where that funding on page 112 from BP 2 is specifically going?</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson: That was additional funding for a number of different things; in particular to assist the Budget Group area of the Department of Finance to engage and provide the sort of support that we need to provide through budget processes.</p> <p>Senator HUME: So it's additional staff?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator HUME: On notice, can you provide me with the levels of the additional 59 ASL?</p> <p>Ms Patterson: We should be able to provide you something—the way in which we calculate it; whether it falls exactly that way. Obviously we are in the process of continuing to recruit those staff.</p>	Hansard	105	15/12/2023
52	ASC Pty Ltd	24/10/2023	F052	James McGrath	ASC redundancies	<p>Senator McGrATH: ... Have there been any redundancies?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: I'll take it on notice, but I don't believe that there have been any redundancies.</p> <p>Senator McGrATH: Okay, no worries...</p>	Hansard	109	15/12/2023
53	Finance	24/10/2023	F053	Simon Birmingham	ANI equity injection	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: ...I come back to why the equity injection into ANI is not for publication when you've got at least seven different components that it's actually funding. I appreciate that your negotiations with the electricity transmission company to move whopping great power infrastructure are commercial-in-confidence and you don't want to reveal what your precise budget or anticipated budget for that is, but you actually have a lump-sum equity injection that is to pursue at least seven different streams of work, some of which will be very significant. Each of those infrastructure relocations is very significant, but there is an aggregation there that ordinarily should allow for the total sum of equity injection to be known. So why is that NFP? That's properly more a question for you, Mr Jagers, or Minister.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: That was a government decision to provide the equity in the 2023-24 budget process. Due to commercial sensitivities, the equity was provided not for publication. I would potentially have to come back to you on notice with an answer to that.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Could you take that on notice and come back. I think it's an important principle. Yes, I fully understand why somethings are NFP, but, when you've got sufficient aggregation, it loses the commercial confidentiality grounds for why it needs to be NFP. If you are going to a single head contractor with a total sum of money, it makes perfect sense, but, when you're managing a whole bunch of different contracts, it's no different from the rest of Finance's budget in how you manage your contracts.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Often, equity injections that are not for publication with commercial sensitivities—over time, the commercial sensitivity phases of contracts are entered into, and so the value of those contracts is made known and public. In this case it was not for publication. I will come back to you on notice.</p>	Hansard	118	15/12/2023
54	Finance	24/10/2023	F054	Dorinda Cox	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land and Sea Future Fund	<p>Senator COX: I have questions about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land and Sea Future Fund. Can you walk me through what the aim of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land and Sea Future Fund is?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I'll start with that. That future fund's sole aim is to assist with making annual payments to the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation.</p> <p>Senator COX: And the annual payments are of what amount?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We can take that on notice. We understand the last payment was around \$60 million, but we'll take that on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator COX: Thank you. If you can provide that amount, that'd be appreciated.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator COX: Is that correct—is that as grants for the purchase of land and sea?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: That funding is provided to the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation. As for how they then use it to achieve their purpose, that's something we'll see if have any information on, but we probably have to take that on notice because that organisation does not sit within the Finance portfolio.</p>	Hansard	123-124	15/12/2023
55	FFMA	24/10/2023	F055	Dorinda Cox	ESG Governance Principles	<p>Senator COX: There was a recent article, which I'm happy to table this for the committee, from the Australian, in its weekend business review, around how the Future Fund voted at 267 AGMs, and this is maybe one for the minister if she'd like it. But I'm interested more about the reference to the ESG guidelines and how they govern this fund. Is anybody able to tell me how that happens?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator COX: Can I start with a copy of the governance principles? Are you able to provide us with a copy of those on notice?</p> <p>Mr Hetherton: I think I can. I'm happy to look at that. They may even be in our annual report or other documents. So we'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	124	15/12/2023
56	FFMA	24/10/2023	F056	Dorinda Cox	Future Fund Board of Guardians	<p>Senator COX: That's fine. Can you tell me who's making the investment decisions about what that this fund invests in? Is there a board? Is it left to the board of guardians of the Future Fund? What are the governance arrangements for that?</p> <p>Mr Hetherton: The board of guardians is charged with investing the assets of all of the funds, the six funds, that it's been allocated responsibility for through legislation. That legislation requires the board to invest through external investment managers. We have around 110 or 120 or so.</p> <p>Senator COX: Are any of those people Indigenous, given that this is an Indigenous-specific fund?</p> <p>Mr Hetherton: I don't know. They are investment managers that are located globally. There are Australian fund managers and global fund managers located in cities around the world, so I don't have that information.</p> <p>Senator COX: Are you able to provide that information on notice to us, please?</p> <p>Mr Hetherton: I can certainly look at that. I would observe that our investment managers are organisations that number in the hundreds or thousands of staff, so it may not be possible to access that.</p>	Hansard	124	15/12/2023

57	Digital Transformation Agency	24/10/2023	F057	Jane Hume	Microsoft Data Centre Panels	<p>Senator HUME: The deal is nine—</p> <p>Mr Fechner: Nine data centres across Sydney.</p> <p>Senator HUME: data centres. How many do they already have? I thought it was about 20.</p> <p>Mr Poels: I think it's about 20.</p> <p>Mr Fechner: I think it is somewhere around that number, but I can take that on notice to confirm it for you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Yes, please, if you could. If you could also take on notice how old those data centres are, the 20 that already exist, that would be very helpful too.</p>	Hansard	128	15/12/2023
58	Digital Transformation Agency	24/10/2023	F058	Jane Hume	DTA Gateway Proposal Projects	<p>Senator HUME: Could you table for me—if not on the spot, then on notice—the relevant list of projects that fall within that gateway review remit, the date of the last gateway review, the date of the gateway review prior to the last one—so the last two, if you like—the rating of the project after each gateway review, what the funding for that project is and whether the project is a shared project or not.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I might add to that that there are two separate processes here. There are ICT ones that are subject to processes of the DTA. The broader gateway assurance framework, which non-ICT projects can go through, is managed by the Department of Finance.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Then can you provide those on notice as well? Can we have both the ones managed by the DTA and the ones managed by Finance?</p>	Hansard	128	15/12/2023
59	Digital Transformation Agency	24/10/2023	F059	Jane Hume	Proposals subject to ICT Approval Processes	<p>Senator HUME: ... Turning to the ICT investment approval process, can you also list for me what proposals, in the last financial year and the year to date, have been subject to that process as well? Specifically, I'd like you to note where cabinet has directed that a project be considered under that process, despite it not previously being considered under that process. Does that make sense?</p> <p>Mr Poels: We can take that on notice, but there is probably a mixture of ideas there, insofar as it's really subject to the discretion of the DTA. It takes into account, as I said, those monetary thresholds but also the risk around the investment, and so that's something that we work with the agency on, depending on some of the characteristics of their proposed investment.</p>	Hansard	128	15/12/2023
60	Digital Transformation Agency	24/10/2023	F060	Jane Hume	ICT Approval Process	<p>Senator HUME: For those projects that are subject to an ICT investment approval process, both in the last financial year and in the year to date, could you also give me the names of the projects, the dates that the projects were submitted to the DTA, the cost of the projects and the purpose of the projects—the aim of the projects?</p> <p>Mr Poels: We can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Gallagher: We'll see what we can do there. Some of that would be subject to budgeting and cabinet processes, so we'll see what we can provide.</p>	Hansard	128-129	15/12/2023
61	PWSS		F061	Larissa Waters	PWSS - PWSS Services	Can you provide data on how many times PWSS services have been engaged this year?	Written		15/12/2023
62	Finance	24/10/2023	F062	Jane Hume	Government staffing committee - statement of standards for ministerial staff	<p>Senator HUME: Can I double-check: will the government staffing committee formally hand over responsibility for the statement of standards for ministerial staff to the PWSS at some point in time?</p> <p>Senator Farrell: I will give some consideration to that issue and come back to you, Senator Hume.</p>	Hansard	19	15/12/2023
63	Finance	24/10/2023	F063	Jane Hume	Budget group staffing	<p>Ms Patterson: In relation to the funding, the \$40.8 million will support an additional 59 ASL, with that split across Budget Group, my group. There's also some additional resourcing for the Governance and Resource Management team, which is also providing significant support around the budget and supporting other agencies with their budget profiles and estimates; and five additional ASL to Business Enabling Services to build up our security capabilities, particularly around the role that Finance plays in providing advice on defence and national security issues.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator HUME: Can the \$40 million be split between the areas that you mentioned before: the Budget Group and the other groups as well? Can you split it up that way?</p> <p>Ms Patterson: You mean on notice?</p> <p>Senator HUME: Yes.</p>	Hansard	105	15/12/2023
64	Australian Electoral Commission		F064	Jane Hume	Electoral - Voting in the 2023 referendum	<p>a. For the 2023 Referendum, please advise by electorate how many examples of multiple voting took place.</p> <p>b. For the 2023 Referendum, please advise by electorate how many examples of fraudulent or unlawful voting took place (ie. where a deceased individual cast a vote).</p> <p>c. For the 2023 Referendum, please provide a breakdown of postal vote applications that were received:</p> <p>i. Online</p> <p>ii. Paper</p> <p>iii. Other (i.e., email, fax etc)</p>	Written		15/12/2023
65	ASC Pty Ltd		F065	Jane Hume	Government Relations and Government Affairs roles	How many FTE are employed within the GBE within roles relating to government relations and/or government affairs?	Written		15/12/2023
66	ASC Pty Ltd		F066	Jane Hume	Remuneration	<p>Please provide the total remuneration for the following individuals, including any short-term incentives and a list of any fringe benefits with their estimated value:</p> <p>a. CEO</p> <p>b. Chair of the Board</p> <p>c. Each member of the executive</p>	Written		15/12/2023
67	ASC Pty Ltd		F067	Jane Hume	Industry body membership	Is the GBE a member of any industry bodies? Please list them along with details of any cost or membership fees associated with each body.	Written		15/12/2023
68	Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd		F068	Jane Hume	Government Relations and Government Affairs roles	How many FTE are employed within the GBE within roles relating to government relations and/or government affairs?	Written		15/12/2023

69	Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd		F069	Jane Hume	Remuneration	Please provide the total remuneration for the following individuals, including any short-term incentives and a list of any fringe benefits with their estimated value: a. CEO b. Chair of the Board c. Each member of the executive	Written		15/12/2023
70	Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd		F070	Jane Hume	Industry body membership	Is the GBE a member of any industry bodies? Please list them along with details of any cost or membership fees associated with each body.	Written		15/12/2023
71	Finance		F071	Jane Hume	ASC and ANI Board members	For each member of the ASC board, please provide: a. Date they were first appointed to the board b. Date their term is due to conclude c. How many terms they have had on the board For each member of the ANI board, please provide: a. Date they were first appointed to the board b. Date their term is due to conclude c. How many terms they have had on the board	Written		15/12/2023
72	Finance		F072	Jane Hume	ASC and ANI Boards - chair details	For the Chair of the ASC board, please provide: a. Date they were first appointed to the board b. Date they were first appointed Chair c. Date their term as Chair is due to conclude d. How many terms they have had on the board e. How many terms they have had as Chair of the board For the Chair of the ANI board, please provide: a. Date they were first appointed to the board b. Date they were first appointed Chair c. Date their term as Chair is due to conclude d. How many terms they have had on the board e. How many terms they have had as Chair of the board	Written		15/12/2023
73	Finance		F073	Jane Hume	Future Fund Management agency Chair	With regard to the appointment of a new Chair of the Future Fund Management agency (FFMA): a. Please outline the Government's process for appointing a new Chair. b. Please outline Finance's and Treasury's respective roles in the process. c. What are the arrangements for an Acting Chair of the FFMA?	Written		15/12/2023
74	Finance		F074	Jane Hume	National Intermodal Corporation	a. Can you provide an update on how the Department of Finance is supporting National Intermodal Corporation in its key priorities, that is: i. Facilitating the development of an intermodal freight terminal at Moorebank; and ii. Assisting to deliver two new intermodal terminals in Melbourne, and the planning of a new intermodal terminal in Brisbane, to support Inland Rail. b. How do you keep the Minister updated on these matters as a shareholder Minister? i. How regularly is she briefed by Finance? ii. Aside from the site visit on 19 August 2022, has the Minister met with the board or executive of the National Intermodal Corporation? c. In June 2022, National Intermodal announced it had completed the acquisition of land in Beveridge for a new intermodal precinct. It said at the time, "National Intermodal is targeting having a preliminary terminal available by 2025 with a fully integrated 500,000 TEU capacity terminal available in 2028-29...National Intermodal is targeting having a preliminary terminal available to receive trains by 2025, with the fully integrated 500,000 TEU per annum terminal development operational in 2028/29." i. Is that on track? ii. If not, why not? d. The Minister announced construction commenced on the Moorebank Terminal in March 2023. i. Is that on track? ii. If not, why not? Does the Department of Finance foresee the need for additional equity injections into National Intermodal?	Written		15/12/2023
75	Finance		F075	Jane Hume	Australia Post discussion paper	With regard to the discussion paper on the future of Australia Post released on 2 March 2023. a. Did Finance have a role in drafting this paper? i. If so, how? b. The Incoming Government Brief for the Department of Finance did not raise the issue of Australia Post's potential loss. Was the Minister for Finance briefed on this separately? i. If so, when? Please provide dates. c. Has the Department of Finance provided advice to the Minister about options to amend regulations that would improve Australia Post's position? i. If so, have these been costed? a. Australia Post's own response to the discussion paper proposed regulatory changes to three things: Letter pricing, Letters delivery, and the retail network. What work has Finance done on these proposals set out by Australia Post?	Written		15/12/2023

76	Finance		F076	Jane Hume	CEA Technologies acquisition	<p>a. Prior to the Budget the Government announced the acquisition of CEA Technologies. Please provide an update on how the acquisition of CEA is progressing?</p> <p>b. The media release from the Minister of 27 April stated "From July 2023, the Commonwealth will hold a non-controlling shareholding in CEA for 18 months. After that time CEA will be majority owned by the Commonwealth and become a GBE." What is the current shareholding of the Commonwealth in CEA?</p> <p>c. Under the scheme of arrangement, will shareholding increase over the 18 months at various gates, or will the Commonwealth remain a minority shareholder until 2025, and then become the 100% owner?</p> <p>d. What is the total value the Commonwealth will pay for CEA?</p> <p>e. Has a new entity been created that owns the shares in CEA currently? If so,</p> <p>i. What is its corporate structure?</p> <p>ii. Aside from the shares in CEA, does this company own any assets?</p> <p>iii. Does it have liabilities?</p> <p>iv. Who are its constitutional officers?</p> <p>v. Does it have any employees?</p> <p>Does it have any constitutional officers that are not employees of the Department of Defence or the Department of Finance?</p>	Written		15/12/2023
77	Finance		F077	Jane Hume	Garma Festival	<p>1. How many people from the Department attended the Garma Festival? Please provide a list with the following information:</p> <p>a. The APS classification of each person who attended the festival.</p> <p>b. Their section and division within the Department.</p> <p>c. The number of days they attended the festival.</p> <p>d. The name of the hotel where they stayed and the cost per night</p> <p>e. Their role at the Garma Festival.</p> <p>f. The total cost to the Department.</p> <p>2. Did a portfolio minister or a member of their staff ask the Department to attend the Garma Festival?</p> <p>a. Was this request made in writing? If so, please provide the request.</p> <p>3. How many people from the Finance portfolio ministers' offices attended the Garma Festival?</p> <p>a. Please provide the classification of each person who attended the Festival (e.g. senior adviser, adviser).</p> <p>b. What was their role at the Garma Festival?</p>	Written		15/12/2023
78	Australian Electoral Commission		F078	Gerard Rennick	Electoral - Social media posts of politicians	Does the AEC consider social media posts of politicians pulled down by social media companies as political interference?	Written		15/12/2023
79	Australian Electoral Commission		F079	Gerard Rennick	Electoral - Multiple voting	Does the AEC run a report by electorate of the number of people who voted more than once in each electorate? If not, why not? Presumably, if as the AEC claims, they send fines to people who vote more than once, they can track and report on this data?	Written		15/12/2023
80	Australian Electoral Commission		F080	Gerard Rennick	Electoral - Electronic certified lists	Does the AEC ensure that electronic registration is recorded in real time so that people cannot vote more than once? If not, why not? If a person votes once and it is entered on the system, does the electronic system ensure that the person cannot vote a second time? If not, why are people allowed to vote more than once?	Written		15/12/2023
81	Australian Electoral Commission		F081	Gerard Rennick	Electoral - Voting by aged care facilities	Is it possible to track voting by Aged Care centres? If so, how?	Written		15/12/2023
82	Finance		F082	Jane Hume	Government and Defence Division	<p>The organisational structure published in the Department of Finance's 2022-23 Annual Report on page 37 states that the Government and Defence Division reports to the Deputy Secretary for Governance and Resource Management.</p> <p>a. This was not set out in the 2021-22 Annual Report's equivalent chart on page 24. Is this a new arrangement since the 2021-22 Annual Report?</p> <p>i. If so, what is the reason for the change?</p> <p>b. Is the main work of this section giving budget policy advice in relation to defence and central agencies?</p> <p>c. If so, why does it not report to the Dept Secretary Budget Group?</p>	Written		15/12/2023
83	Finance		F083	David Pocock	ACT Fire & Rescue - call-outs	I've been told that a significant number of ACT Fire & Rescue call-outs are to Commonwealth buildings but that the Commonwealth doesn't pay ACT Fire & Rescue for these call-outs. Is that accurate?	Written		15/12/2023
84	Finance		F084	David Pocock	ACT Fire & Rescue - call-out costs	Of course there's the direct cost of these call-outs but also the cost of maintaining the necessary capability within ACT Fire & Rescue to be able to service this need. And presumably there are also further costs associated with the risks of servicing nationally significant infrastructure. Has the Government given any consideration to all these costs and offered to cover them?	Written		15/12/2023
85	Finance		F085	David Pocock	ACT Fire & Rescue - consultation	Has the Government had any recent conversations with ACT Fire & Rescue – or made any commitments – related to rectifying this apparent gap in funding?	Written		15/12/2023
86	Finance		F086	David Pocock	Value of consulting contracts	What is the total number and value of contracts – including contract extensions – awarded for consultancy work across the whole of the government in the period 1 January 2023 to 30 September 2023 compared with the period 1 January 2022 to 30 September 2022?	Written		15/12/2023
87	Finance		F087	David Pocock	Contracts with Big Four	What proportion of the contracts – by both volume and value – awarded in each of these two time periods were won by Big Four firms compared to non-Big-Four firms?	Written		15/12/2023
88	Finance		F088	David Pocock	Consulting freeze	I've heard from several local consultancies that are laying people off every month because they're not winning any more government contracts. Are you concerned about the impact of the current consulting freeze on these smaller consultancies? How will smaller firms survive this period given they lack the resources of larger firms like the Big Four, who are in a better position to weather the storm?	Written		15/12/2023

89	Finance		F089	David Pocock	PwC response - smaller consultancies	Is the Department concerned that an ironic consequence of the current PwC scandal will be that all the smaller consultancies will go out of business, leaving only the larger consultancies to service government needs in the years to come?	Written		15/12/2023
90	Finance		F090	David Pocock	PwC response - Differences between consultancies	Are all consultancies being tarred with the same brush in terms of their treatment by the government in the wake of the PwC scandal? Do you see a fundamental difference between Big Four consultancies and the smaller consultancies that provide key capabilities and are responsible for a significant amount of private-sector employment here in the ACT?	Written		15/12/2023
91	Finance		F091	David Pocock	RFQ - start date	1.It's been put to me by local small businesses seeking to supply government that often the start date for a contract listed in an RFQ – a request for quote – is rarely the actual start date for the contract. The small business has salaries to pay and resources to allocate to the potential contract while they wait for a response, which is a significant financial burden to carry that doesn't seem to be taken into consideration by procurement decision-makers. What proportion of contracts actually start on the date listed in the initial RFQ? 2.What is the average number of days between the start date listed on the initial RFQ and the actual start date of the contract?	Written		15/12/2023
92	Finance		F092	David Pocock	RFQ - consultations	I understand small businesses expend quite a lot of resources bidding on government contracts that actually don't go ahead? What proportion of contracts don't go ahead – how many are cancelled – after an initial RFQ is released?	Written		15/12/2023
93	Finance		F093	David Pocock	RFQ - Turnaround time	I've heard several stories of people working in smaller consultancies having to prepare quotes for government contracts late at night and over weekends when given a short turnaround time. One local business estimated that every proposal they prepare costs between \$5,000 to \$15,000. What is the average turnaround time for an RFQ – the number of days between when it is listed and when a response is required?	Written		15/12/2023
94	Finance		F094	David Pocock	Notification of successful bid	How many days usually pass, on average, between the publication of an RFQ and the procurement decision-maker getting back to all the businesses that bid on the contract to inform them of whether or not their bids were successful?	Written		15/12/2023
95	Finance		F095	Linda Reynolds	NDIS Minister and Finance Minister discussions	1. Has the NDIS Minister had discussions with the Finance Minister regarding Scheme sustainability? a. How many meetings have occurred? b. What were the dates of these meetings? c. Where did these meetings occur?	Written		15/12/2023
96	Finance		F096	Linda Reynolds	Finance Minister involvement in growth target	Was the Finance Minister involved in the determination of the 8% growth target?	Written		15/12/2023
97	Finance		F097	Linda Reynolds	Growth target - modelling	a. What modelling was done by the Department to establish an 8% growth rate target for the NDIS? b. Please provide the modelling that was done by the Department to establish an 8% growth rate target for the NDIS? c. When was Finance asked to conduct modelling to establish an 8% growth rate target for the NDIS? d. Who asked Finance to conduct modelling to establish an 8% growth rate target for the NDIS?	Written		15/12/2023
98	Finance		F098	Linda Reynolds	Growth target - modelling data	1. What data did the Department use to inform modelling? a. Where did the Department get that data from? 2. Did the Department receive data from the NDIA or DSS? a. What data was provided by the NDIA or DSS? b. When was this data provided to the Department?	Written		15/12/2023
99	Finance		F099	Linda Reynolds	Growth target - consultation with NDIA	Given the CEO of the NDIA confirmed at Senate Estimates on 31 May 2023 that she was "not consulted on the eight per cent growth target in advance of what was being proposed for discussion at National Cabinet". Please provide further information on the engagement with the NDIA. i. Dates of engagement with NDIA? ii. Time of engagement with NDIA? iii. Briefings provided by the NDIA?	Written		15/12/2023
100	Finance		F100	Jane Hume	Ministerial Timeframes	Since 1 July 2023, has the Department/Agency been provided with advice or a direction on a minimum turnaround time for consideration of briefs by the Minister? If so, when was this advice provided to the Department? Please provide the minimum turnaround requirement. If there has been a change in a previously set minimum turnaround requirement, please provide: 1. the previous turnaround requirement; and 2. the date the change was requested.	Written		15/12/2023
101	Finance		F101	Jane Hume	Hospitality policy	1. Since 1 July 2023, has the Department provided any hospitality in Ministers' offices? Please specify the date, itemised cost, purpose, and attendees for the hospitality. 2. Since 1 July 2023, have there been any amendments to the Department's policy on providing hospitality in the Ministers offices? If so, please provide a copy of the policy and a reference for the amendment	Written		15/12/2023
102	Finance		F102	Jane Hume	Departmental Liaison Officers and Departmental staff in Minister's offices	1. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been allocated to each Minister in the portfolio? a. Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister. b. Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023. 2. How many staff have been provided to Ministers offices not in a capacity as a Departmental Liaison Officer? a. Please provide a list that outlines the level of the member of the department, the Minister they have been allocated to, and the time they have been allocated to the Minister. b. Please denote any change in this allocation since May 2023.	Written		15/12/2023
103	Finance		F103	Jane Hume	Secretary / Agency Head meetings with Finance portfolio ministers	How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with the Ministers in their portfolio since 1 July 2023? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written		15/12/2023

104	Finance		F104	Jane Hume	Secretary / Agency Head meetings with other portfolio ministers	How many meetings has the Secretary/agency head had with any Ministers not in their portfolio since 1 July 2023? Please provide a list with the number of meetings by Minister, and the date of the first meeting with each Minister.	Written		15/12/2023
105	Finance		F105	Jane Hume	Departmental/ Agency briefs to portfolio ministers	a.How many briefs has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the date of the first provided brief. b.How many briefs have been returned to the Department for redraft? Please provide a list with the number of briefs for each Minister, and the dates of the return of briefs to the Department.	Written		15/12/2023
106	Finance		F106	Jane Hume	New policy proposals	How many New Policy Proposals has the Department/agency provided to each Minister in its portfolio since 1 July 2023? Please provide a list with the number of New Policy Proposals by Minister, and the date of the first provided New Policy Proposal.	Written		15/12/2023
107	Finance		F107	Jane Hume	Copy paper	Please provide the amount of paper the Department/agency sources from Australian producers and from overseas producers. Please provide the amount in dollar value on a financial year basis for the last five financial years.	Written		15/12/2023
108	Finance		F108	Jane Hume	Committees and Taskforces	1. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth inter-departmental committees of which the Department/agency has membership. Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023. 2. Please provide a list of all the Commonwealth taskforces of which the Department/agency has membership. Please specify where there are changes to the list since May 2023. 3. Please provide a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department/agency participates in or provides representation to. Please provide: a. the name of the interdepartmental committee; b. a list of the membership; c. the date it was established; and its purpose.	Written		15/12/2023
109	Finance		F109	Jane Hume	2022-23 October Budget Savings – External Labour, Advertising, Travel and Legal	In relation to the measure in the 2022-23 October Budget, Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses. a.What was the value of savings that the Department/agency was requested to deliver for the 2022-23 year in aggregate? b.Has the Department/agency identified the savings they will make across the following areas to achieve this cut: i.External labour hire ii.Consultancy iii.Advertising campaigns iv.Travel v.Legal expenses c.Can the Department/agency provide a breakdown of the funding reductions they have made in totality, and in each of the above areas, and what they relate to? d.Has the Department/agency been informed of the cut that will be made to their funding in the next financial year, or the rest of the forward estimates? e.Can the Department/agency confirm the total new number of contracts (ongoing and terminating) and total cost of these contracts issued on AusTender since 30 June 2022 which relate to the following areas: i.External labour hire ii.Consultancy iii.Advertising campaigns iv.Travel v.Legal expenses f.Please provide a breakdown of the value of contracts across each area, and identify the categories on AusTender which are used to determine the Departments identification of the contracts. g.Is the Department/agency on track to meet the saving target? h.Has the Department/agency sought an exemption or alternation from/to the savings target? i.If so, why and was it approved?	Written		15/12/2023
110	Finance		F110	Jane Hume	Departmental Functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following: a.List of functions; b.List of 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; and g.Details of any entertainment provided.	Written		15/12/2023

111	Finance		F111	Jane Hume	Ministerial Functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in financial year 2023/24 to date, please provide the following: a.List of functions; b.List of 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; and g.Details of any entertainment provided.	Written		15/12/2023
112	Finance		F112	Jane Hume	Departmental/ Agency office upgrades	1. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's/agency head's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries/executive leadership team members, upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the works conducted. 2. Were the facilities of any of the Departments/agency premises upgraded in financial year 2023/24 to date, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? Please provide a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgraded together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Please provide photographs of the upgraded facilities.	Written		15/12/2023
113	Finance		F113	Jane Hume	Executive staff travel	1. Please provide an itemised list of the Secretary's/agency head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation. 2. Please provide an itemised list of each Deputy Secretary's/agency deputy head's travel for financial year 2023/24 to date, including costs of flights and accommodation	Written		15/12/2023
114	Finance		F114	Jane Hume	Staff travel	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written		15/12/2023
115	Finance		F115	Jane Hume	Media Monitoring	What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on media monitoring services in financial year 2023/24 to date?	Written		15/12/2023
116	Finance		F116	Jane Hume	Advertising and information campaigns	1. What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in financial year 2023/24 to date? 2. Please provide an itemised list of the campaigns, their purpose, and their expected costs.	Written		15/12/2023
117	Finance		F117	Jane Hume	Promotional Merchandise	What was the Department's/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in financial year 2023/24 to date? Please provide an itemised list of the merchandise purchased with costs. Please provide examples and photographs of the merchandise purchased.	Written		15/12/2023
118	Finance		F118	Jane Hume	Credit cards	In relation to departmental use of credit cards: a.How many credit cards are currently on issue for department or agency staff? b.What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was it for? c.How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date? d.How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in financial year 2023/24 to date? e.What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in financial year 2023/24 to date? f.How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the cost of their replacement? g.How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy in financial year 2023/24 to date? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in financial year 2023/24 to date and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof? h.What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to department or agency policy and asked to be repaid in financial year 2023/243 to date? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid? i.Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes? j.Please provide a copy of the department or agency's staff credit card policy. k.Please denote any changes to this policy that have been made since February 2023	Written		15/12/2023
119	Finance		F119	Jane Hume	Comcare matters	In relation to department/agency: a.In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to Comcare? b.Of those claims referred to Comcare, redacting confidential information, advise in which division the claimant works or worked and the circumstances surrounding the claim. c.What has the Department/agency learned from past Comcare claims? d.Of those employees who submitted a Comcare claim, how many returned to work after a period of absence?	Written		15/12/2023
120	Finance		F120	Jane Hume	Fair Work Commission	In relation to the department/agency: a.In the current financial year to date, how many matters have been referred to the Fair Work Commission? b.Of those matters referred to either, please provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances, redacting confidential information, including in which division the employee is or was employed, the nature of the complaint and the nature of the determination of the Fair Work Commission, Fair Work Ombudsman and/or conciliator.	Written		15/12/2023

121	Finance		F121	Jane Hume	Entities, agencies and advisory boards	<p>1. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been created within the portfolio since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was created.</p> <p>2. How many new entities (including advisory boards and agencies) have been wound up, amalgamated, ceased or disbanded since May 2022? Please list each entity, its purpose, and the date it was wound up, amalgamated, ceased, or disbanded.</p>	Written		15/12/2023
122	Finance		F122	Jane Hume	Reviews	<p>Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency is currently conducting.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a.the name of the review; b.the purpose of the review; c.the name or names of the reviewer(s); d.the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e.the budgeted cost of the review; f.the amount spent to date; and g.the date the review is due to be completed.</p>	Written		15/12/2023
123	Finance		F123	Jane Hume	Completed reviews	<p>Please provide a list of the number of reviews that the department/agency has completed since 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Please provide</p> <p>a.the name of the review; b.the purpose of the review; c.the name or names of the reviewer(s); d.the remuneration for each of the reviewer(s); e.the budgeted cost of the review; f.the amount spent; g.the date the review was due to be completed; h.the date the review was completed; i.the date the review was provided to the Department; j.the date the review was provided to the Minister; and k.the date the review was provided to the Minister's office.</p>	Written		15/12/2023
124	Finance		F124	Jane Hume	Electorate data or information	<p>Since 1 July 2023, has the department / agency ever received a request from a portfolio minister's office seeking data or information separated out by electorate?</p> <p>a.Please provide a list of all requests, including any timeframe provided for a response, whether a response was provided, and the context of the request if provided.</p> <p>b.Please provide a copy of all responses to the request.</p>	Written		15/12/2023
125	Finance		F125	Jane Hume	ASL	<p>Please provide the number of current ASL allocated to the department/agency as at 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Please provide:</p> <p>a.Total number of ASL; b.Total number of FTE by APS classification; c.the number of ASL allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and d.the number of FTE, by classification, allocated to each outcome for which the department/agency is responsible; and e.The number of FTE positions that are not currently filled, broken down by classification.</p>	Written		15/12/2023
126	Finance		F126	Jane Hume	Market Research	<p>Has the department/agency provided any Minister's office with market research conducted in relation to a Commonwealth Information and Advertising Campaign?</p> <p>Please provide a list of the Ministers and the date on which they were provided the research.</p>	Written		15/12/2023
127	Finance		F127	Jane Hume	FOI applications	<p>a.How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>b.Please provide a breakdown of the number including;</p> <p>c.the number of applications withdrawn;</p> <p>d.the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>e.the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>f.the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;</p> <p>g.the number of applications subject to internal review;</p> <p>h.the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;</p> <p>i.the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;</p> <p>j.the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and</p> <p>k.the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.</p>	Written		15/12/2023
128	Finance		F128	Jane Hume	FOI applications received by Minister's Office	<p>How many freedom of information applications have been received by the Minister's office since 1 July 2023?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown including;</p> <p>a.the number of applications by Minister,</p> <p>b.the number of applications that are yet to be decided;</p> <p>c.the number of applications refused; and</p> <p>d.the number of applications overdue, including the number of days overdue.</p>	Written		15/12/2023
129	Finance		F129	Jane Hume	Ten largest Estimates Variations	<p>For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest estimate variations in the most recent financial year.</p>	Written		15/12/2023

130	Finance		F130	Jane Hume	Ten largest movements of funds	For the portfolio, please provide a list of the ten largest movements of funds in the most recent financial year, including a profile of the forward estimates for the impact of the movement.	Written		15/12/2023
131	Finance		F131	Jane Hume	Flexible working arrangements	a.How many staff have a flexible work arrangement in place that enables them to work from home? b.Please provide a breakdown including; i.The proportion of staff who work from home one day a week? ii.The proportion of staff who work from home two days a week? iii.The proportion of staff who work from home three days a week? iv.The proportion of staff who work from home four days a week? v.The proportion of staff who work from home five days a week? c.What is the annual cost of renting out office space for employees? d.Please provide a copy of the department/agency's work from home policy.	Written		15/12/2023
132	Finance		F132	Jane Hume	Use of ChatGPT	a.Does the department/agency allow for the use of ChatGPT on the internal network? i.If so, what risk management and governance mechanisms are in place to protect government data? b.Please provide the department/agency policy on use of artificial intelligence	Written		15/12/2023
133	Finance		F133	Jane Hume	Referendum donations	It was reported in The Age and Sydney Morning Herald by journalists Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Hannah Bowers that Mr Richard Pratt said that he had donated \$1 million to the Voice referendum's Yes campaign because he had fielded a request to do so from a senior adviser to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. a.Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign prior to or during the course of the referendum campaign? b.Have any personal staff in the Office of the Minister solicited or encouraged donations to the YES Campaign on the basis of policy decisions?	Written		15/12/2023
134	Finance		F134	Andrew Bragg	Dixon Advisory	1.Has the Minister for Finance, Katy Gallagher, met with the Department of the Treasury and/or constituents regarding Dixon Advisory? a.Please provide a list of dates and locations of said meetings.	Written		15/12/2023
135	Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd		F135	Linda Reynolds	Henderson Maritime Precinct	1.Considering the future of the Henderson precinct is not expected to be determined until well into 2024, how has the prevailing uncertainty regarding the upcoming works affected operations and planning at the Henderson maritime precinct, particularly from the perspective of Australian Naval Infrastructure? 2. Can Australian Naval Infrastructure elaborate on its ongoing collaboration and discussions with both the state and federal governments to address the issues raised concerning the dry dock project and the broader development of the Henderson Maritime Precinct? 3. What potential consequences does Australian Naval Infrastructure foresee if the large vessel graving dock project does not proceed as initially planned? 4. How does this affect the long-term vision for shipbuilding in Western Australia? 5. Can you provide insights into the specific requirements and capabilities needed at the Henderson maritime precinct, including the dry dock, to support Australia's growing shipbuilding industry and defence capabilities including the nuclear-powered submarines under the AUKUS agreement? 6. Are there any measures being taken to ensure that the precinct can fully realise its potential and contribute to Australia's sovereign capability, even in the absence of the originally proposed dry dock project?	Written		15/12/2023
136	Australian Electoral Commission		F136	James McGrath	Electoral - Truth in Political Advertising	1. Please table a copy of all internal documents on emails, file notes, briefing materials and other written correspondence between the AEC and the Department of Finance relating to the recommendations arising from the conduct of the 2022 federal election and other matters interim report. 2. Please table a copy of all internal documents on emails, file notes, briefing materials and other written correspondence between the AEC and the Department of Finance relating to proposed laws that govern truth in political advertising in Australia.	Written		15/12/2023
137	Australian Electoral Commission		F137	James McGrath	Electoral - Federal Direct Enrolment and Update	1. Were there any discussions between the Government through either the Special Minister of State or any other Ministers for that matter in this or the last government relating to the FDEU program prior to its implementation? Please provide a copy of all other emails, file notes, briefing materials and other written correspondence relating to the FDEU program with the Special Minister of State's office. 2. From January 1 to September 30 this year, what is the total number of additional voter enrolments by electoral divisions? 3. By comparison, how many voter enrolments were there between January 1 and September 30 last year? 4. What portion of the additional enrolments were through the FDEU program? 5. How many Indigenous voters have been added to the electoral roll through the FDEU program? 6. How many indigenous enrolments were recorded between January 1 and September 30 in 2023? 7. How many indigenous enrolments were recorded between January 1 and September 30 in 2022? 8. What portion of the difference is attributable to the FDEU program? 9. Building on this, what percentage of eligible voters voted at the 2022 Federal election? 10. What percentage of eligible voters voted at the 2023 Referendum? 11. How many individuals were issued with fines for not voting at the 2022 Federal election? 12. How many individuals have been or will be issued with fines for not voting at the 2023 Referendum? 13. At the 2023 Voice Referendum, will there be the highest number of enrolled voters that did not vote in history? 14. Will this represent the highest number of voters that will be fined for not voting in history? 15. Would you be able to provide the number of people fined per electorate for not voting? 16. Would you be able to provide the number of voters that were enrolled through the FDEU program that have been or will be issued with fines for not voting by Federal electorate?	Written		15/12/2023

138	Australian Electoral Commission		F138	James McGrath	Electoral - Aged Care Home and Hospital Visits at the 2023 Referendum	<p>1. How many votes were cast through Aged Care visits by the AEC at the 2023 Referendum by electoral division and polling place?</p> <p>2. How many voters were case through hospital visits by the AEC at the 2023 Referendum by electoral division and polling place?</p> <p>3. How many scrutineers, in total, were present for the sealing of the ballots at the Aged Care visits at the 2023 Referendum?</p> <p>4. Was there any notice provided to political parties that polling would be completed in Aged Care homes at the 2023 Referendum? How much notice was provided?</p> <p>5. Was there any notice provided to political parties that polling would be completed in hospital visits at the 2023 Referendum? How much notice was provided? What is the policy for providing notice to political parties?</p> <p>6. Were there any incidents of votes being deemed informal due to an AEC scrutineer not signing off on the ballot papers at the 2023 Referendum by electoral division and polling place?</p>	Written		15/12/2023
139	Department of Finance		F139	James McGrath	Electoral policy - Electoral Reform Legislation Agenda	<p>Question 1: Is legislation currently being drafted arising from the recommendations in the conduct of the 2022 federal election and other matters interim report?</p> <p>Question 2: What is the timeline on the finalisation of this legislation?</p> <p>Question 3: Please table a copy of all internal documents on emails, file notes, briefing materials and other written correspondence relating to the recommendations arising from the conduct of the 2022 federal election and other matters interim report or the recommendations arising from the interim report.</p>	Written		15/12/2023
140	Department of Finance		F140	James McGrath	Referendum - Campaign Guidelines	<p>1. Question on Notice F011 from the 23-24 Budget Estimates states that "When reviewed against the independent advice received in relation to this matter, Finance has concluded that the statement "vote, no", if used in the context of a referendum, would not be permissible as it is considered to provide instructions on how to complete a ballot paper." Please provide a copy of the independent advice.</p> <p>2. Would "Vote. No." be considered as providing a voting instruction in the context of a Referendum under the current provisions?</p>	Written		15/12/2023
141	Department of Finance		F141	James McGrath	Ryan-Rugg - Reasonable hours	<p>Regarding the Monique Ryan-Sally Rugg legal saga, Sally Rugg alleged that Monique Ryan was regularly worked over 65 hours a week including weekends" and "worked an average of 58 hours a week. Yet Rugg deemed these hours "unreasonable".</p> <p>In the MOPS Enterprise Bargaining Agreement item 34 states: "An electorate staff allowance (ESA) is payable to ongoing and nonongoing electorate employees in recognition of, and as compensation for, reasonable additional hours of work and official travel undertaken outside of business hours." Where does the Department draw the line on "reasonable hours worked"?</p>	Written		15/12/2023
142	Department of Finance		F142	James McGrath	Ryan-Rugg - Electorate staff allowance	How many extra hours per week would being paid one ESA point justify?	Written		15/12/2023
143	Department of Finance		F143	James McGrath	Ryan-Rugg - Electorate staff allowance hours per week	Would being paid 15 points of ESA justify working on average 58 hours per week?	Written		15/12/2023
144	Department of Finance		F144	James McGrath	Ryan-Rugg - Electorate staff allowance Ms Rugg	How many points of ESA was Sally Rugg receiving on top of her salary?	Written		15/12/2023
145	Department of Finance		F145	James McGrath	Ryan-Rugg - Legal fees	As the answer to my QoN F110 of the 23-24 budget estimates does not really cover this item, did any the Department of Finance pay any of Dr Monique Ryan MP's legal fees or any part of the \$100,000 settlement cost?	Written		15/12/2023
146	Department of Finance		F146	James McGrath	Ryan-Rugg - Settlement	How was the \$100,000 settlement reached?	Written		15/12/2023
147	Department of Finance		F147	James McGrath	Ryan-Rugg - Documents	Please table a copy of all internal documents on emails, file notes, briefing materials and other written correspondence relating to the Monique Ryan-Sally Rugg legal saga between the Department of Finance and Monique Ryan.	Written		15/12/2023
148	Department of Finance		F148	James McGrath	Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023	<p>Following up on QoN F076, the engagements between the Future Fund and the Department of Finance consist of a phone call on 11 November 2022, an email on 16 November 2022, and a second email on 22 December 2022 flagging that the bill at that time "looked okay from my perspective."</p> <p>1. Why was the sender and recipient of the correspondence dated 16 November withheld?</p> <p>2. Why was a portion of the email redacted?</p> <p>3. The emails on 16 November 2022 and 22 December 2022 also contain references to attachments. Please table a copy of the attachments.</p> <p>4. Please table a copy of all other emails, file notes, briefing materials and other written correspondence between the Future Fund Agency and the Department of Finance relating to the Housing Australia Future Fund.</p> <p>5. Please table a copy of all other emails, file notes, briefing materials and other written correspondence between the Future Fund Agency and the Finance Minister's Office relating to the Housing Australia Future Fund.</p> <p>6. Was there any correspondence with the Department of Finance since I put this Question on Notice on 26 May 2023? Please table all additional correspondence.</p> <p>7. Were there any discussions between the time the government became aware of the proposed amendments to the Housing Australia Future Fund Bill and the Government supported one of the amendments that the Future Fund Management Agency was consulted?</p>	Written		15/12/2023
149	Finance		F149	Ross cadell	Power supply - EV charging infrastructure	What is the cost associated with providing EV charging infrastructure in a building deemed suitable for such installation?	Written		15/12/2023
150	Finance		F150	Michaelia Cash	Underpayments of worker entitlements	<p>1. Are you aware of any underpayments of worker entitlements in your agencies since 2021-22 Financial year?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide how many instances it has occurred, what was the quantum of underpayment, and how many workers were impacted?</p> <p>b. Did you report it to the Fair Work Ombudsman as a self-report?</p>	Written		15/12/2023
151	Finance		F151	Ross cadell	Power supply - Powering Australia	What's the progress of the initiative within Powering Australia to achieve 75% of Commonwealth vehicles being electric vehicles by 2025?	Written		15/12/2023

152	Finance		F152	Ross cadell	Power supply - Audits	Have the required power supply audits been completed, and have any facilities been identified as unsuitable for accommodating electric vehicle charging infrastructure?	Written		15/12/2023
153	FFMA		F153	Barbara Pocock	Future Fund Investments - Gambling companies	Which of the following gambling companies does the Future Fund invest in? Of the following companies the Future Fund invests in, how much does it invest in each company and what proportion of the Future Fund's portfolio does the investment in each company represent? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Aristocrat Leisure Ltd •Lottery Corp Ltd/The •Star Entertainment Grp Ltd/The •Tabcorp Holdings Ltd •SkyCity Entertainment Group Ltd •Jumbo Interactive Ltd •PointsBet Holdings •Ainsworth Game Technology •Betmakers Technology Group •Reef Casino Trust •BlueBet Holdings Ltf •Aquic Entertainment Ltd •Tatts Group Limited Bonds 	Written		15/12/2023
154	FFMA		F154	Barbara Pocock	Future Fund Investments	Which of the following companies does the Future Fund invest in? Of the following companies the Future Fund invests in, how much does it invest in each company and what proportion of the Future Fund's portfolio does the investment in each company represent? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Woodside Energy Group •Santos Ltd •Whitehaven Coal Ltd •China (Coal) •Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Aramco) •Gazprom OAO •National Iranian Oil Co •Exxon Mobil Corp •Coal India •Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) •Russia (Coal) •Royal Dutch Shell PLC •China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC) •BP PLC •Chevron Corp •Petroleos De Venezuela SA (PdVSA) •Abu Dhabi National Oil Co for Distribution PJSC •Poland Coal •Peabody Energy Group •Sonatrach SPA •Kuwait Petroleum Corp •Total SA •BHP Group Ltd •ConocoPhillips •Petroleo Brasileiro SA 	Written		15/12/2023