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<b>Corporate Services (77)</b>							
01	204	CORP	WATT	SECRETARY RECRUITMENT PROCESS	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> But the promotion of Dr Kennedy, the former secretary, to Treasury secretary was announced about three months ago. Minister, it is probably best if I direct this to you. Has a decision been reached on a new secretary for the department yet?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> No, it has not.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> When do you expect an announcement is going to be made?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> In due course.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Can you do a bit better than that?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> Well, as would you appreciate, Senator Watt, this isn't my personal portfolio. The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and the government are undertaking the appropriate processes to appoint a new secretary as soon as possible. But Ms Spence is doing a really great job in the acting role.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I'm sure she is. Can you tell us where the recruitment process is up to?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Sorry, Senator, no.</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> I don't have any information to that effect.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> It's a secret?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> No, it's not a secret, Senator Sterle. I could take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I don't know whether there is someone within the HR department who might have some more information. Is the recruitment being handled by the department?</p>	5 21/10/2019	

					<p><b>Ms Spence:</b> No, it's a matter for the minister.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> But there must be some sort of advertising process.  <b>Senator McKenzie:</b> Senator Watt, I'll take that on notice and find out what I can on the process from the minister's office.</p>		
02	207	CORP	WATT	BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE BoF CAMPAIGN	<p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> This is based on actual expenditure. Post the end of the financial year, we now have actual expenditure we can give you in relation to that campaign. The total actual expenditure for the campaign as at 30 June was \$16.9 million.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> So \$16.9 million is the total spend on Building our Future?  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> That's correct.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> And that is between 13 January—  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> That's the total expenditure covering the 2017-18 and 2018-19 financial years. I can give you a breakdown of the different components that comprise that \$16.9 million figure.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Do you have that in a form that can be tabled, just to save time?  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> I'm sorry, I don't actually have a document that I can table easily for you. I've got my notes here that I can read out to you. We could take that on notice, if that's helpful.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Can you break down the \$16.9 million figure between 2017-18 and 2018-19?  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> In 2017-18, our actual expenditure was \$0.3 million. In 2018-19, our actual expenditure was \$16.6 million.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Are you able to break down the \$16.6 million across a certain number of months?  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> Yes. We—  <b>Senator WATT:</b> For instance, how much was spent in the first half of the financial year—from 1 July 2018 to 31 December, or something like that?  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> I don't have it broken down in those date ranges, but I'm sure we would be able to do that if you're looking for six-monthly breakdowns of figures.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Could you please take that on notice.  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> Absolutely.  ...  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Let's leave it at that for the moment. Take that bit on notice—the split between the first six months and the second six months.  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> Sure. Happy to do that.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> In fact, while I'm at it, I might even get you to break it down by</p>	14-15 21/10/2019	

					<p>month, if that's not too difficult to do.  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> We'll see what we can do, yes.</p>		
03	208	CORP	WATT	<p>BREAKDOWN OF MEDIA PLACEMENT AND ADVERTISING EXPENDITURE BY REGION</p>	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Are you able to detail for the committee where this advertising was targeted in a geographic sense?  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> It was a nationally run campaign. I think we spoke at some length last estimates about the efforts we went to to provide localised content. Our research and the evidence base that we used for the campaign suggested that localised content would be the most effective form. So it ran at a national level. We also had regional, print and localised content. Over 20,000 projects were searchable on the campaign website, for example. People in their local communities were able to go to the website and search 20,000 projects to get those relevant to their local areas.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Could you please provide to the committee, then, a breakdown of media placement by region?  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> I'll take that on notice, I think. We'll check that for you.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> You obviously know how many advertisements were placed, and the cost of them, in Albury-Wodonga or anywhere else—Indi, Elwood, Brisbane, the Gold Coast—  <b>Senator McKenzie:</b> All the projects rolling out in Rockhampton.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> I would be interested to get a breakdown ideally by electorate or, if not by that, by region of the amount of advertising dollars spent, particularly since 1 January this year.  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> I think it might be tricky to give you a breakdown by electorate because we don't record that information.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Sure.  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> Let me take it on notice. I understand the question. We'll see what we can do to give you that information.</p>	15 21/10/2019	
04	210	CORP	WATT	<p>PROCESS OF EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BoF CAMPAIGN</p>	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> What process does the department have to evaluate the effectiveness of its advertising campaigns?  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> There are standard processes for all government advertising and rules around requirements for evaluation. As a standard matter of practice, we would evaluate the effectiveness of campaigns.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> How do you do that?  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> We commission an agency or a provider with the relevant expertise in</p>	16 21/10/2019	

					<p>campaign evaluation and ask them to undertake an evaluation.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Has that occurred in this instance?  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> It has.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> And have you received the evaluation?  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> We have.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Are you able to table a copy of that for us?  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> I would have to take that on notice. The evaluations that we receive are cabinet documents. They're produced for consideration by cabinet. I would need to take that on notice to consult with the minister.</p>		
05	211	CORP	WATT	PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I'll get to figures. As I say, AusTender reports include both temporary personnel services and personnel recruitment. What I'm wondering is whether personnel recruitment is used solely for advertising and hiring staff, or is the payment of wages and other hiring costs also included in personnel recruitment?  <b>Ms Spence:</b> I think we might need to take that on notice, I'm sorry.</p>	18 21/10/2019	
06	212	CORP	WATT	EXPENDITURE ON PERSONNEL AND PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Can you tell the committee how much was spent by the department in temporary personnel services and personal recruitment respectively in each of the last three financial years?  <b>Ms Spence:</b> I'm sorry, Senator, but I don't think we've got that material in front of us. If we can find out, we'll get back to the committee or take it on notice.</p>	18 21/10/2019	
07	213	CORP	WATT	NON-ONGOING STAFF NUMBERS	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Do you have any figures on the number of what you term non-ongoing staff members that the department has used over the last three financial years?  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> I don't think we have that information over the last three financial years. If you're happy for us to take that on notice—  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Take that on notice...</p>	18 21/10/2019	
08	214	CORP	WATT	EXPENDITURE ON TEMPORARY PERSONNEL	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> You have raw numbers. You don't have the dollar figures for the amount spent on temporary personnel?  <b>Ms Potter:</b> I would need to take that on notice.</p>	19 21/10/2019	
09	215	CORP	WATT	CONTRACTS USING LIMITED TENDER	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I wouldn't go back over that. The department reported seven contracts for public relations, market research and communication advice in response to its Senate order recently. I believe most or all of them were procured</p>	19 21/10/2019	

					<p>using a limited tender. Why was that approach undertaken?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> I don't have those details in front of me. My assumption is that the majority, if not all, of those contracts would have related to the Building our Future marketing campaign that we've spoken about. In those circumstances, there are a range of reasons or criteria where a limited tender is appropriate. I would have to double-check the details of which criteria were applied in each case. It may have been because a particular provider had already done work and it was most efficient to use a provider that had done relevant work in that area. But I would need to take the details on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> There's no-one in the room who knows the answer to that question? I don't expect you to know everything, but you have a room full of people there.</p> <p><b>Ms Potter:</b> I can't recall how many firms we approached. I do recall that there were multiple firms approached, even though it was a limited tender. We followed the procurement rules. There was an evaluation panel.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> How much?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> Sorry, Senator? What was the question?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Could you repeat the question, please?</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> If you have 176 temporary staff. Is that what you said?</p> <p><b>Ms Potter:</b> I'm sorry, Senator—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So 176 temporary staff equate to a number of contracts. How much was it? How long was it for? What were they doing? It's not all that difficult, is it?</p> <p><b>Ms Potter:</b> I don't have the information with me.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> And you have a room full of people out there who don't have it either?</p> <p><b>Ms Potter:</b> I'm happy to come back on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Thank you.</p>		
10	216	CORP	WATT	<p>CONTRACTS USED IN THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH</p>	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I am sticking with these contracts for PR et cetera. I take it the department has a communications unit?</p> <p><b>Ms Potter:</b> It does.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> How many people work there? What is the FTE there?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> I might need to ask Mr Mashford to come to the table to answer those questions. Mr Mashford has the communications functions in his branch. It forms one part of his role.</p>	20 21/10/2019	

					<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> My question is: how many FTE are in the department's communications unit?</p> <p><b>Mr Mashford:</b> Our media team consists of approximately seven FTE.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> And that was not enough personnel to be able to undertake the work that was contracted out?</p> <p><b>Mr Mashford:</b> In relation—</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> There were seven contracts for PR market research and communications advice awarded by the department. I suppose I'm wondering why the department's communications unit can't do that work.</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> It is quite standard practice, particularly for agencies of our size, to contract in expert providers where technical expertise of some kind is required in the development or evaluation of campaigns. So we would be contracting in that technical expertise as part of delivering on a government decision to implement a campaign.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> In the interests of time, can you take on notice what each of these seven contracts was for?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Do those contracts replace work that was previously performed by a public servant?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> We can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> You mentioned that these contracts, all or some of them, supported the Building our Future phase 2 campaign.</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> We'll double-check that. That is my assumption. We'll double-check that.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Can you explain exactly how they related to that advertising campaign?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> Yes.</p>		
11	217	CORP	WATT	CONSULTANCIES	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> There's another category of expenditure from the department labelled management advisory, project management, strategic planning and economic financial advice. What sort of things does that include?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> We report on the consultancies that we would let during the course of a financial year. So there would be consultancies that the department has engaged for a range of different purposes across the relevant functions that we deliver. If there is—</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> That picks up what would be commonly called consultancies?</p>	20 21/10/2019	

					<p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> If I understand your question correctly, yes, there would be a number of consultancies that we would report on having used in the course of the financial year. We have some information here if there are particular questions you would like to ask about them.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Can you tell us how much was spent in those categories over the last three financial years?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> Not for the three financial years. My understanding is that, in 2017-18, the department reported entering into 101 consultancies to the value of \$33.3 million. In 2018-19, we had around 99 consultancies to the value of \$22.9 million.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Those overall figures cover that whole phrase, do they— management, advisory, project management, strategic planning and economic financial advice?</p> <p><b>Ms Potter:</b> That is for every consultancy that the department has let.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Do you break down that figure by each of those components, or is it just an overall?</p> <p><b>Ms Potter:</b> We can, but we don't have that information with us.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Can you take that on notice for us as well?</p> <p><b>Ms Potter:</b> Yes.</p>		
12	218	CORP	WATT	MARKET RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION LABOUR HIRE	<p><b>Ms Spence:</b> We can provide the update on the labour hire figures for the department now, if you would like those. We can also give you an update on those seven contracts that you referred to.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I think you should because Senator Watt was requiring it. Why don't you flick that to us? Do you want to have a quick look?</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> We can just give it to you verbally. We don't have that in writing.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Let's run through that really quickly.</p> <p><b>Ms Potter:</b> Labour hire expenditure in 2017-18 was \$10,904,732. In 2018-19, it was \$14,189,104. In 2019-20 to 31 August, it is \$2,049,565. I seek a clarification in relation to the contracts that you were asking about.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Potter:</b> Could you please confirm the categories of expenditure that you were looking at.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> There are a couple of things. Are we talking about temporary personnel or labour hire?</p> <p><b>Ms Potter:</b> In relation to, I think, market research and communications activities.</p>	49 21/10/2019	

					<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> This is the seven contracts point?</p> <p><b>Ms Potter:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I thought there was something around there having been seven. Bear with me one moment. I think the department tabled a response to a Senate order to produce documents or some sort of a Senate order in which the department reported that there were seven contracts for PR, market research and communications advice. So they are the seven contracts we are talking about.</p> <p><b>Ms Potter:</b> I will come back to you formally on notice. In relation to those categories, those include news and publicity services, market research and advertising. There is a contract for Isentia, which is our media monitoring service. Most of the others—JWS Research, Hall &amp; Partners, Moody Brands—they relate to the Building our Future campaign. But I'll have to come back to you on the others separately. I will do that on notice.</p>		
13	274	CORP	GALLACHER	LIMITED TENDERS WHICH HAVE EXCEEDED THE CAP OF \$80,000 IN THE LAST TWO YEARS	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Ms Spence, can you take on notice the number of limited tenders which have exceeded the cap of \$80,000 in the last two years. I just want a picture of whether this is unusual, or you are doing a limited tender at \$80,000 and subsequently building on because that \$80,000 to \$190,000 seems a bit extraordinary to me.</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Senator, we'll take that on notice.</p>	124-125 21/10/2019	
14	315	CORP	GALLAGHER	PSPF AND ESSENTIAL 8 COMPLIANCE	<p>The Australian Government set a target date for government entities to achieve compliance with the Australian Signals Directorate's Top Four mitigation strategies as detailed in the Protected Security Policy Framework (PSPF), INFOSEC 10 core requirements by 30 June 2014. Non-corporate Commonwealth entities are required to apply the Mandatory 4 whereas it is only considered best practice for corporate Commonwealth entities and wholly-owned Commonwealth companies. ASD had stated that implementing the top 4 mitigation strategies will be able to prevent over 85% of unauthorised intrusions.</p> <p><b>Overall compliance and reporting</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the Department compliant with the core requirements in the Protected Security Policy Framework, INFOSEC 10: Safeguarding information from cyber threats policy?</li> <li>2. Under the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013,</li> </ol>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	



					<p>all non-corporate Commonwealth entities are required to report annually to the Attorney-General on the implementation of the Protected Security Policy Framework (PSPF). Has the Department provided an annual report to the Attorney general in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 on compliance with the INFOSEC 10 core requirements?</p> <p><b>Mandatory 4 implementation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, requirement 1: application whitelisting?             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model what is the maturity of application whitelisting implementation?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, requirement 2: patching applications?             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model, what is the maturity of patching applications implementation?</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, requirement 3: restriction of administrative privileges?             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model, what is the maturity of ‘restrict administrative privileges’ implementation?</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, requirement 4: patching operating systems?             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model, what is the maturity of ‘Patching operating systems’ implementation?</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Essential 8 implementation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, C.4, 27 (a): configuring Microsoft Office macro settings?             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model what is the maturity of ‘configuring Microsoft Office macro settings’ implementation?</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, C.4, 27 (b): user application hardening?</li> </ol>		
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					<p>a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model what is the maturity of ‘configuring Microsoft Office macro settings’ implementation?</p> <p>9. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, C.4, 27 (c): multi-factor authentication?</p> <p>a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model what is the maturity of ‘multi-factor authentication’ implementation?</p> <p>10. Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, C.4, 27 (d): daily backups?</p> <p>a. According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model what is the maturity of ‘daily backups’ implementation?</p> <p><b>Accountability and funding</b></p> <p>11. How many times has the Department conducted a self assessment of its compliance with the Protected Security Policy Framework Essential Eight mitigation strategies and cyber resilience since 1 July 2013?</p> <p>12. How many independent assessments of its cyber resilience has the Department conducted since 1 July 2013?</p> <p>13. Has the Minister responsible been briefed on cyber security vulnerabilities in the Department networks since 1 July 2013?</p> <p>14. Has an Australian Signals Directorate cyber security sprint team been deployed to the Department since 1 July 2013?</p> <p>15. How much funding has the Department allocated to cyber security each year during 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019?</p> <p>16. How many times has there been a physical or cyber intrusion attempt made on the Department’s networks that were considered serious enough to warrant an operational response in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019?</p>		
15	316	CORP	KITCHING	EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT	<p>1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for FY 2018-19 and 2019-20 to date:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</li> <li>c. The change in the number of executive manager positions.</li> <li>d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</li> </ul>		
16	317	CORP	KITCHING	MINISTERIAL FUNCTIONS	<p>1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 July 2018, can the following be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions.</li> <li>b. List of all attendees.</li> <li>c. Function venue.</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</li> <li>e. Details of any food served.</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</li> <li>g. Any available photographs of the function.</li> <li>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
17	318	CORP	KITCHING	DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS	<p>1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio since 1 July 2018, can the following be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of functions.</li> <li>b. List of all attendees.</li> <li>c. Function venue.</li> <li>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</li> <li>e. Details of any food served.</li> <li>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

					<p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
18	319	CORP	KITCHING	EXECUTIVE OFFICE UPGRADES	1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary’s office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded since 1 July 2018. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
19	320	CORP	KITCHING	FACILITIES UPGRADE	<p>1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies since 1 July 2018. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment.</p> <p>2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
20	321	CORP	KITCHING	STAFF TRAVEL	1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
21	322	CORP	KITCHING	LEGAL COSTS	1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
22	323	CORP	KITCHING	SECRETARIAL TRAVEL	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department since 1 July 2018 be provided including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.</li> <li>b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</li> <li>c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</li> <li>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

					<p>accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary’s travel should also be provided.</p>		
23	324	CORP	KITCHING	FOIs	<p>1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests (‘FOI requests’) received by the Department for the following years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2013-14;</li> <li>b. 2014-15;</li> <li>c. 2015-16;</li> <li>d. 2016-17;</li> <li>e. 2018-19; and</li> <li>f. 2019-20 to date.</li> </ul> <p>2. For each year above, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full;</li> <li>b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part;</li> <li>c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and</li> <li>d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.</li> </ul> <p>3. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and</li> <li>b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).</li> </ul> <p>4. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The number of times the Department’s FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAI; and</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

					b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department’s decision to refuse access to material.		
24	325	CORP	KITCHING	FOIS - STAFFING NUMBER	<p>1. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2013-14;</li> <li>b. 2014-15;</li> <li>c. 2015-16;</li> <li>d. 2016-17;</li> <li>e. 2018-19; and</li> <li>f. 2019-20 to date.</li> </ul> <p>2. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>3. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>4. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister’s office.</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
25	326	CORP	KITCHING	FOI REQUESTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION	Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response.	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
26	327	CORP	KITCHING	FOIS - CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTER	<p>Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and</li> <li>b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

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27	328	CORP	KITCHING	FOIS - CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES	Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
28	329	CORP	KITCHING	BRIEFINGS	1. Has the Department/agency or the Minister’s office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The subject matter of the briefing.</li> <li>b. The location and date of the briefing.</li> <li>c. Who proposed the briefing.</li> <li>d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
29	330	CORP	KITCHING	ACTING MINISTER ARRANGEMENTS	1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to date. 2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
30	331	CORP	KITCHING	DEPARTMENTAL STAFF ALLOWANCES	1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
31	332	CORP	KITCHING	MARKET RESEARCH	1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Subject matter</li> <li>b. Company</li> <li>c. Costs</li> <li>d. Contract date period</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

					3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.		
32	333	CORP	KITCHING	ADVERTISING AND INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS	<p>1. What was the Department/agency’s total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for FY 2018-19 and for the current financial year to date.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When approval was first sought.</li> <li>b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.</li> <li>c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</li> </ul> <p>3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
33	334	CORP	KITCHING	PROMOTIONAL MERCHANDISE	<p>1. What was the Department/agency’s total expenditure on promotional merchandise for FY 2018-19.</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</p> <p>3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
34	335	CORP	KITCHING	MINISTERIAL OVERSEAS TRAVEL	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 July 2018 please be provided including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	



					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</li> <li>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</li> <li>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</li> <li>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister’s travel should also be provided.</li> </ul>		
35	336	CORP	KITCHING	SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the Department/agency’s total expenditure on social media influencers for FY 2018-19 and 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</li> <li>3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</li> <li>4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
36	338	CORP	KITCHING	COMMISSIONED REPORTS AND REVIEWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since 24 August 2018, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Date commissioned.</li> <li>b. Date report handed to Government.</li> <li>c. Date of public release.</li> <li>d. Terms of Reference.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

					<p>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>		
37	339	CORP	KITCHING	BOARD APPOINTMENTS	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 1 July 2018 to date.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
38	340	CORP	KITCHING	APPOINTMENTS - BRIEFS PREPARED	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister’s office.</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

					d. Whether the appointment was made.		
39	341	CORP	KITCHING	STATIONERY	1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in FY 2019-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
40	342	CORP	KITCHING	MEDIA MONITORING	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</li> <li>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</li> <li>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</li> </ul> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</li> <li>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</li> <li>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
41	343	CORP	KITCHING	COMMUNICATIONS STAFF	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

					<p>they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers.</p> <p>e. How many are media managers.</p> <p>f. How many organise events.</p> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <p>a. If yes, why.</p> <p>b. When was it established.</p> <p>c. What is the set up cost.</p> <p>d. What is the ongoing cost.</p> <p>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</p>		
42	344	CORP	KITCHING	DEPARTMENTAL STAFF IN MINISTERS' OFFICE	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p> <p>b. APS level.</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
43	345	CORP	KITCHING	CDDA PAYMENTS	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for FY 2018-19?</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <p>a. Accepted.</p> <p>b. Rejected.</p> <p>c. Under consideration.</p> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</li> <li>b. The date payment was made</li> <li>c. The decision maker.</li> </ul>		
44	347	CORP	KITCHING	RECRUITMENT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</li> </ol>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
45	348	CORP	KITCHING	STAFFING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 21 October 2019. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget.</li> <li>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</li> <li>3. How many redundancies have occurred in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. How many were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. voluntary</li> <li>b. involuntary.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</li> <li>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</li> <li>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.</li> </ol>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
46	349	CORP	KITCHING	COMCARE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</li> <li>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date.</li> </ol>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

47	350	CORP	KITCHING	FAIR WORK OMBUDSMAN	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
48	351	CORP	KITCHING	OFFICE OF THE MERIT PROTECTION COMMISSIONER	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
49	352	CORP	KITCHING	FAIR WORK COMMISSION	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
50	353	CORP	KITCHING	PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
51	354	CORP	GALLAGHER	EXTERNAL CONSULTANTS	<p><b>All External Consultants</b></p> <p>1. In relation to the use of all external consultants in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19, the total amount spent on external consultants, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. contracts tagged as a “consultancy”.</li> <li>ii. contracts not defined as a “consultancy”, but tagged as “business intelligence consulting services”, “information technology consultation services”, “management advisory services”, “management support services”, “organisational structure consultation”, “risk management consultation services” or “strategic planning consultation services”</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. The total amount of full time equivalent hours (FTE’s) provided by external consultants in 2018-19.</li> <li>c. The total amount of variances granted to external consultant contracts (including those specified in 1(a)(i) above) in 2018-19.</li> <li>d. A breakdown by consultant, specifications and project completion for 2018-19.</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

					<p><b>Information Technology Consultant Spend</b></p> <p>1. In relation to expenditure on information technology in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19, the total amount spent on information technology consultation services</li> <li>b. The total amount of full time equivalent hours (FTE's) provided by information technology consultation services in 2018-19.</li> <li>c. The total amount contracted to information technology consultation services in 2018-19.</li> <li>d. The total amount of variances granted to information technology consultation services contracts in 2018-19.</li> <li>e. A breakdown by consultant, specifications and project completion for 2018-19.</li> </ul>		
52	355	CORP	GALLAGHER	EXTERNAL CONTRACTORS	<p><b>All External Contractors</b></p> <p>1. In relation to the use of all external contractors in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The total amount spent on all contracts for Management and Business Professionals and Administrative Services for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19.</li> <li>b. The total amount spent on all contracts tagged as "Temporary Personnel Services" for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19.</li> <li>c. The total number of external contractors employed in 2018-19.</li> <li>d. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all external contractors employed in 2018-19.</li> <li>e. The total number of FTE hours provided by external contractors in 2018-19.</li> </ul> <p><b>Information Technology Contractors</b></p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

					<p>1. In relation to the use of external information technology contractors in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The total amount spent on external contractors for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19.</li> <li>b. The total number of external contractors employed in 2018-19.</li> <li>c. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all external contractors employed in 2018-19.</li> <li>d. The total number of FTE hours provided by external contractors in 2018-19.</li> </ul>		
53	356	CORP	GALLAGHER	GRANTS	<p>1. Please provide, for all administered and discretionary grant programs administered by each department and agency within the portfolio:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Name of the administered or discretionary grant program.</li> <li>b. The recipient of the grant.</li> <li>c. The ABN or ACN of the grant recipient.</li> <li>d. The charitable status of the grant recipient.</li> <li>e. Who authorised the grant payment.</li> <li>f. For each year of the budget and forward estimates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What is the total funding budgeted for the program;</li> <li>ii. How much funding has been contracted and allocated;</li> <li>iii. How much funding has been contracted but not allocated;</li> <li>iv. How much funding has been committed but not contracted;</li> <li>v. How much funding is uncommitted, uncontracted and unallocated.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	



54	357	CORP	GALLAGHER	COST OF APS STAFF	1. The total cost of all staff employed under the Public Service Act for each of the last six financial years from 2013/14 to 2018/19.	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
55	369	CORP	STERLE	ORGANISATIONAL CHARTS	Can the Department provide the Committee with copies of all Departmental organisational charts that have been produced since May 2019?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
56	370	CORP	STERLE	ADVERTISING	<p>On Sunday 3 November 2019 a Government ‘Building our Future’ advertisement appeared on Channel 9 in Victorian Regional Media Markets during The Block. How much did this advertisement cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much has the Department spent on all advertising activity since 18 May 2019? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Of this, how much was spent on ‘Building our Future’?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Provide full details of all advertising spend into since 18 May 2019 – including contracts entered into, timeframe, cost, media type, geographic regions.</li> <li>• Has the Department used social media for the Building our Future campaign? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o If so please provide monthly summaries for the period 30 June 2018 to 31 October 2019 what social media channels were used, how the advertising was targeted, and how much it cost.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
57	432	CORP	STERLE	STATUS OF SECRETARY RECRUITMENT	Where is the Government at in the recruitment process for a new Secretary?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
58	434	CORP	STERLE	ADVERTISING PROCESS FOR NEW SECRETARY	What is the advertising process for the new Secretary?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
59	436	CORP	STERLE	BOF MONTHLY BREAKDOWNS OF ADVERTISING EXPENDITURE	Provide monthly breakdowns of advertising expenditure for the Building Our Future Campaigns.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

60	438	CORP	STERLE	BOF MEDIA PLACEMENT	Provide a breakdown of media placement by region and, where possible electorate, for the Building Our Future Campaigns.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
61	440	CORP	STERLE	SPENDING ON ADVERTISING	How much was spent on advertising between 31 March and 11 April 2019?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
62	441	CORP	STERLE	BOF EVALUATION	Provide a copy of any evaluation of the Building our Future campaigns.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
63	442	CORP	STERLE	PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT	Is personnel recruitment used solely for advertising and hiring staff, or is the payment of wages and other hiring costs also included?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
64	444	CORP	STERLE	TEMPORARY PERSONNEL SERVICES AND PERSONAL RECRUITMENT	How much was spent by the department in temporary personnel services and personal recruitment respectively in each of the last three financial years?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
65	445	CORP	STERLE	NON-ONGOING STAFF MEMBERS	How many non-ongoing staff members has the Department used over the last three financial years?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
66	447	CORP	STERLE	NUMBER OF TEMPORARY PERSONNEL	How many temporary personnel has the Department used over the last three financial years?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
67	449	CORP	STERLE	COST OF NON-ONGOING STAFF	How much was spent on non-ongoing staff members in each of the last three financial years?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
68	451	CORP	STERLE	COST OF TEMPORARY PERSONNEL	How much was spent on temporary personnel in each of the last three financial years?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
69	452	CORP	STERLE	SEVEN PR / MARKETING CONTRACTS	What was each of these seven PR / marketing contracts was for?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

70	453	CORP	STERLE	PR / MARKETING CONTRACTS	Do those PR / marketing contracts replace work that was previously performed by a public servant?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
71	455	CORP	STERLE	BOF - SEVEN PR / MARKETING CONTRACTS	How many of the seven PR / marketing contracts supported the Building our Future campaigns?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
72	457	CORP	STERLE	BOF MARKETING CONTRACTS	How did each of these contracts relate to the Building our Future campaigns?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
73	459	CORP	STERLE	COST ON CONSULTANCIES	How much did the Department spend in each of the last three financial years on each of management, advisory, project management, strategic planning and economic financial advice consultancies?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
74	466	CORP	STERLE	LIMITED TENDERS	Provide a list of limited tenders that have exceeded the cap of \$80,000 in the last two years.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
75	570	CORP	STERLE	MARKET RESEARCH	Minister McKenzie claimed market research showed Australians wanted to "really dig down deep into what was happening in their local region". Provide copies of this market research. - Did market research identify that Australians would prefer that advertising dig down deep into their local region rather than diggers, jackhammers and backhoes?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
76	597	CORP	STERLE	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES ON THE RECOGNITION OF SEX AND GENDER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the Department compliant with the Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender? Are its portfolio agencies compliant?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
77	427	CORP	RICE	OUTSTANDING ANAO AUDITS	In relation to any outstanding recommendations listed in the report Implementation of ANAO and Parliamentary Committee Recommendations, for any recommendations relevant to the Department, please list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What steps the Department has taken to implement relevant recommendations, and when these were undertaken;</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	

					Whether the recommendations are now implemented in full, and if not, what steps are remaining, and when these will be undertaken.		
<b>Regional Development and Local Government (89)</b>							
78	219	RD&LG	STERLE	CDG FUNDING AGREEMENTS	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> ... The document tabled at estimates in April this year by Dr Kennedy included four pages of projects announced but without funding agreements as of 31 March 2019. I'm talking about 2013 and 2016 election commitments. Three pages of projects have been announced since then, with no funding allocation in the 2018-19 budget as of March this year. Are any of the projects listed as announced but without funding agreements as at 31 March 2019 still without a funding agreement?</p> <p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> We've continued to process funding agreements after we got out of caretaker period, so some of those will have been funded.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So there's some. Are you able to tell us which projects are in that category?</p> <p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> I don't have a list of individual projects in relation to that.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Take it on notice.</p>	26 21/10/2019	
79	220	RD&LG	RENNICK	FUNDING PROVIDED THROUGH THE REGIONAL GRANT PROGRAM SINCE 2013	<p><b>Senator RENNICK:</b> How much funding has been committed through the regional grant program since 2013?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> Are you referring to all regional grant programs that the department administers?</p> <p><b>Senator RENNICK:</b> Yes. Across the country.</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> I think we can give you a global figure. The Australian government has committed \$5.3 billion from 2013-14 to 2025-26 to support Australia's regions through a number of regional development programs.</p> <p><b>Senator RENNICK:</b> Great. Do you know how many projects that is?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> I will check with my colleagues. We would have to take that on notice, if you'd like, to get that figure.</p> <p><b>Senator RENNICK:</b> That's okay. That's fine.</p>	26-27 21/10/2019	
80	221	RD&LG	RENNICK	BREAKDOWN BY STATES AND TERRITORIES OF BBRF	<p><b>Senator ANTIC:</b> I'm interested in the issue of whether or not you're able to provide us with a breakdown of the Building Better Regions Fund across the states and territories broadly and in relation to each of the particular subfunds.</p> <p><b>Ms Hallam:</b> I'm sorry. I don't have a state-by-state breakdown, I'm afraid. I'm</p>	27 21/10/2019	

					<p>happy to take that on notice and supply that to you.  <b>Senator ANTIC:</b> Sure. That's fine.</p>		
81	610	RD&LG	STERLE	IMPACT OF ADDITIONAL EFFICIENCY DIVIDEND	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Has any analysis been undertaken of the impact of the additional efficiency dividend announced on the eve of the federal election on regional public sector employment?  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> We would be happy to take that on notice.  <b>Senator STERLE:</b> Thank you...</p>	28 21/10/2019	
82	607	RD&LG	STERLE	SEVEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECENTRALISATION	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> There were seven opportunities for decentralisation that the department said, in May last year, were underway. Are the seven mentioned in that spiel you just gave me then, Ms Hallam?  <b>Ms Hallam:</b> Sorry, Senator?  <b>Senator STERLE:</b> There were seven opportunities for decentralisation that the department announced in May last year.  <b>Ms Loynd:</b> I believe that some of them might be, but I'd have to take it on notice in terms of which ones of that seven mentioned are part of the latest announcement.</p>	29 21/10/2019	
83	224	RD&LG	STERLE	DECENTRALISATION – RELOCATIONS UNDERWAY	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> When we say 'underway', I want to be clear. I can't help get the mess of APVMA out of my head for the last four years. When we say underway, are they in the process of relocating, or have people said, 'No, thank you. I'll take a redundancy' and you're searching for staff?  <b>Senator McKenzie:</b> There's a range of issues like funding accommodation et cetera. I'll go to the witness for the details on that.  <b>Dr Bacon:</b> We don't have those live details for the agencies in other portfolios. We're happy to provide you with an update on the relocations that are underway in our department at the moment, if that's helpful.</p>	32 21/10/2019	
84	225	RD&LG	WATT	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME EXTENSION – AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT THRESHOLD (NUMBER	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> How many other councils meet the rainfall requirement—so they've been drought affected for at least 12 months—but miss out because they don't have enough people employed in agriculture?  <b>Ms Spence:</b> We would have to take that on notice. We don't have that in front of us at the moment.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Senator Rennick made the point before that it's not just about farmers. It's about towns that are dependent on the farming and agriculture. So a</p>	38 21/10/2019	

				OF COUNCILS)	<p>shire might be entirely dependent on agriculture because it has machine maintenance and all sorts of other operations. They might themselves be drought declared. But if people aren't employed in agriculture, they miss out, even though their economy is entirely based on agriculture.</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> Maybe the officers could go to the definition of employment in agriculture. It's much broader than whether you are a farmer. It includes service industries.</p> <p><b>Ms Loynd:</b> I'll probably have to take the full detail on notice. It's the categorisation of agriculture, fisheries and forestries, which is quite broad.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Is it farmers and fruit pickers—people who are directly employed in agriculture, forestry and fishing—or does it also pick up the businesses that service those industries? That's what the minister was just claiming.</p> <p><b>Ms Loynd:</b> I think we'll have to take the question on notice to provide a more formal definition. I don't have that in front of me.</p>		
85	226	RD&LG	WATT	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME EXTENSION – AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT THRESHOLD (SPECIFIC NEW SOUTH WALES COUNCILS)	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> What about the shire of Singleton in New South Wales? Are you looking at whether they are eligible?</p> <p><b>Ms Hallam:</b> I understand that the agricultural employment threshold doesn't reach 17 per cent.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Do you have their percentage handy?</p> <p><b>Ms Hallam:</b> No. I don't know.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I've got a very small number of councils I was going to ask about. I wonder whether you might have figures on Singleton, Kiama, Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla and Yass, all of which are badly drought affected.</p> <p><b>Ms Hallam:</b> I'm afraid I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Do you have figures for any of those councils?</p> <p><b>Ms Hallam:</b> No. Senator, sorry.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> But the reason is that even though they're pretty badly drought affected in some cases, they also might be sitting at 16.9 per cent, 16.8 per cent and, therefore, they're out.</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> We'll take that on notice.</p>	38 21/10/2019	
86	227	RD&LG	WATT	LGAS WHO RECEIVED FUNDING BUT DIDN'T MEET THE DCP EXTENSION CRITERIA	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> A percentage of people need to be employed in agriculture, forestry or fishing. It's no secret that there are many people leaving those industries as a result of drought. Have any local governments who have been determined to be eligible gone under the 17 per cent threshold?</p> <p><b>Ms Hallam:</b> Some of the money provided was done so on the basis of election</p>	39-40 21/10/2019	

				<p>commitments. We didn't provide advice in respect of eligibility against rainfall or agricultural employment in that instance.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> They are not in the 13, are they?</p> <p><b>Ms Hallam:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> They are in the previous—what was it?—110?</p> <p><b>Ms Hallam:</b> Yes. Within that 110.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> How many councils are in that category?</p> <p><b>Ms Hallam:</b> There are 15.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So 15 of the 110 councils who previously had been deemed eligible for this funding actually didn't meet the criteria?</p> <p><b>Ms Hallam:</b> Fourteen local government areas were announced as being eligible for Drought Communities Program extension within the election period.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So 14 of these councils who are eligible—</p> <p><b>Ms Hallam:</b> Who have received the \$1 million.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So 14 of the councils who have received this drought funding actually don't meet the eligibility criteria?</p> <p><b>Ms Hallam:</b> Well, I can't comment on whether they meet the eligibility criteria. It wasn't subject to departmental analysis.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Do you know whether they meet the criteria?</p> <p><b>Ms Hallam:</b> No. I'm afraid I don't have that information with me at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So what do we say to poor old Moira shire, which misses out? Even though they're drought affected, they miss out because 16.9 per cent of their population is employed in agriculture rather than 17 per cent. We've got 14 other councils where we wouldn't know if they meet the criteria or not and they get the funding. How do we justify that?</p> <p><b>Ms Hallam:</b> It was a decision of government.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Minister, I don't know if you were just following that. Apparently your government made an election commitment to grant this drought funding to 14 councils and we don't know whether they meet the criteria or not.</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> My question is: how do you justify that to Moira, which is eligible in terms of rainfall and is 0.1 per cent off having the right number of people? They miss out, but we've got 14 other councils who were selected during the election campaign. How do we justify that?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> I said I'd take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Do you think that's defensible?</p>		
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87	228	RD&LG	STERLE	<p>DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME EXTENSION – MEETING THE CRITERIA</p>	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Yes, Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> I had a clarification when I took something on notice from Senator Watt. I've now had it clarified that the data used to determine those councils was still based on information from the ABS and the BoM. April data provided to the office was prior to the caretaker period.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> It was based on that data. Did they meet the criteria?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> Well, the decisions were using ABS agricultural employment data and the BoM data to determine which councils were part of that election commitment.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Can you take on notice whether they actually met. I understand you used ABS data, but we still don't know whether they met the threshold of 17 per cent.</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Thanks.</p>	40-41 21/10/2019	
88	233	RD&LG	WATT	<p>RJIP – UNDERSPEND IN TROPICAL AND NORTH QUEENSLAND</p>	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> ... With the regional jobs and investment packages, it appears that there has been an underspend in the tropical and North Queensland package.</p> <p><b>Senator RENNICK:</b> It affects you.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Indeed. I reckon Senator McDonald is going to want to chime in. The department's website states that the regional jobs and investment packages total \$222.3 million across 10 regions, including \$20 million for tropical North Queensland. It looks like there's actually only been \$18.1 million spent in tropical</p>	50 21/10/2019	



					<p>north Queensland, which is an underspend of \$1.9 million, whereas other regions recorded overspends. Is there a reason for the underspend in tropical North Queensland?</p> <p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> The RJIP is still underway. There's a range of projects that are yet to be completed. Along the way, there have been some savings in projects. There have also been projects that have either declined funding or are no longer proceeding for a range of reasons.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Is that \$1.9 million, if you like, underspend for tropical North Queensland, compared to what was announced, still available for projects in tropical North Queensland?</p> <p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> I suspect that it has already been reallocated. I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay. Could you please come back to us on that...</p>		
89	234	RD&LG	WATT	OVERSPEND ON THE STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> ... We've got information on grants awarded under rounds 3 and 4 of the Stronger Communities Program. That is in the departmental grants index and the new GrantConnect. It looks like there has been an overspend here. The departmental grants index shows that round 3 projects commenced from 5 August 2017 to 21 December 2017. Then GrantConnect shows that rounds 3 and 4 projects were approved from 23 October 2017 through to 28 February 2018. The total expenditure across these databases under Stronger Communities is \$45.232 million, which is an overspend of \$232,304. Is there a reason for the overspend in that one?</p> <p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> I don't accept that there is an overspend. We'd have to look into that. It may well be that there's a duplication of publication across the two websites. The Stronger Communities Program first couple of rounds were delivered by this department. Subsequently, the Grants Hub now does delivery on our behalf. The data I have has shown small underspends across each round.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Maybe you could take that on notice as well.</p> <p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> I will.</p>	50 21/10/2019	
90	235	RD&LG	WATT	STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM – FUNDING BY ELECTORATE	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Which electorates received more than \$150,000 in this program?</p> <p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> Every electorate has eligibility for \$150,000. So if they've received multiple rounds, they get \$150,000 each round. So nobody has received over \$150,000 in any round.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So an electorate may have got \$150,000 in round 3 and in round 4?</p>	50-51 21/10/2019	

					<p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> That's correct.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> But not every electorate got it in both?</p> <p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> Every electorate is eligible for \$150,000 each round.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay.</p> <p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> We're in the fourth round now.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay. Is there somewhere we can find for each electorate what that money has been allocated to?</p> <p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> You won't, because we're in round 4 assessment at the moment. The projects are published on GrantConnect.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So if we go to GrantConnect, we can see for round 3 what every grant has been used for in every electorate?</p> <p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> I don't know that you can get it as a summary report, but, yes, you can get SCP round 3 projects.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> For simplicity, I will ask you to take that on notice as well. Can we get a list of every project in round 3? Are you saying that nothing has been allocated in round 4 yet?</p> <p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> They are in the process at the moment. It only just closed to applications last Thursday.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Is there any work happening towards round 5?</p> <p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> Sorry, round 5, not round 4. My apologies.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Could we, in that case, also get a list of all the grants funded in round 4? So three and four broken down by electorate?</p> <p><b>Ms Wieland:</b> We can do that in that program because it is an electorate based program.</p>		
91	302	RD&LG	WATERS	GRANTS PROVIDED TO LOCAL COUNCILS UNDER THE DCP EXTENSION PROGRAM	<p>Grants were provided to local councils under the Department's Drought Communities Programme – Extension program in 2018-2019 for "local infrastructure projects and other drought-relief activities", aimed at providing "short-term support, including by boosting local employment and procurement."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide a list of infrastructure projects funded through these extensions grants in Queensland</li> <li>2. Was priority given to infrastructure with a direct impact on drought relief?</li> <li>3. What criteria were used to determine whether the funded project would boost local employment and procurement?</li> </ol>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

					<p>4. Did the grant agreements mandate that local people would be employed on funded projects?</p> <p>5. Did the grant agreements mandate that materials and services would be sourced locally, or that priority was to be given to local providers?</p> <p>6. What monitoring and analysis has the Department undertaken to evaluate whether funded projects have boosted local employment and procurement?</p>		
92	363	RD&LG	FARRELL	CRADLE MOUNTAIN	<p>1. Please provide an update on the current status of the work which will be undertaken as a part of the funding committed to Cradle Mountain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Has planning commenced? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If not, when will it?</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Has work commenced? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If not, when will it?</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. What is the timeline for the project?</li> <li>d. When will it be completed?</li> <li>e. What conversations and negotiations have been had with the Tasmanian Government?</li> </ul> <p>2. Please detail all work which will be undertaken at Cradle Mountain through this investment</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
93	366	RD&LG	FARRELL	WANGETTI TRAIL	<p>1. Please detail all work which will be undertaken as a part of the funding committed to the Wangetti Trail in Victoria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Has planning commenced? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If not, when will it?</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Has work commenced? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If not, when will it?</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. What is the timeline for the project?</li> <li>d. When will it be completed?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

					e. What conversations and negotiations have been had with the Queensland Government?		
94	367	RD&LG	FARRELL	FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK	<p>1. Please detail all work which will be undertaken as a part of the funding committed to Freycinet National Park</p> <p>a. Has planning commenced?</p> <p>i. If not, when will it?</p> <p>b. Has work commenced?</p> <p>i. If not, when will it?</p> <p>c. What is the timeline for the project?</p> <p>d. When will it be completed?</p> <p>e. What conversations and negotiations have been had with the Tasmanian Government?</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
95	368	RD&LG	FARRELL	NORTHERN RIVERS RAIL TRAIL	<p>1. Please detail all work which will be undertaken as a part of the funding committed to the Northern Rivers Rail Trail</p> <p>a. Has planning commenced?</p> <p>i. If not, when will it?</p> <p>b. Has work commenced?</p> <p>i. If not, when will it?</p> <p>c. What is the timeline for the project?</p> <p>d. When will it be completed?</p> <p>e. What conversations and negotiations have been had with the New South Wales Government?</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
96	380	RD&LG	STERLE	REGIONS AT THE READY REPORT	<p>Recommendation 12 of the 'Regions at the Ready' report sought the development of a Regional Australia White Paper following a Green Paper consultation process. The Government Response agreed in principle with this recommendation and noted it would establish an Expert Panel to undertake</p>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<p>assessment of issues in the Regions at the Ready report, including a White Paper. The Government Response from February this year noted, “The Expert Panel will report to Government by 31 March 2019”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did “a Panel” report to Government by 31 March 2019?</li> <li>• Was an Expert Panel ever formed and did it report at all? If so, to whom did it report to and when?</li> <li>• Has a copy of the report been released publicly? If not, why not?</li> <li>• Who was appointed to the Expert Panel and when?</li> <li>• What was the selection process for appointment to the Expert Panel?</li> <li>• What action has been taken since the panel reported to the Government?</li> <li>• Is the Government going to pursue a Regional Australia White Paper process?</li> <li>• What is the timeline for the development of the White Paper?</li> <li>• Who is involved in the development of the White Paper?</li> <li>• What role does the ‘Expert Panel’ have in the development of the white paper?</li> <li>• Have any consultations with stakeholders be held? If so, who and when?</li> <li>• Will further consultation be held?</li> </ul> <p>Recommendation 1 urged the Federal Government to increase infrastructure investment in regional Australia through coordinated regional plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are any coordinated regional infrastructure plans in development aside from the Regional Deals?</li> <li>• If so, where and what funding is attached?</li> </ul> <p>Recommendations 2 and 4 sought to strengthen the work of RDA committees and the RDA program in particular through greater coordination and development of regional strategic plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What action has the Government taken to develop coordinated regional</li> </ul>		
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					<p>strategic plans for the RDA Committees, and when will these be completed?</p> <p>Recommendation 2, 3 and 4 go to potential ‘Regional City Deals’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the difference between a City Deal, a Regional Deal and a Regional City Deal?</li> <li>• Have any “Regional City Deals” been announced and are any under consideration?</li> </ul> <p>Recommendations 5 through 10 related to the decentralisation of public servants to regional areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a full list of all Departments and Agencies to have completed business cases and evaluations on relocation / decentralisation.</li> </ul> <p>Regarding the Government’s response to Recommendation 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will all portfolios report on jobs lost and gained in regional locations in their Budget statements?</li> <li>• What action has the Government taken to ensure that objectives and reasons for decentralisation decisions are clearly stated?</li> </ul> <p>In reference to the Government’s response to Recommendation 7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide further information on the “thorough two-stage process” for making decisions about decentralisation locations?</li> </ul> <p>In reference to the Government’s response to Recommendation 8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What action has the Government taken to encourage private industry and businesses to move to regional locations?</li> </ul>		
97	381	RD&LG	STERLE	RDA COMMITTEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noting the role of RDA Committees was “re-focussed” in 2018, what responsibility has the Australian Government actually delegated to RDA Committees?</li> <li>• Provide a list of the funding agreement expiry dates for all 52 RDA Committees. What work is the Government doing to prepare for the next round of funding agreements?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a list of the current membership of all RDA Committees, including noting where positions are filled in an ‘acting capacity’? Does the Government hold any concerns with current membership of any RDA Committees?</li> </ul>		
98	382	RD&LG	STERLE	BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND ROUNDS 1, 2 AND 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have all projects announced under BBRF Rounds 1, 2 and 3 been delivered?</li> <li>Are there any due diligence issues with any BBRF Rounds 1, 2 or 3 projects?</li> <li>Are any projects delayed? If so, why?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
99	383	RD&LG	STERLE	RGF PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which of the 15 RGF projects are under construction?</li> <li>Are any delayed?</li> <li>Why were the two Recreation and Sport Grants in Busselton and Mackay published later than the other 13 Regional Development Grants?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
100	384	RD&LG	STERLE	ANAO REPORT ON RJIP	<p>With respect to the Australian National Audit Office Report Performance Audit Number 12 2019-20 released on 5 November, could the Department please advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What data was used to identify the 10 regions included in the Regional Jobs and Investment Packages Program?</li> <li>Were other regions identified as suitable candidates for funding, but not included in the program?</li> <li>Who made the decision to include each of the 10 regions in the Regional Jobs and Investment Packages Program?</li> <li>How was the program advertised in the 10 regions? On what dates were advertisements run? How else was the program promoted (eg social media, websites, direct mail)?</li> <li>Were regional MPs/Senators provided with information about the program? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If yes, please provide detail on which MPs/Senators were</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<p>provided with information on the program and on what date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What advice/assistance did the Department and/or Minister’s office provide to regional MPs/Senators about the application process for grants under the program?</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The audit identified one project that was deemed to be ineligible, but was funded anyway. What was the ineligible application that was approved for funding? Why was this project funded?</li> <li>• Five late applications were approved for funding, with no exemption reasons recorded. What were these projects?</li> <li>• On what dates did the Ministerial Panels meet?</li> <li>• What records did the Ministers keep?</li> <li>• Who attended each meeting?</li> <li>• What reasons did the Ministers record for rejecting 28 percent of applications that had been recommended by the Department? Please provide a list of all projects recommended by the Department, but rejected by the Panel.</li> <li>• What reasons did the Ministers record for approving 17 percent of applications not recommended by the Department? Please provide a list of all projects not recommended by the Department, but approved by the Panel.</li> <li>• What processes did Ministers follow when considering co-funding exemptions? Please provide a list of projects that applied for co-funding exemption and all that were granted an exemption.</li> <li>• What reasons did Ministers give for awarding four contracts where a co-funding exemption was requested (a total of \$1.74 million)?</li> <li>• How were conflicts of interest (real or perceived) managed, particularly the perceived conflict of interest affecting the Tropical North Queensland RJIP?</li> <li>• Grants Connect lists projects totalling \$231,688,938.80 having been awarded under this project; however the Audit Office report states a total spend of \$220.5 million. Can the Department outline the reason</li> </ul>		
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					<p>for these differing figures?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why was at least 89 percent of funding for the South Coast NSW region awarded to applications from Gilmore, at the expense of Eden-Monaro?</li> <li>• Why was over 64 percent of funding for the Geelong region awarded to applications from Corangamite, at the expense of Corio and Wannon?</li> <li>• Why was at least 89 percent of funding for the Tropical North Queensland region awarded to applications from Leichhardt, at the expense of Kennedy?</li> <li>• Why was at least 83 percent of funding for the Goulburn Valley VIC region awarded to applications from Nicholls and Mallee, at the expense of Indi?</li> <li>• What measures did the Department and Ministers take to verify claims around ongoing jobs created by each proposed grant? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What will the Government do to improve this process?</li> <li>o Are there grants the Government is now concerned won't deliver the promised jobs?</li> <li>o Has any analysis been conducted to identify how many jobs were created as a result of this program? If so, how many?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• How are the Audit recommendations being implemented by the Department for future programs?</li> <li>• Provide a full list of projects, including location, proponent, grant amount, matched funding amount, project specifications, amount of milestone payments made, reports provided, details of ongoing monitoring by the Department.</li> </ul>		
101	463	RD&LG	STERLE	DECENTRALISATION - POSITIONS	Provide an update of Tabled Document 5 with exactly how many positions are filled, how many remain unfilled, how many have been relocated, how many are underway, how many are new, how many are relocated.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
102	464	RD&LG	STERLE	DECENTRALISATION DELAYS	Provide reasons why any relocations are not yet complete.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

103	505	RD&LG	STERLE	UNFINALISED COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMS	As per Tabled Document 4, provide a list of all election commitments (2013, 2016 and all by-elections) funded through Community Development Grants Program that are still uncontracted, for each project provide an explanation of why it is yet to be finalised.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
104	506	RD&LG	STERLE	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM 2019 ELECTION COMMITMENTS	As per Tabled Document 4, provide a list of all 2019 election commitments funded through Community Development Grants Program that are still uncontracted, for each project provide an explanation of why it is yet to be finalised.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
105	507	RD&LG	STERLE	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM ELECTION COMMITMENTS (2013, 2016 AND ALL BY-ELECTIONS)	As per Tabled Document 4, provide a list of all election commitments (2013, 2016 and all by-elections) funded through Community Development Grants Program that are contracted but not complete, for each project provide an explanation of why it is yet to be finalised.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
106	508	RD&LG	STERLE	INCOMPLETE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM 2019 ELECTION COMMITMENTS	As per Tabled Document 4, provide a list of all 2019 election commitments funded through Community Development Grants Program that are contracted but not complete, for each project provide an explanation of why it is yet to be finalised.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
107	509	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION LGA	Did any departmental staff travel to any of the LGAs in the months leading up to this announcement to hold consultations with any locals before an LGA was declared eligible? If so, where and when? If not, why not?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
108	510	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION DROUGHT ENVOY ADVICE	Did the Department receive any advice from the Drought Envoy inform the decision to list LGAs as eligible? If so, provide a copy.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

109	511	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT ENVOY INFORMAL CORRESPONDENCE	Did the Drought Envoy send any text messages, WhatsApp messages, Signal messages, Facebook inbox messages, emails or other informal correspondence to Minister McCormack, McKenzie or Littleproud to inform the decision to list these any of the LGAs as eligible? If so, If so, provide a copy.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
110	512	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COORDINATOR TO LIST LGAS	Did the Department receive any advice from the Drought Coordinator inform the decision to list LGAs as eligible? If so, provide a copy.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
111	513	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COORDINATOR INFORMAL CORRESPONDENCE	Did the Drought Coordinator send any text messages, WhatsApp messages, Signal messages, Facebook inbox messages, emails or other informal correspondence to Minister McCormack, McKenzie or Littleproud to inform the decision to list these any of the LGAs as eligible? If so, If so, provide a copy.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
112	516	RD&LG	STERLE	MOIRA SHIRE DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION	What further analysis was undertaken between the Estimates hearing on 21 October 2019 and the Minister's announcement on 30 October 2019 on he eligibility of Moira Shire for the Drought Communities Program Extension?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
113	517	RD&LG	STERLE	SINGLETON, YASS, EUROBODALLA, KIAMA AND SHOALHAVEN DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION	What further analysis was undertaken between the Estimates hearing on 21 October 2019 and the Minister's announcement re Moira Shire on 30 October 2019 on the eligibility of each of Singleton, Yass, Eurobodalla, Kiama and Shoalhaven for the Drought Communities Program Extension?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
114	518	RD&LG	STERLE	COUNCILS RAINFALL REQUIREMENT	How many other councils meet the rainfall requirement—so they've been drought affected for at least 12 months—but miss out because they don't have enough people employed in agriculture, fisheries and forestry?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
115	519	RD&LG	STERLE	DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY EMPLOYMENT	What is the definition of agriculture, fisheries and forestry employment? Provide a comprehensive list of occupations included.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

116	520	RD&LG	STERLE	AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY EMPLOYMENT RATE	What is the current agriculture, fisheries and forestry employment rate for the Singleton, Yass, Eurobodalla, Kiama and Shoalhaven LGAs? Provide the agriculture, fisheries and forestry employment rate for these LGAs in August 2018, March 2019, April 2019 and September 2019. (when the other eligibility announcements were made)	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
117	521	RD&LG	STERLE	CURRENT RAINFALL RATE	What is the current rainfall rate for the Singleton, Yass, Eurobodalla, Kiama and Shoalhaven LGAs? Provide the rainfall rate for these LGAs in August 2018, March 2019, April 2019 and September 2019. (when the other eligibility announcements were made)	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
118	522	RD&LG	STERLE	DELAY IN DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM PROJECTS	Provide location, project scope, funding amount and reasons for delay for the five projects not yet completed from the Drought Communities Program?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
119	523	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM & DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Balonne Shire Council in receipt of \$2,815,637 under Drought Communities Program & Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$2.5 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a justification for the additional allocation.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
120	524	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM & DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Barcaldine Regional Council in receipt of \$3,037,305 under Drought Communities Program & Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$2.5 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a justification for the additional allocation.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
121	525	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM & DROUGHT	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Barcoo Shire Council in receipt of \$3,858,624 under Drought Communities Program & Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$2.5 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

				COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL	projects and a justification for the additional allocation.		
122	526	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - BROKEN HILL SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Broken Hill Shire Council in receipt of \$1,745,512 under Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$1 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a justification for the additional allocation.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
123	527	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM & DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Bulloo Shire Council in receipt of \$2,221,363 under Drought Communities Program & Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive less than \$2.5 million? Provide a list of all projects and when final funding will be delivered.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
124	528	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM & DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - BULOKE SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Buloke Shire Council in receipt of \$2,000,000 under Drought Communities Program & Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive less than \$2.5 million? Provide a list of all projects and when final funding will be delivered.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
125	529	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM & DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Coonamble Shire Council in receipt of \$2,572,745 under Drought Communities Program & Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$2.5 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a justification for the additional allocation.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

126	530	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM & DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - FLINDERS SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Flinders Shire Council in receipt of \$2,348,381 under. Why did this council receive less than \$2.5 million? Provide a list of all projects and when final funding will be delivered.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
127	531	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - FRANKLIN HARBOUR COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Franklin Harbour Council in receipt of \$1,163,707 under Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$1 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a justification for the additional allocation.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
128	532	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - GOONDIWINDI REGIONAL COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Goondiwindi Regional Council in receipt of \$1,035,000 under Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$1 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a justification for the additional allocation.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
129	533	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Gwydir Shire Council in receipt of \$1,033,000 under Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$1 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a justification for the additional allocation.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
130	534	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM & DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Murweh Shire Council in receipt of \$2,555,929 under Drought Communities Program & Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$2.5 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a justification for the additional allocation.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

131	535	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM & DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Walgett Shire Council in receipt of \$2,637,513 under Drought Communities Program & Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$2.5 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a justification for the additional allocation.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
132	536	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM & DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Winton Shire Council in receipt of \$2,954,182 under Drought Communities Program & Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$2.5 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a justification for the additional allocation.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
133	537	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM & DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Yarriambiack Shire Council in receipt of \$2,9510,224 under Drought Communities Program & Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$2.5 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a justification for the additional allocation.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
134	538	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - TOOWOOMBA REGIONAL COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Toowoomba Regional Council in receipt of \$1,010,117 under Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$1 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a justification for the additional allocation.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
135	539	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - RDA FAR WEST	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists RDA Far West in receipt of \$1,006,568,000 under Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this organisation receive more than \$1 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					justification for the additional allocation. Confirm RDA Far West received the funding for the Unincorporated Far West region of NSW.		
136	540	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Wentworth Shire Council in receipt of \$1,010,000 under Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$1 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a justification for the additional allocation.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
137	541	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM & DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Boulia Shire Council in receipt of \$2,503,710 under Drought Communities Program & Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive more than \$2.5 million? Who approved the additional expenditure? Provide a list of all projects and a justification for the additional allocation.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
138	542	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM & DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Brewarrina Shire Council in receipt of \$2,377,453 under Drought Communities Program & Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive less than \$2.5 million? Provide a list of all projects and when final funding will be delivered.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
139	543	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM - BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Burke Shire Council in receipt of \$1,488,386 under Drought Communities Program. Why did this council receive less than \$1.5 million? Provide a list of all projects and when final funding will be delivered.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
140	544	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM & DROUGHT	The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Cowra Shire Council in receipt of \$1,000,000 under Drought Communities Program & Drought Communities Program Extension. Why did this council receive less than \$2.5 million? Provide a list of all projects and when final funding will be delivered.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	



				COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - COWRA SHIRE COUNCIL			
141	545	RD&LG	STERLE	CHANGED THE ELIGIBILITY FOR MOYNE SHIRE COUNCIL	Has the Minister changed the eligibility for Moyne Shire Council? If not, why not? As the Council has rejected eligibility and will not apply for funding, is the \$1 million being re-allocated?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
142	546	RD&LG	STERLE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM EXTENSION - LIST OF ALL COUNCILS	Provide a list of all councils that have approached the Government for an assessment of eligibility under the Drought Communities Program Extension. Was analysis and assessment undertaken? If so, provide results. If not, why not?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
143	547	RD&LG	STERLE	RAINFALL RATE AND AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY EMPLOYMENT RATE	Provide the rainfall rate and agriculture, fisheries and forestry employment rate as at the commencement of caretaker for the 14 councils announced during the 2019 election as eligible for Drought Communities Program Extension.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
144	548	RD&LG	STERLE	DEPARTMENT ASSESSMENT OF THE RAINFALL RATE AND AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY EMPLOYMENT RATE	Since the election, has the Department undertaken any analysis or assessment of the rainfall rate and agriculture, fisheries and forestry employment rate of the 14 councils announced during the 2019 election as eligible for Drought Communities Program Extension? If so, provide results. If not, why not?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
145	549	RD&LG	STERLE	COUNCILS NOT MEET THE RAINFALL AND AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY RATES	Do any of the 14 councils announced as eligible during the election not in fact meet the rainfall and agriculture, fisheries and forestry rates set for the other councils across the other rounds of the Drought Communities Program Extension? If so, which councils, what were the rates and to the Minister, why were these councils announced as eligible if they don't meet your own criteria?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

146	550	RD&LG	STERLE	REGIONAL DEALS	Has there been any discussion about opening up the Regional Deals to other regions? If so, provide details.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
147	553	RD&LG	STERLE	REGIONAL DEALS AS "PILOTS"	Departmental officials repeatedly referred to Regional Deals as "pilots" in evidence. Why does the Regional Deals section of the Department's website not mention that these deals are "pilots"? Why does the Government occasionally refer to these Deals as "pilots"? Are any City Deals "pilots"? When does the Government expect to conclude the "pilot" - in the next few years, at the conclusion of the 10 year Barkly Regional Deal or longer?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
148	565	RD&LG	STERLE	MAYORS REQUESTING REGIONAL DEAL	Provide any correspondence received since 1 January 2018 from Mayors requesting a Regional Deal for their community.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
149	567	RD&LG	STERLE	BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL CASH FLOW	Provide yearly cash flows by government and by project for the Barkly Regional Deal to back-up the claim that the majority of funds will be spent in the first three years.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
150	577	RD&LG	STERLE	TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND RJIP	<p>The Department's website and Government's GrantsConnect website lists Tropical North Queensland RJIP in receipt of \$18.1 million out of an announced \$20 million. All other regions received more than announced. Provide an explanation for the underspend in the Tropical North Queensland and overspend in all other regions, by region. Who authorised the additional expenditure?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tropical North Queensland - \$18.1m v \$20m</li> <li>○ Bowen - \$31m v \$30m</li> <li>○ Geelong - \$21.7m v \$20m</li> <li>○ North Coast NSW - \$25.6m v \$25m</li> <li>○ South Coast NSW - \$21.4m v \$20m</li> <li>○ Goulburn Valley - \$20.3m v \$20m</li> <li>○ Latrobe Valley - \$21.4m v \$20m</li> <li>○ Regional Tasmania - \$29m v \$27.27m</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upper Spencer Gulf - \$21.4m v \$20m</li> <li>○ Wide Bay Burnett - \$21.5m v \$20m</li> </ul>		
151	580	RD&LG	STERLE	ROUND 1 OF STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME	Provide the list of contracted and uncontracted projects with expenditure per electorate for Round 1 of Stronger Communities Program.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
152	581	RD&LG	STERLE	ROUND 2 OF STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME	Provide the list of contracted and uncontracted projects with expenditure per electorate for Round 2 of Stronger Communities Program.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
153	582	RD&LG	STERLE	ROUND 3 OF STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME	Provide the list of contracted and uncontracted projects with expenditure per electorate for	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
154	583	RD&LG	STERLE	ROUND 4 OF STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME	Provide the list of contracted and uncontracted projects with expenditure per electorate for Round 4 of Stronger Communities Program.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
155	584	RD&LG	STERLE	STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME OVERSPEND	The Department's website shows that Round 3 projects commenced from 5 August 2017 to 21 December 2017, then the Government's GrantConnect website shows that Rounds 3 and 4 projects were approved from 23 October 2017 through to 28 February 2019. The total expenditure across these databases under Stronger Communities is \$45.232 million, which is an overspend of \$232,304. Provide a reason for the overspend.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
156	588	RD&LG	STERLE	SOUTH COAST TRACK HUTS WALK (GA5127)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regarding the terms and conditions of grant GA5127, and whether any money has been paid out to the developer of the South Coast Track Walks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Do the two grants mentioned on the webpages below refer to the same grant or different grants?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Why are the amounts different?</li> <li>c. What are the terms and conditions of the grant/s?</li> <li>d. Can a copy of the application and the contract be provided/s?</li> <li>e. Has any money been paid under the grant to the proponent of this project?</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/regional-jobs-and-investment-packages/regional-tasmania/rjip-regional-tasmania-grants-recipients">https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/regional-jobs-and-investment-packages/regional-tasmania/rjip-regional-tasmania-grants-recipients</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.grants.gov.au/?event=public.GA.show&amp;GAUUIID=CE7B18B3-CDC4-4D71-DD9247DA20DEC653">https://www.grants.gov.au/?event=public.GA.show&amp;GAUUIID=CE7B18B3-CDC4-4D71-DD9247DA20DEC653</a></li> </ul>		
157	598	RD&LG	STERLE	PERTH FOOTBALL CLUB - GRANDSTAND AND COMMUNITY FACILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What government program/fund is the Federal Government contribution being made from for the grandstand and community facility development at Perth Football Club in the Town of Victoria Park?</li> <li>• How much has the Federal Government committed for the project?</li> <li>• What is the projected commencement date for the project?</li> <li>• What is the projected completion date for the project?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
158	599	RD&LG	STERLE	RANGE VIEW PARK - TENNIS COURTS REFURBISHMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What government program/fund is the Federal Government contribution being made from for the tennis courts refurbishment at Range View Park in the City of Kalamunda?</li> <li>• How much has the Federal Government committed for the project?</li> <li>• What is the projected commencement date for the project?</li> <li>• What is the projected completion date for the project?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
159	600	RD&LG	STERLE	CURTIN UNIVERSITY - NEW FOOTBALL GOAL POSTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What government program/fund is the Federal Government contribution being made from for the new football goal posts at Curtin University in the City of Canning?</li> <li>• How much has the Federal Government committed for the project?</li> <li>• What is the projected commencement date for the project?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the projected completion date for the project?</li> </ul>		
160	461	RD&LG	STERLE	IMPACT OF THE ADDITIONAL EFFICIENCY DIVIDEND	What analysis has been undertaken of the impact of the additional efficiency dividend announced on the eve of the federal election on regional public sector employment? If any, provide a copy.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
161	423	RD&LG	RICE	DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME	<p>In relation to the Drought Communities Programme and Drought Communities Programme Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How were Eligible Councils selected?</li> <li>How were rainfall deficiency data, population and industry data combined?</li> <li>Did the Minister or the Minister’s office select specific councils as eligible?</li> <li>What was the criteria in relation to rainfall?</li> <li>Which councils met the criteria based on rainfall, but were excluded based on economic factors?</li> </ul> <p>Which councils did not meet the criteria based on rainfall, but were included based on other factors?</p>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
162	603	RD&LG	LINES	VICTORIA PARK XAVIER HOCKEY CLUB	Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club - new appliances and furniture What government program/fund is the Federal Government contribution being made from for the new appliances and furniture at Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club in the Town of Victoria Park? How much has the Federal Government committed for the project? What is the projected commencement date for the project? What is the projected completion date for the project?	WRITTEN 12/11/2019	
163	604	RD&LG	LINES	REDCLIFFE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB	Redcliffe Junior Football Club - storage unit What government program/fund is the Federal Government contribution being made from for the storage unit at Redcliffe Junior Football Club in the City of Belmont? How much has the Federal Government committed for the project? What is the projected commencement date for the project? What is the projected completion date for the project?	WRITTEN 12/11/2019	

164	605	RD&LG	LINES	COKER PARK, CANNINGTON	Coker Park, Cannington - little athletics equipment and basketball courts What government program/fund is the Federal Government contribution being made from for the little athletics equipment and basketball courts at Coker Park in the City of Canning? How much has the Federal Government committed for the project? What is the projected commencement date for the project? What is the projected completion date for the project?	WRITTEN 12/11/2019	
165	606	RD&LG	LINES	SOUTH PERTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What government program/fund is the Federal Government contribution being made from for the new facilities and repairs to Ernest Johnson Oval at South Perth Junior Football Club in the City of South Perth?</li> <li>• How much has the Federal Government committed for the project?</li> <li>• What is the projected completion date for the project?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 12/11/2019	
166	609	RD&LG	LINES	STATE FOOTBALL CENTRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What government program/fund is the Federal Government contribution being made from for the construction of the State Football Centre in the City of Canning?</li> <li>• How much has the Federal Government committed for the project?</li> <li>• What is the projected commencement date for the project?</li> <li>• What is the projected completion date for the project?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 12/11/2019	
<b>Infrastructure Investment (69)</b>							
167	205	II	WATT	IMPACT OF CHANGE IN SECRETARY FOR THE ROLLOUT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> There's obviously a lot of interest in the community around infrastructure delivery. It's obviously a key component of future economic growth. So there is some interest in finding out when the role is going to be fulfilled. Ms Spence may be doing a fantastic job; I don't know.</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> Well, I can assure you that Ms Spence is and that, indeed, the government's rollout of our \$100 billion infrastructure plan is actually proceeding.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Well, we'll look at that today, won't we?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> Dr Kennedy's shift to another department has in no way impacted on the rollout of our infrastructure plan.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I wouldn't have thought it is a complicated thing to get an answer on.</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> I'll take it on notice.</p>	5 21/10/2019	

					<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Can you try to get that back today as well?  <b>Senator McKenzie:</b> Yes.</p>		
168	236	II	WATT	<p>CORRESPONDENCE FROM QUEENSLAND AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA REGARDING BRINGING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FORWARD</p>	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Thanks, everyone. There's obviously been a lot of debate publicly about infrastructure rollout. We've had the Reserve Bank governor, among others, call for projects to be brought forward. I noticed with interest some comments from the Treasurer on 11 October about this. He confessed that Queensland had responded to the Prime Minister's letter setting out projects that they did want brought forward. On this topic of fast-tracking infrastructure, who actually is the lead agency? Is it your department? Is it PM&amp;C? Is it Treasury?  <b>Mr Yeaman:</b> It's us. We're working closely with other agencies. I think there are a couple of processes running. We have through our portfolio contacts, based on advice from government, spoken to all of our counterparts in each of the state governments and said that, consistent with the public messaging, the government is interested in accelerating the program wherever possible. Each of the states is coming back to us in the normal way at MYEFO with their updated profiles.  What we've said to them at the bureaucratic level is, 'If you can demonstrate that a project can be delivered more quickly, our government is sympathetic to that. It all depends on, obviously, ultimate budget decisions and being able to get the funding within the chosen profile. But we want to hear what those asks are.' The key is that we want surety that those projects they are asking to bring forward can be delivered in a more accelerated timeframe so that we don't ultimately have to then defer last-time payments at a later date. So we've done that at the bureaucratic level.  I'm aware that at the ministerial level in our portfolio both the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Tudge have met with all of their state counterparts since the election campaign a number of times to discuss the delivery of the program. They've all made that same offer and statement to their counterparts to say if you have projects to bring forward, please let our department know and bring them forward. In addition, I know that the Prime Minister and the Treasurer have had some of their own meetings with their counterparts and have provided, I believe, some correspondence to their counterparts to say we are also in the business of bringing things forward where we can. We don't have as much visibility of those. We're aware of them. We haven't got full visibility of every piece of correspondence in that case. But certainly I can say that the message has</p>	52-53 21/10/2019	

				<p>gone out across all levels of government that we are open to looking at any proposal to bring funding forward.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> ... Was the department involved in drafting the letters that the Prime Minister says he wrote to state premiers and chief ministers about bringing projects forward?</p> <p><b>Mr Caruso:</b> We were consulted by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet in the preparation of those letters.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So PM&amp;C actually drafted them and they consulted you?</p> <p><b>Mr Caruso:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> But you're the lead agency?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> In terms of the overall infrastructure program and advice to government around the total amount in the program and advice to bring projects forward, yes, we do that.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Have officials from your department been working with state officials to identify suitable projects?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Can you tell us something about when you last met with them?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We're in, I think, weekly discussions with our state counterparts. I don't mean to waste the committee's time, but for any members in particular, ahead of each MYEFO process, we go through a discussion with each state government to say, 'How is the current program tracking? What are the right milestone payments for our updated estimates? What can be either brought forward or what is running behind schedule?' So in the context of those conversations, which are ongoing, this same discussion is taking place. So it is happening weekly and daily with each state.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So it would be fair to say, then, that most or all states have given some indication of projects that they would like to see brought forward?</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> To varying degrees and in varying formats, yes, that will indicate a willingness to consider and give advice to us about what they think could be accelerated.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So even though some states may not have formally responded, each state and territory has now given some indication of the projects that they would like to see brought forward?</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> I think it's not quite all states. But the conversations that Mr Yeaman described are absolutely happening across the board. Equally, the way that each</p>		
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				<p>state or territory is responding to that discussion is slightly different. But in the broad, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Not to get too finicky about this, but which states and territories would you say have given a pretty clear indication of the projects they'd like to see brought forward?</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> A couple of the larger states have come forward. But I don't want to do a disservice or an injustice to some of the smaller states and territories as well. We certainly had detailed conversations with Queensland, South Australia and, I would say, all of the large states.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I can certainly say that, from my conversations with state governments, Queensland and South Australia are the states probably the most formalised in the way they've approached us. New South Wales has certainly had discussions about which projects they think could be brought forward or funded earlier. Victoria certainly has. There was a recent announcement by the Prime Minister around the Monash Freeway, where the government did choose to allocate some money to accelerate that program. So I think all of the eastern seaboard states have certainly been engaging in that conversation with us. Western Australia, I think, also has had some discussions with us on that front.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> They have?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Yes. They have.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> You said Queensland and South Australia are the, if you like, most formal. Does that mean they've written to the government?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> As you may be aware, we're in discussions and negotiations with the Queensland government at the moment about their overall infrastructure program. There have been a number of letters between our minister and the Queensland equivalent, Mr Bailey, and at the Premier and Prime Minister level, where they've outlined their asks and requests. That did include a request to bring forward a component of funding in Queensland.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> What about South Australia?</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> In South Australia, we've got written advice.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Department to department, or was it minister to minister?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Minister to minister.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Can you table the correspondence that has been received, then, for both Queensland and South Australia?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I need some time to check what else is in the letters and what is covered by it. In principle, yes.</p>		
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169	237	II	WATT	LETTERS TO THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FROM STATES AND TERRITORIES	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So they are the only two states that have responded in writing at this point?</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> I have a list here. Some letters were back to the Prime Minister. Some were back to the Deputy Prime Minister. I'm just making sure that I don't inadvertently answer on behalf of Prime Minister and Cabinet. South Australia we've already talked about. It looks like we've got a letter for New South Wales.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Sorry, that was South Australia or New South Wales?</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> New South Wales.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Is that to the PM or to the minister?</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> To the Deputy Prime Minister. Queensland we've already talked about. I just need to check. It looks like there's a letter from Victoria. It looks like there's a letter to the Deputy Prime Minister from Western Australia. It looks like there's a letter from the Northern Territory, although it's a bit more dated than some of the more contemporary conversations we've been talking about here. I don't have anything, I think, from the ACT. I want to check with the Deputy Prime Minister. And not the Deputy Prime Minister from Tasmania. I think they are the ones that are in other portfolios.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I will pick up Ms Dacey's point. Some of these letters were at a point in time or in the context of a particular discussion. There are other discussions occurring at the bureaucratic level in the normal way which see other things brought forward or actually some of these things subsequently not requested by the states. So there is an ongoing live conversation around that as well.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> In each of those letters, though, that has been received, they nominate projects to be brought forward or that the states would like to see brought forward?</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> They cover a range of issues. Some of them have specific projects. Some of them say, 'We're prepared and ready, willing and able,' and let officials go and have the next round of conversations. So they're kind of a mix.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I'm just wondering why the Treasurer says that it's only Queensland that has responded to the Prime Minister's letter when in fact it sounds like almost every state has written.</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> That was Friday about a week and a half ago. At that time, I think it was about the response to the Prime Minister's letter. So the Deputy Prime Minister wrote out after the budget and said, 'Here are the outcomes of the budget.' The Prime Minister's letter was a separate piece of correspondence. As of that date, which, as I recall, was 11 October, there had only been one response</p>	53-54 21/10/2019	
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170	238	II	RENNICK	GYMPIE-BYPASS PROPOSAL REPORT	<p><b>Senator RENNICK:</b> Sure. With the Gympie bypass, have we got a proposal report from the Queensland state Labor government on that?</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> I will have to take that on notice and get back to you to see whether it's part of our list.</p>	57 21/10/2019	
171	239	II	WATT	BREAKDOWN OF LAND TRANSPORT PROJECTS	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> A media report quoted the Treasurer on 11 October. This is a quote from the article: In total— the Treasurer— said the commonwealth and states were working to progress 130 land transport projects currently under construction, 140 that were in planning and 300 that had been announced in the past six months. Could we get you to table a list of those projects, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Those projects line up essentially with the 600-odd I referred to earlier. So it is the table I provided to you that contained the 360 projects we have given you and the 260 we haven't given you. I have not' done the math in my head. Essentially, that is the same bundle of major projects and all of the projects that sit within our infrastructure investment program. We have provided to you already the table which provides our best estimate of the status of those. So that's—</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> But not every one of those projects is getting fast-tracked.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> No. Certainly not. But they are the ones that are all underway between the state and federal government. So they are all, if you like, in play. We have discrete requests for bring forward.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So it would be an exaggeration to say all the 130 land transport projects, the 140 under construction and 140 in planning and the 300 that have been announced? It would be an exaggeration to say that all of them will be brought forward?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Absolutely, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> We've obviously only had a fairly short amount of time to look through these tables that have been produced. The government often is out there talking about its \$100 billion 10-year infrastructure program. Is it possible</p>	57-58 21/10/2019	

				<p>to say in total how much of that program will be spent in each of the years in the forward estimates?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I will answer that in a number of ways. Based on the budget numbers published, in the broad, the ratio was around, I think, \$48 billion, give or take, in the first four years of the forward estimates and then for the remainder in the years after the forward estimates. You can break it down. As you know, it is constructed through a number of components, some of which are available in the budget papers and some of which are not in publication. So you can break down elements of it in the year by year estimates. I guess what I would say is that, as we've discussed, they are budget figures. All of these numbers will be recut and re-profiled in MYEFO, which is upcoming. So, in a way, any breakdown would be not an accurate reflection of the current state of play.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> But in this table we have received, this figure is correct as at 1 August?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> It is. But, as you will see in the table, a number of particularly election commitments have not yet been allocated a formal funding profile by government because they have not yet gone through a budget update since the election campaign. So it can't be just simply added up and constructed in that way.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I could compare this new table against a table that Dr Kennedy provided, I think, at the budget estimates. I'm presuming that money has been moved around some projects. There will be a few behind schedule and some before schedule.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Some small changes reflect recent decisions of government and where we have taken decisions. In the broad, that ratio I described of half and half, or 48 and 52, is broadly consistent with where we currently sit across the forwards. But the bulk of our re-profiling, the vast majority, is done in the MYEFO and in the budget context. That will occur in the next month.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I quoted an article referring to projects under construction, with some in planning et cetera. I take it that you are saying that the table effectively summarises that. It, though, doesn't talk about which projects are in construction and which are in planning. I'm trying to work out how we got to those figures.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We can talk about some of the programs themselves. We have a congestion fund and the Roads of Strategic Importance. We can talk to some extent about what share of those projects are in those categories. As I said, the difference between planning, early works and discussions with the states is quite</p>		
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					<p>a blurred line for us. We have the same request from our ministers regularly. It is difficult to break down precisely those categories. But we can do our best to provide you with an indication program by program or on a project by project basis where we have detail.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> If you could, that would be great. I realise you'll have to work on that one.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Yes.</p>		
172	240	II	DAVEY	<p>INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES— BREAKDOWN OF PROJECTS</p>	<p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> You might be starting from scratch here. Forgive me for asking basics. As a general question, how is funding across infrastructure investment split between the states and the federal government? I have some state specific questions.</p> <p><b>Mr Caruso:</b> So the general approach is that, for the projects the Commonwealth is involved in, the Commonwealth funds a 50 per cent share in urban areas and an 80 per cent share in regional areas. In addition to projects that the Commonwealth funds, there are projects which are funded solely by the states.</p> <p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> How does our investment ensure that there is a portion of local procurement?</p> <p><b>Mr McClure:</b> There are a few different mechanisms. Predominantly, through the national partnership agreement that has recently been renegotiated and commenced on 1 July, there are requirements that states and territories develop local industry participation plans for projects receiving Australian government funding of \$20 million or greater. Basically, they demonstrate how they are going to go about engaging with Australian owned contractors in those projects. There's no actual mandate, but it's a requirement. Basically, when you go into that amount, you're usually looking at smaller local contractors anyway.</p> <p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> That is very good to hear.</p> <p><b>Mr McClure:</b> On top of that, the new national partnership agreement introduced an Indigenous participation framework that requires that states and territories to bring forward Indigenous targets for projects where the Commonwealth is putting in \$7½ million or more. So there's both requirements around local and Indigenous.</p> <p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> So local jobs and Indigenous jobs. That's good for a coalition government, isn't it? Just quickly, I have specific questions on New South Wales. I believe that there are co-funded projects happening at the moment. Can you give me a breakdown of how many projects are underway in New South Wales?</p>	59 21/10/2019	

					<p><b>Dr Holm:</b> There are a number of projects—in fact, 132 projects—that are underway in New South Wales at the moment. Thirty-three of those we would classify as major projects. They are ones where the Australian government has committed \$50 million or more to the project. There are 99 minor projects where the Australian government commitment is less than \$50 million. As was mentioned before, some of them would be on an 80 to 20 split if they are in regional areas. Some of them would be on a fifty-fifty split if they are in urban areas.</p> <p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> And how many are underway in planning and preconstruction? You say the 132 are underway. Is construction occurring now, or are they in the pipeline?</p> <p><b>Dr Holm:</b> There is a mix of projects that we would classify as being underway, so it is, in fact, planning as well as construction. I will perhaps come back to you on the actual breakout of those projects.</p> <p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> That would be handy...</p>		
173	241	II	WATT	URBAN CONGESTION FUND – PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE \$1 BILLION INVESTMENT	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I have some questions about the Urban Congestion Fund. Can you confirm this to start with? The Urban Congestion Fund was established in the federal budget in May 2018. That's correct?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> What was the value of the investment at that time?</p> <p><b>Mr Caruso:</b> It was \$1 billion.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> What projects were included in that \$1 billion investment?</p> <p><b>Mr Caruso:</b> To the best of my recollection, there were no projects announced in the 2018 budget, but I'll double-check that.</p>	60 21/10/2019	
174	242	II	WATT	ALLOCATION OF \$1 BILLION TO PROJECTS IN 2019	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> While we're doing this, maybe one of your colleagues could work out which ones in this table were—</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Early 2019 announcements?</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Yes. I take it we're talking there about the section under the heading 'Commitment'. If it's—</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> the budget, it would be budget 2018, if they were announced out of that first \$1 billion?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> There are some other dates in here that relate to timing of projects that are not budget specific.</p>	61 21/10/2019	

					<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> While we're doing this, could someone work out which of the projects were effectively announced out of that first \$1 billion?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Do you know whether all of that \$1 billion was allocated to individual projects in early 2019?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I don't. I'd have to take that on notice.</p>		
175	243	II	WATT	URBAN CONGESTION FUND – LIST OF PROGRAMS	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Thanks. We get to April this year and the 2019 budget. A further \$3 billion is added to the Urban Congestion Fund. Could we please get a list of projects that are going to be delivered with that additional funding?</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> We'll try to do the split for you. I have just been talking to my people. It's highly manual for the bit before the 2019 budget, so we're just struggling to see what we can pull for you at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Is it correct that all of the extra \$3 billion has been allocated?</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> No. I don't think so.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> There's still a small amount that's unallocated. The majority has been, but there is a small amount unallocated.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> When you say a small amount, roughly how much?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We will dig it out as we have the information.</p> <p><b>Mr Caruso:</b> There's approximately \$1 billion to be allocated in the Urban Congestion Fund.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I would note that the vast majority of that is in the period beyond the forward estimates. The funding is largely fully allocated. There is a small amount remaining in the order of around \$20 million to \$30 million that is unallocated in the forward estimates. But in the period beyond the forward estimates, there is still just under \$1 billion.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Of the initial \$1 billion, that's all been allocated. You don't really know whether—</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> As I said, for us it is fungible. There's no obvious distinction.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Of the \$4 billion all up, there's about \$1 billion that has not yet been allocated, which is beyond the forward estimates. So they are projects that won't see any funding until 2023-24 or later?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Correct. Notwithstanding the earlier conversation about possible acceleration of the program, which could be supported.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> If I'm thinking about round 2, the \$3 billion, none of those projects that have been announced are underway in the sense of digging and</p>	67 21/10/2019	

					<p>actual construction because there's only that one in WA?  <b>Ms Dacey:</b> That is the advice that I gave you before, yes.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> I know we've got some details of these projects, but I'm after a further level of detail for you to take on notice, please. Could you please provide the committee with a full list of all projects funded under the Urban Congestion Fund as of today's date, including when construction is expected to commence, when each project will be finalised, who will be delivering the project, how it was identified for inclusion in the list and any co-funding requirements.  <b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I would be happy to do those. As I said, it will be easier on a program by program basis for us. In terms of how the projects were identified, I think we've previously provided evidence to the committee about the selection process for projects in the Urban Congestion Fund, which were part of essentially either a cabinet process and a budget process. We described, I think to Senator Rice previously, that we've provided broad advice on urban congestion pinch points. Government took this and other information and took a decision. That will apply to all projects. Some were election commitments, which obviously are a matter for government. On that one, I think we've probably provided that information to the committee previously.  <b>Ms Dacey:</b> I will add a bit more. We'll do what we can on start dates because certainly we have some. But until we get the project proposal reports, I suspect you may well still see some to be confirmed in there.</p>		
176	244	II	WATT	URBAN CONGESTION FUND – COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> On 18 September, Minister Tudge told Channel Nine that Urban Congestion Fund projects will start construction before Christmas. Can you update the committee on which projects will start construction by Christmas?  <b>Ms Dacey:</b> To the best of my knowledge, we've given you the most up-to-date information that we have. I'll have to check further.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Are you aware of any Urban Congestion Fund projects that will commence construction before Christmas?  <b>Ms Dacey:</b> No. I haven't got the language he used precisely in front of me. I think in general terms—and we've been in very regular contact with Minister Tudge about the rollout of this program—he is well aware that a lot of that pre ditch digger work is underway and happening. Without being able to speak for him at the table, that may well have been what he was talking about.  <b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We will take it on notice as well. We have 21 projects under the UCF that are currently identified that we expect to start construction this financial</p>	68 21/10/2019	



					<p>year. It's possible some will start in December, but I'd like to just confirm whether we have anything we can add to that.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Can you take on notice which ones will commence construction before Christmas?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Yes.</p>		
177	245	II	WATT	LIST OF COMMUTER CARPARK UPGRADES	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I will turn to commuter car parks. I believe \$500 million has been set aside for commuter car parks. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> How many car parks will there be out of that fund?</p> <p><b>Mr Caruso:</b> So 32 car park upgrades have been identified out of the \$500 million fund.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Have they all been publicly announced?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Could you table a list of the locations of those 32 upgrades?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> They are also in the list to be provided. Everything that has been announced is in that list marked against the car park program.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So if I'm looking under the subprogram, is it just Urban Congestion Fund, or is there a specific one?</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> No. It will just be called Urban Congestion Fund.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> My apologies. I thought we'd broken them out separately.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Could we get you to produce a list just of the commuter upgrades, please.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Yes.</p>	69 21/10/2019	
178	246	II	WATT	COMMUTER CARPARKS	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> And how those locations were identified.</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> My understanding—this is before my time—was through a variety of ways, including advice from communities who were seeking more car parking to representations to straight decisions of government.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> It was the same process. It was a decision of government based on the advice of the department around where there was a congestion need and based on input from particularly local councils on where they saw a capacity to make a difference.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> These were all announced during the election campaign, weren't they, or were some announced before?</p> <p><b>Mr Caruso:</b> I'll have to check.</p>	69-70 21/10/2019	

					<p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> The vast majority were in the election campaign.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So the department did provide advice?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> It provided advice in the budget context around urban congestion priorities for government to support the allocation of the Urban Congestion Fund and the car park fund.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So that advice in relation to the car parks identified particular locations that, in the department's view, were a priority?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Our advice focused primarily on network analysis around where there were particular congestion bottlenecks and hot spots that could be addressed through a variety of means.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Could you table, if you like, the short list that the department provided?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> As I said, our advice was provided in the budget context as part of finalising the 2019-20 budget. We haven't previously provided that information.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I'm asking you if you could table it, please.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I'll have a look and see what we can provide.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> How many of the 32 upgrades that were announced were identified by department as being priorities?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Again, I'll take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> And how many weren't; that is the other part of the question? Were some upgrades that were announced that weren't identified as priorities by the department?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I will take it on notice.</p>		
179	247	II	WATT	COMMUTER CARPARKS	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay. I will stick with commuter car parks and a specific example. There was an article in the <i>Age</i> on 20 August; I have a copy here if anyone needs it. It is an opinion piece by Shane Wright on congestion. Do you know the article I'm referring to? I can pass you a copy. The headline is 'Mega schools bursting at seams'. It's about congestion around schools. In brief terms, the article claims that almost all of the 30 promised car parks—and we now know it's actually 32—are in Liberal held seats in Melbourne's south-east and that the federal government hadn't talked to the state government about the projects, of which at least one may be physically impossible to build. The federal government hadn't spoken to the state governments about how they were going to deal with public transport congestion. What consultation did occur with the state governments about these projects?</p>	72-73 21/10/2019	

				<p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I'm happy to go over it again. I believe that we have canvassed this in previous hearings in some detail. We had discussions with our state government counterparts at the bureaucratic level about their congestion priorities in the broad. That fed into our analysis and thinking that we provided to government as part of the budget process. Ultimately, the decisions around which locations were chosen were matters for government. They took those.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So how were issues around public transport congestion considered in determining locations?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> What we're doing as par of the car park program now is as we develop the design and the approach to each car park, we're having discussions with the states and local governments around how it integrates with the network, what else can be done around active transport and how our bus networks and other things can combine with the car parks. So that is part of the design process. Having marked the location out through the election or the budget, we are now in discussions around how those locations best integrate with the network as part of the design.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> The article claims that almost all of the promised car parks are in Liberal held seats. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We don't have that. The table we provided you has an electorate breakdown and a location breakdown. But it is a matter for government where those locations were.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> How many are in Minister Tudge's own electorate?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I don't know.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Wherever they were located, that was a decision of government, which is another way of saying Minister Tudge, in consultation with his colleagues?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> It was through the budget process or through the election process.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> The ABC ran a story earlier this month about the suburb of Tarneit on Melbourne's western fringe. According to this story on the ABC, the commuter car park in Tarneit has been open for four years and is already overflowing by 7 am each weekday. In the afternoon, commuters run for their cars to avoid gridlock at the station. Was Tarneit considered for a commuter car park under the Urban Congestion Fund?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I have just been passed a note again. My understanding is that Tarneit is being considered as part of the Victorian government car park upgrade program separately. At each state level there is also a number of these car park</p>		
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					<p>programs running. I believe that one has been marked out as part of the Victorian program.</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> I will add to Mr Yeaman's answer. That is part of the discussion we are having with local councils and with the Victorian government. It is to look at where their program is, what our program is and how we make sure that there's no duplication or cross-cutting outcomes achieved.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I would also just note for completeness that it is certainly the case that you could identify across the country a large number of car park locations where there is a need for further investment. The government took decisions around how to allocate the money that was in the fund. There are any number of locations, both on congestion and car parks, across the country that could warrant further investment over time.</p> <p><b>Ms Dacey:</b> Just to cover off, I have been advised that there are two car parks in Minister Tudge's electorate.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Two.</p> <p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> I want to clarify on the back of Senator Watt's questions. I think the implication from Senator Watt is that the government has determined the site for these car parks rather than a due process.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Well, that's what we're being told—that they are a decision of government.</p> <p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> That's why I just want to clarify what we're being told. Is your evidence to the committee that the government determined the locations and that there was no consultation with states and transport authorities as to where these locations and car parks should be located?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> To be clear—again, I've mentioned this in probably greater granularity in previous hearings—the department provided a range of advice to government in the lead-up to the 2019-20 budget around what we considered to be the broad areas of priority in terms of congestion. That was based partly on our own engagements with our state counterparts, with local councils and with others. The government also did their own consultation with local councils and other representatives from the community. That was all considered together as part of the budget process in the 2019-20 budget. Ultimately, the government took a decision on the location of those car parks.</p> <p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> So it wasn't arbitrary the government saying, 'I want a car park here? 'It was based on advice that they'd received from yourself and others, and then they undertook a process to determine the final priority areas?</p>		
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180	248	II	LINES	RAIL CROSSING PROJECTS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA	<p><b>Senator LINES:</b> There are a number of rail crossing projects in Western Australia. There is Oats Street, Mint Street et cetera. What is the start-up time for them? Where is the discussion up to?</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> They are still discussions ongoing about our planning for that, working closely with the state, so we haven't got dates yet on timings. Obviously it requires a lot of community consultation for those projects.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> So you're in discussion with the state government?</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Have you got a date in mind of when you would want the projects to be started?</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> We don't at this moment. As I said, we're understanding what the scope of it might be and what the options may be and what the timeframes are.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> When this commitment was made—and it was made during the election campaign—what work had been done before then? Obviously there is a figure around the rail crossings et cetera?</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> I'll have to take on notice how much work was done before. But obviously there are discussions with the state counterparts, understanding that their priorities were to identify what those crossings are. I'll come back on how much the scope was actually up to standard</p>	73 21/10/2019	
181	249	II	LINES	RAIL CROSSING PROJECTS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA	<p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I'm aware that on that particular stretch in Western Australia there had been work done on some related level crossings previously by the Western Australian government.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Denny Avenue?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Correct. We have our own rules of thumb inside the department</p>	74-75 21/10/2019	

				<p>around what a standard level crossing removal may cost, depending on the nature of the rail and depending on the location, to help inform our initial commitment to that. We then have to go through the detailed design process to understand—</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> So you extrapolated from the cost of Denny Avenue to what it might cost for these other three?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We often do that. It is not just the Denny Avenue one. We look at what we understand to be the average cost of a level crossing removal to help fund that.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> In fact, the cost could be more than that?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> For all our projects, it could be more. It could be less. We go through that process.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> But no-one in the room can tell me what your department has done prior to this announcement being made? I appreciate you were having discussions with the state government and they are ongoing. But to come up with this election commitment, I'm trying to understand what work your department had done.</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> So we take advice from the state, obviously, on what it might be and then do an assessment of what we understand based on similar projects.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> That is the piece of work I'm trying to understand—what you'd done.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We can take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> I just find it a bit extraordinary the whole department is here and no-one can tell me what work was done, that's all.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I suspect at the time—my understanding, and I cannot confirm this to you—is that the project was identified by the Western Australian government and provided to us as something that they would like to see progress. We can take on notice whether we have that work that was provided to us.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> You haven't got this figure based on the cost of rail crossings?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We take the work they provided to us and do our own estimates.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> So you hadn't done any detailed work?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I think what we're saying is we'd rather take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Sure. I'm just saying that you hadn't done any detailed work?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I'm just saying that we'll take it on notice what work has been done.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Maybe the state government had done detailed work and they</p>		
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					<p>provided that information to us, which we assessed.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> But your department hadn't done the detailed work?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We'll take it on notice and check.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> I don't know, Senator Sterle, if you can help me. I just find it extraordinary that we have a whole bunch of officials here and no-one can tell me whether detailed work was done.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Welcome to estimates, Senator Lines.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> It's a pretty simple question.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> There was a time when officials would come armed with people flown out the back and everything would be available.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Can you get the information today?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> We have taken it on notice. We'll get to you what we can today.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> My question is: how much work did you do? It's pretty simple.</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> We'll take it on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I know the intersections. It is Senator Lines's backyard. So the state government proposed that?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We will need to take it on notice. You would appreciate that we do try very hard to prepare as well as we can for estimates. We have many tables here. We have over 600—</p>		
182	251	II	WATT	ROADS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> My next set of questions is about the Roads of Strategic Importance program, or ROSI. For those following at home, this was another fund that I think was established in the 2018 budget. That's right, isn't it, that this fund was established then?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> That's correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> It was established in the 2018-19 budget. Similar to ROSI, there was additional funding announced in the 2019-20 budget. The majority of the funding was allocated to specific projects in that 2019-20 budget.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> When it was announced in the May 2018 budget, there was \$3.5 billion allocated to roads of strategic importance. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> The minister, Minister McCormack, did a media release at the time announcing this new program. He identified a number of what he called immediate priorities. They included \$1.5 billion for northern Australia, \$400</p>	77-78 21/10/2019	

					<p>million for roads in Tasmania, including the Bass Highway, \$220 million for a bypass of Bindoon in WA, \$100 million for the Barton Highway between Canberra and Yass and perhaps other examples. Can you update the committee on how these immediate priorities, as the Deputy Prime Minister described them, are progressing?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I will ask my colleagues to speak to the specific projects and corridors that you mentioned. I might ask my colleague Ms Rosengren to start with the Great Northern Highway Bindoon bypass. The \$1.5 billion that you refer to for northern Australia was essentially an allocation within the overall program earmarked and dedicated for northern Australia. As I understand it, the immediate priorities that were identified were, as you say, the Tasmanian roads package, the Barton Highway corridor and the Great Northern Highway. I'll ask my colleagues to provide an update on those projects.</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> With the Bindoon bypass, the business case is currently with Infrastructure Australia for assessment. While that's still being considered, land acquisitions have commenced. A lot of the design and plan work is obviously being completed.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I do have some questions about the specific projects. Of that \$3.5 billion that was announced about 18 months ago for immediate priorities, how much has been spent to date?</p> <p><b>Mr Caruso:</b> I would have to look that up. We will have to take that on notice.</p>		
183	252	II	WATT	BINDOON BYPASS	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Someone was talking about the Bindoon Bypass project earlier. Where are we up to with this one?</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> That was me. The business case is with Infrastructure Australia for assessment, but in the meantime we've started the acquisitions for that project.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> When do you expect that project to begin construction?</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> Once we hear back from Infrastructure Australia. We'd be looking probably at 2021 calendar year.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> When would you expect that project to be completed?</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> I'd have to take that on notice and get back to you on that.</p>	83 21/10/2019	
184	253	II	WATT	INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FUNDING FOR NORTHERN AUSTRALIA	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> We just had a quick look at that table, which basically sets out all of the infrastructure program. One of the things I've been trying to establish for some time is the year that some of the projects in Northern Australia will start receiving funding. There's been a number of projects—for example, the</p>	83-84 21/10/2019	



					<p>Rockhampton Ring Road, and there are other examples—where previously there has been no commitment as to the year that funding would begin flowing. We notice that this table we've now got today does give some dates, some years. For instance, with the Mackay Ring Road Stage 2, which the government announced and campaigned on during the election, what we now know for the first time is that the first year that any of that \$280 million will flow for that project is 2025-26. Minister, is there any reason that people in the Dawson electorate weren't told earlier that their Ring Road Stage 2 project wouldn't be receiving any funding for another six or seven years?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> I'll have to take that on notice.</p>		
185	254	II	STERLE	HAWKESBURY RIVER THIRD CROSSING	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Let's go to Hawkesbury River Third Crossing. The government has committed \$200 million to the project, I am told, but only \$30 million will flow through the forward estimates? Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Dr Holm:</b> Just while I pull up the schedule, we're expecting the development project proposal report in February of next year. So, \$5 million is committed in 2020-21, \$10 million in 2021-22, \$15 million in 2022-23, and then a fairly strong tail, 2023-24, \$70 million. And then \$50 million and \$50 million through to 2024-25 and 2025-26. 2025-26 is where it's expended.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> When do we expect the project to actually get underway? Two years time or is it three?</p> <p><b>Dr Holm:</b> The planning approval we would expect at the end of 2021. Obviously the construction is then going to be informed by that process. Obviously as the New South Wales government is coming towards planning approval, they've got a detailed understanding of the project, they will be going out to tender and the like.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> It is dangerous to assume in this game. If there's a \$5 million, \$10 million and \$15 million for 2022-23, am I right to think that the construction really gets underway around 2023-24 with the \$70 million injection?</p> <p><b>Dr Holm:</b> Our understanding is that the construction would actually start in earnest in 2022. Obviously there's going to be early works, preconstruction activities and so on.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So 2021-22?</p> <p><b>Dr Holm:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Given that it was announced as a congestion busting project for Hawkesbury residents, when do you think that the project will be complete and</p>	89-90 21/10/2019	

					<p>delivering capacity and congestion benefits? Is that not till the end?</p> <p><b>Dr Holm:</b> Based on the funding profile, the project is going to be complete in 2025-26. From our discussions with the New South Wales government, our understanding is that they're looking to roll that project out in stages. There's the bridge piece of work itself and then there's the supporting road infrastructure on either side of the bridge. I would expect that the local community would experience the benefits of that project prior to the actual crossing itself, because the road network which supports that would also be providing some benefits.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Why? Is there an old bridge already there?</p> <p><b>Dr Holm:</b> There are two crossings, as I understand it, over the Hawkesbury, and so this is to provide a third supporting bridge.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So they could use the new road but the old bridge; is that what you're saying?</p> <p><b>Dr Holm:</b> Yes, upgrades of the local road network.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> It is more I think about access. So, there are incremental benefits coming through the project.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Is it correct that the New South Wales government allocated \$7 million in 2018 to undertake planning for the crossing? You've talked about planning approval by 2021, for which the Commonwealth is chipping in \$5 million. I'm led to believe the New South Wales state government has offered \$7 million last year?</p> <p><b>Dr Holm:</b> The New South Wales government?</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Yes, from New South Wales.</p> <p><b>Dr Holm:</b> I don't have that information at hand, sorry.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> If someone could come back to us later and let us know. Unless someone else behind you knows, if there is a flurry of activity, which we normally see? No, it's all gone quiet again. Don't stress on it.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We will see what we can find. I do recall there was some earlier planning work done by the New South Wales government on the bridge.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Early in the state election?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I don't know the timing. I just know there had been some previous work done, but we'll need to dig out the details.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I'm told there's \$7 million that was offered up to undertake the planning of that. Have you given any consideration to bringing it forward if the state has already tipped in or committed \$7 million?</p> <p><b>Dr Holm:</b> If I could take that question on notice?</p>		
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186	255	II	STERLE	JETTY ROAD, MORNINGTON PENINSULA FREEWAY	<p><b>Mr McClure:</b> Is this the Jetty Road, Mornington Peninsula Freeway intersection upgrade? There are a couple of projects.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Yes, the Jetty Road, Mornington Peninsula Freeway.</p> <p><b>Mr McClure:</b> I will sound a little bit like I've said for the last couple of projects.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Same deal?</p> <p><b>Mr McClure:</b> It's a 2019-20 budget commitment. We're still waiting for the project proposal report. We expect that to come through fairly soon. Indicatively, we are expecting the project to be finished around 2023-24.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So, sleeves are rolled up. Just waiting for the state government to come back? Still not there yet? Nothing's changed?</p> <p><b>Mr McClure:</b> As I said, the nature of these projects is that, once they get a funding commitment and the work starts, there's a fair bit of work to get to the point where construction can start.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So, we've got \$5 million for the immediate roundabout and pedestrians; is that right? These are the listed three components of work; is that correct? He said it's \$5 million for the immediate roundabout and \$5 million to install noise reduction barriers on the Mornington Peninsula Freeway?</p> <p><b>Mr McClure:</b> I haven't got quite that detail here, but I could check that for you.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So, \$60 million in federal government funds to construct a full freeway overpass at Jetty Road? If you haven't got the details there—</p> <p><b>Mr McClure:</b> I'll take that on notice, if I could? As I said, there are a couple of projects.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> If you haven't got it, I can't ask the other questions. If you haven't got it in front of you, you don't know.</p> <p><b>Mr McClure:</b> There's two components. There's a \$10 million commitment and then there's a \$65 million commitment through the Urban Congestion Fund. There's a couple of components to the work on the Mornington Peninsula Freeway.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> There's \$65 million and \$10 million?</p> <p><b>Mr McClure:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> All up it's a \$75 million—</p> <p><b>Mr McClure:</b> There are two components. They're concentrating on different parts of that freeway. There is a couple of commitments there, both in the earlier</p>	92 21/10/2019	

					stages of development, having funding committed through the 2019-20 budget.		
187	256	II	STERLE	ROAD CORRIDORS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Let's skip straight to the Northern Territory and then we can wrap this bit up. What is the process to decide what sections or roads or bridges are undertaken each year in the various road corridors in the NT?</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> Under the bridges renewal program, if you're talking about that? I might actually pass—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I'm talking about the road corridors.</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> The road corridors? So, the ROSI corridors? We engage with the Northern Territory and the councils to find out what their priorities are along the corridors within the Northern Territory.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Is there a prioritisation process for such sections?</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> Sorry?</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Is there a prioritisation?</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> There is a prioritisation.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> You just take everything from the councils?</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> No, obviously we're talking very long distances. The allocations aren't sufficient to cover the entire road so, yes, there is a prioritisation process.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Could you tell us which sections of roads or corridors are scheduled to be done in the next two years?</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> A couple of the projects I have already mentioned. The Mango Road—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> You've mentioned them already. That's okay. You've gone through them.</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> I have already mentioned three that are getting under way in the next year.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Are there any bridges that you haven't mentioned?</p> <p><b>Ms Rosengren:</b> The bridges are done under a separate program. I don't have the details here. I'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> That'll do, thanks. That's fine.</p>	92-93 21/10/2019	
188	301	II	MCMAHON	EAST COAST LINK	<p><b>Senator McMAHON:</b> The Northern Territory currently has a north-south rail line providing freight and passenger services between Adelaide and Darwin. Construction of an east-west rail line connecting to Tennant Creek is a project that has been examined previously. Such a project would allow expansion of</p>	122-123 21/10/2019	

					<p>freight and passenger services for the Northern Territory and has potential to drive development of the Darwin port as a freight entry point. Feasibility of the East Coast Link has been examined by the federal government in the past, with follow-up studies conducted since then. What's the current status of the possibility of this rail line?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> At this stage, in relation to the inland rail project, there is active consideration being given by government to invest or pursue that project at this time, and it hasn't been raised with us, to my knowledge, by the Northern Territory government. Having raised it, we will make some further inquiries and see whether there has been any approach. But at this stage it's not under active consideration.</p> <p><b>Senator McMAHON:</b> Can you detail what conclusions have been drawn on it in the past?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I'd have to go back and have a look at those previous reports. At the moment it's not under active consideration.</p> <p><b>Senator McMAHON:</b> And at the moment there are no plans to further pursue this idea?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Not at this stage. Given that you've raised it, we'll go back and have a look at it, but at this stage no.</p> <p><b>Senator McMAHON:</b> And the Northern Territory government hasn't raised the issue with you at all?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Not to my knowledge, no. We've met with them regularly, and it hasn't been in any of my discussions with them.</p>		
189	209	II	PRATT	<p>INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR THE SOUTH WEST REGION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA</p>	<p>1. Can the department please provide the figure of expenditure that the Government has delivered to the South West region of Western Australia for infrastructure projects for the following financial years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2013-14</li> <li>b. 2014-15</li> <li>c. 2015-16</li> <li>d. 2016-17</li> <li>e. 2017-18</li> <li>f. 2018-19</li> </ul>	<p>WRITTEN 4/11/2019</p>	

190	250	II	PRATT	BREAKDOWN OF FIGURES BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the department please breakdown the figures by the following local Government areas                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. City of Bunbury</li> <li>b. City of Busselton</li> <li>c. Shire of Dardanup</li> <li>d. Shire of Harvey</li> <li>e. Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup</li> <li>f. Shire of Capel</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
191	360	II	FARRELL	KAKADU NATIONAL PARK	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide an update on the current status of the upgrade to Kakadu National Park                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Has planning commenced?                                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If not, when will it?</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Has work commenced?                                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If not, when will it?</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. What is the timeline for the project?</li> <li>d. When will it be completed?</li> <li>e. What conversations and negotiations have been had with the Northern Territory Government?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Please detail what work will be undertaken as a part of the funding committed to Kakadu National Park?</li> </ol>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
192	361	II	LINES	BLACK SPOT ROADS PROGRAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which projects have been submitted for funding under the Australian Government Black Spot Program since 2016?</li> <li>• How much has been committed for each successful project?</li> <li>• What are the projected commencement and completion dates for each project?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 6/11/2019	
193	371	II	STERLE	INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide an overview of the role of the taskforce?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

				TASKFORCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How long has it been in place?</li> <li>• How many staff are supporting the taskforce?</li> <li>• How does its role relate to the work of the Infrastructure Project Financing Authority that was moved from the Department of Infrastructure to the Treasury on 8 August?</li> <li>• Does this taskforce work with Infrastructure Australia?</li> <li>• Will it produce a report? When? Will the report be released?</li> </ul>										
194	372	II	STERLE	BLACK SPOT PROGRAM - MEMBERS LIST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can the Department provide full lists of members for each Black Spot consultative panel, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Which Federal parliamentary representatives chair the Black Spot Consultative Panels in each state?</li> <li>o Which road user interest groups are represented on the Consultative Panels in each state?</li> <li>o How many representatives are on each state panel?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019									
195	373	II	STERLE	BLACK SPOT CONSULTATIVE PANELS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In terms of process, is an initial assessment made of compliant applications by the relevant state department prior to consideration by the Black Spot Consultative Panels?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o If not, how many times will the Consultative Panel meet to consider the merits of applications prior to their recommendation?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Can Consultative Panels make recommendations to increase the 30 per cent cap on funding for projects not within the scope of the minimum Benefit Cost Ratio if compliant applications fail to meet annual funding caps?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o If not, why not?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019									
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197	375	II	STERLE	REVIEW OF THE BLACK SPOT FUNDING PROGRAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When was the Black Spot Funding program last reviewed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Who conducted the review?</li> <li>○ Who received the report?</li> <li>○ What were the recommendations?</li> <li>○ Were all recommendations implemented in full?</li> <li>○ If not, why not?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019																													
198	376	II	STERLE	PRINCES HIGHWAY CORRIDOR STRATEGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Princes Highway Corridor Strategy was released on 6 November 2019. Can the Department please advise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How will the Government be responding to the findings of this strategy?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019																													



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199	431	II	STERLE	SECRETARY RECRUITMENT	Has Dr Kennedy's shift to Treasury and the long period with an acting Secretary impacted on the rollout of the infrastructure plan?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
200	433	II	STERLE	PROJECTS IDENTIFIED THAT CAN BE BROUGHT FORWARD	As per Tabled Document 1, provide details of all projects identified by State and Territory Governments that can be brought forward and/or require additional funding.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
201	435	II	STERLE	MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE FOR PROJECTS BROUGHT FORWARD	Provide all Ministerial correspondence to and from State and Territory Governments regarding projects that can be brought forward and/or require additional funding.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
202	437	II	STERLE	STAGE TWO UPGRADES TO THE MONASH AND PRINCES FREEWAYS	Confirm as per the Herald Sun article on 4 September 2019, work on Stage Two upgrades to the Monash and Princes Freeways in Victoria is slightly delayed to early 2020.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
203	439	II	STERLE	ADVICE PROVIDED TO MINISTERS REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING	Has any advice been provided to Ministers on bringing forward infrastructure spending in consultation with local government—for example, on road maintenance?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
204	443	II	STERLE	UPDATE TO TABLE DOCUMENT 1	<p>As per Mr Yeaman's evidence "So it is the table I provided to you contained the 360 projects we have given you and the 260 we haven't given you".</p> <p>Tabled Document 1 does not include project status - under construction, in planning and announced.</p> <p>Provide an update to this table as at 8 November 2019 including all projects (360 projects from original document and 260 projects not included) as well as project status for all projects.</p>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

205	446	II	STERLE	COMMONWEALTH FUNDING	<p>Mr Caruso said: "So the general approach is that, for the projects the Commonwealth is involved in, the Commonwealth funds a 50 per cent share in urban areas and an 80 per cent share in regional areas."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When was this decision taken?</li> <li>- Who made this decision?</li> <li>- What is an urban area? What is a regional area?</li> <li>- Provide explanations for all urban projects that do not attract this "general approach".</li> <li>- Provide explanations for all regional projects that do not attract this "general approach".</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
206	448	II	STERLE	LIST OF PROJECTS COMMITTED FROM THE ORIGINAL \$1 BILLION UCF	<p>Provide a list of projects committed to from the original \$1 billion Urban Congestion Fund before the Government announced a further \$3 billion in April 2019?</p>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
207	450	II	STERLE	BROADWAY UPGRADE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA	<p>Ms Dacey contended that construction of the Broadway upgrade in Western Australia is underway but no funding had been provided from the Urban Congestion Fund as at 21 October 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The City of Swan website lists this project as a four stage project - which stages is the Federal Government providing funding for?</li> <li>- As at 21 October 2019 what funding has been delivered to the City of Swan for this project? As at 21 October 2019 what funding has been delivered to the State Government for this project? (breakdown by Stage)</li> <li>- As at 8 November 2019 what funding has been delivered to the City of Swan for this project? As at 8 November 2019 what funding has been delivered to the State Government for this project? (breakdown by Stage)</li> <li>- When did construction commence on Stage 1? When did construction conclude on Stage 1?</li> <li>- When did construction commence on Stage 2? When did construction conclude / is expected to conclude on Stage 2?</li> <li>- When did construction commence / is expected to commence on Stage 3</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<p>and 4? When did construction conclude / is expected to conclude on Stage 3 and 4?</p> <p>- When did the Department first give advice to the Minister(s) on the Broadway upgrade in Western Australia?</p>		
208	454	II	STERLE	<p>LIST OF THE 21 PROJECTS FROM THE URBAN CONGESTION FUND THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO START CONSTRUCTION IN THE 2019-20</p>	<p>Provide a list of the 21 projects from the Urban Congestion Fund that have the potential to start construction in the 2019-20 financial year, as alluded to by Mr Yeaman.</p> <p>Provide details of any further projects where updated advice has been received since 21 October 2019.</p>	<p>WRITTEN 8/11/2019</p>	
209	456	II	STERLE	<p>LIST OF THE 38 PROJECTS FROM THE URBAN CONGESTION FUND THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO START CONSTRUCTION IN THE 2020-21</p>	<p>Provide a list of the 38 projects from the Urban Congestion Fund that have the potential to start construction in the 2020-21 financial year, as alluded to by Mr Yeaman.</p> <p>Provide details of any further projects where updated advice has been received since 21 October 2019.</p>	<p>WRITTEN 8/11/2019</p>	
210	458	II	STERLE	<p>LIST OF ALL CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WITH A 10 YEAR FUNDING PROFILE</p>	<p>Mr McClure stated "The document we've handed out covers projects that have come into our program from the 2018-19 budget and onwards."</p> <p>In his letter to the Acting Secretary, Senator Sterle sought "full 10 year funding profiles for all projects to be delivered under the Government's 10 year \$100 billion infrastructure program, including any uncommitted funds... including all projects announced prior to the 2019 Budget, and any projects announced since that time."</p> <p>Provide a full list of all current infrastructure projects with a 10 year funding profile with the following information as at 8 November 2019 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project scope, location and electorate</li> <li>• Australian Government funding amount</li> <li>• Australian Government funding share</li> </ul>	<p>WRITTEN 8/11/2019</p>	

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211	460	II	STERLE	ENGAGEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND APPROVALS PROCESSES	<p>What engagement does the Department have with the Department of Environment and Energy on environmental assessment and approvals processes?</p> <p>Provide a list of all major infrastructure projects currently before the Department of Environment and Energy for environmental assessment and approvals, including the date the project was referred.</p>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
212	462	II	STERLE	LIST OF PROJECTS COMMITTED TO THE NEW \$3 BILLION URBAN CONGESTION FUND	Provide a list of projects committed to from the new \$3 billion that was added to the Urban Congestion Fund in April 2019.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
213	465	II	STERLE	UNALLOCATED FUNDS OF THE \$4 BILLION URBAN CONGESTION FUND	How much of the \$4 billion Urban Congestion Fund remains unallocated? Provide a year-by-year breakdown.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
214	467	II	STERLE	LIST OF ALL PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER THE URBAN CONGESTION FUND	Provide a full list of all projects funded under the Urban Congestion Fund as of today's date, including when construction is expected to commence, when each project will be finalised, who will be delivering the project, how it was identified for inclusion in the list and any co-funding requirements.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
215	468	II	STERLE	URBAN CONGESTION FUND PROJECTS STARTING BY CHRISTMAS	Noting Minister Tudge's promise on Channel 9 on 17 September 2019, which Urban Congestion Fund projects will start by Christmas?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

216	469	II	STERLE	URBAN CONGESTION FUND PROJECTS STARTING BY EARLY 2020	Noting Minister Tudge's promise in Question Time on 21 October 2019, which Urban Congestion Fund projects will start by early 2020?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
217	470	II	STERLE	ADVICE ON TO GOVERNMENT ON THE URBAN CONGESTION FUND PRIORITIES	Noting Mr Yeaman's evidence that the Department "provided advice in the budget context around urban congestion fund priorities for government to support the allocation of the Urban Congestion Fund and the car park fund", was any advice provided to government about urban congestion priorities in the western suburbs of Melbourne, Adelaide, the northern suburbs of Perth or the northern suburbs of Brisbane?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
218	471	II	STERLE	32 CAR PARK UPGRADES	Which of the 32 car park upgrades announced by the Government were identified by the Department as being priorities?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
219	474	II	STERLE	MANDURAH PARKING BAYS PROJECT	Ms Dacey said the Mandurah Parking Bays project is going out to tender soon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why is this project listed on Tabled Document 1 as an Urban Congestion Fund project but not listed on Tabled Document 6 as a National Commuter Car Park Fund project?</li> <li>- Tabled Document 1 states the Australian Government forecasts to spend \$16 million in 2020-21. If the project is going to tender soon, will part of that spending be brought forward to 2019-20?</li> <li>- How many car park upgrades are funded out of the general Urban Congestion Fund?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
220	477	II	STERLE	NAMES OF THE TWO CAR PARK PROJECTS IN NSW	Provide the names of the two car park projects in NSW Dr Holm said that property acquisition is commencing.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
221	479	II	STERLE	RAIL LEVEL CROSSING REMOVALS PROJECTS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA	What work was done by the Department before the Government announced rail level crossing removals projects in Western Australia?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
222	480	II	STERLE	LIST OF PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE	Provide a list of projects approved by the Minister(s) contrary to advice provided by Infrastructure Australia. Where possible, provide any reasons used by the	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

				MINISTER(S) CONTRARY TO ADVICE PROVIDED BY INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA	Minister(s).		
223	566	II	STERLE	COMMENCEMENT DATE AND COMPLETION DATE FOR THE BRIDGEWATER BRIDGE	What is the expected construction commencement date and expected completion date for the Bridgewater Bridge in Tasmania? When will cars be driving over the new bridge?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
224	568	II	STERLE	EXPENDITURE ON ROSI	As at November 8 2019, how much has been spent from the Roads of Strategic Importance Initiative? Where?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
225	572	II	STERLE	MACKAY RING ROAD STAGE 2	Minister McKenzie - is there any reason why people in the Dawson electorate were not told earlier that the Mackay Ring Road Stage 2 will not receive any federal funding until 2025-26?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
226	574	II	STERLE	HAWKESBURY RIVER THIRD CROSSING	How is the Federal Government working with the NSW Government to progress planning for the Hawkesbury River Third Crossing, noting the NSW Government allocation of \$7 million in 2018?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
227	576	II	STERLE	MORNINGTON PENINSULA FREEWAY/JETTY ROAD PROJECTS	Further detail on the Mornington Peninsula Freeway/Jetty Road projects - describe the components of the work and the current status of each	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
228	578	II	STERLE	PRIORITISING NT ROADS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE ROADS	Provide detail on how NT Roads of Strategic Importance roads are prioritised; projects to be constructed in the NT under the Bridges Renewal Program; all projects to be delivered in the NT over the next two years	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
229	596	II	STERLE	VICTORIAN AIRPORT RAIL TUNNEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What meetings has the Department of Infrastructure had with the AirRail consortium? Please provide dates, locations of the meeting, and the level the Department was represented at (eg. Secretary, Deputy Secretary, other SES or EL staff, etc.).</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

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230	601	II	STERLE	ACTIVE TRANSPORT	Is the Australian Government an observer in Cycling and Walking Australia and New Zealand (CWANZ)?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
231	415	II	RICE	EAST WEST LINK	<p>Has the Department undertaken any work to prepare an updated business case for the East West Link in the last 18 months?</p> <p>Did the Department draft letters for the Minister to counterparts to propose next steps on a future East West Link project?</p> <p>What meetings has the Department had with Infrastructure Australia, Victorian Government officials, or other stakeholders in relation to East West Link in the last two years?</p>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
232	416	II	RICE	WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PACKAGE	Beyond the Infrastructure Australia priority list, does the Department have any lists of smaller-scale shovel-ready projects, similar to the Western Australian school maintenance package?	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
233	417	II	RICE	INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING	<p>In relation to QoN no. 2, portfolio question number 147 (<a href="https://www.aph.gov.au/api/qon/downloadestimatesquestions/EstimatesQuestion-Committeeld7-EstimatesRoundId6-PortfolioId23-QuestionNumber2">https://www.aph.gov.au/api/qon/downloadestimatesquestions/EstimatesQuestion-Committeeld7-EstimatesRoundId6-PortfolioId23-QuestionNumber2</a>), please provide updates in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimates (or exact figures, if available) of the amounts that have been spent or disbursed to date in the 2019-20 financial year;</li> <li>Estimates of the remaining amount that will be spent or disbursed during the 2019-20 financial year and in each of the future financial years;</li> <li>What amounts remain unallocated within the total \$100b amount? Please include the unallocated amounts associated with each of the ROSI, Urban Congestion and Major Business Case Fund</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The amounts associated with each of:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transfers to states for projects and subprograms</li> <li>○ Urban Congestion Fund</li> <li>○ ROSI</li> <li>○ National Rail Program</li> <li>○ Payments to the ARTC</li> <li>○ Payments to non-state entities for infrastructure projects</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The equity allocations associated with the:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail</li> <li>○ Western Sydney Airport</li> <li>○ Moorebank Intermodal Terminal</li> <li>○ Adelaide to Tarcoola Raid Upgrade</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>WestConnex</p>		
234	418	II	RICE	\$100 BILLION RECORD EXPENDITURE	Budget materials (eg <a href="https://budget.gov.au/2019-20/content/community.htm">https://budget.gov.au/2019-20/content/community.htm</a> ) refer to a 'record \$100 billion'. What measure is the Department using in identifying this commitment as record expenditure (i.e. what type of infrastructure spending, per year, etc.)? Please list the next closest expenditure record using the same measure.	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
235	428	II	RICE	AUSTROADS AND ROADS TO RECOVERY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the Department undertaken any research into the uses of recycled plastics, such as plastiphalt, in asphalt surfaces?</li> <li>• Is the department aware of any research into the use of recycled plastics that would support or not support the inclusion of products such as plastiphalt as approved or recommended road pavement materials?</li> </ul> <p>Has the Department begun work on the next funding conditions to apply to the Roads to Recovery program after 2024? When will advice be provided to Government?</p>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
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236	257	WSU	FARUQI	WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EXPERIENCE CENTRE – OPERATION COSTS	<p><b>Senator FARUQI:</b> There is a little bit of confusion as to who can answer what. I might start with my first question, which is about the Western Sydney International Airport Experience Centre? I think you would agree that most of Australia was very amused by the opening of this Western Sydney International Airport Experience Centre and in particular the inability of the Prime Minister to articulate why people would want to go to this facility to view trucks digging up earth. What is the purpose of this experience centre?</p> <p><b>Mr Millett:</b> The experience centre is at the forefront of our community engagement program. The intention of the centre is to enable the local community groups to visit the centre, to understand the history of the area in which the airport is being built, to understand the rationale for the construction of the airport and to understand how the important will transform the region both from the perspective of jobs and general economic activity over coming decades.</p> <p><b>Senator FARUQI:</b> How much did it cost to build?</p> <p><b>Mr Millett:</b> Western Sydney Airport contributed \$5 million and the department contributed, in like, for a total cost of \$10 million.</p> <p><b>Senator FARUQI:</b> The centre cost \$10 million to build?</p> <p><b>Mr Millett:</b> That's correct.</p> <p><b>Senator FARUQI:</b> How much does it cost to operate it per year?</p> <p><b>Mr Millett:</b> We're operating the facility at the moment as a requirement of the deed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It's very early days yet. I'll take the question on notice if I may and come back to you with the current cost.</p>	94 21/10/2019	
237	258	WSU	FARUQI	WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EXPERIENCE CENTRE – VISITOR NUMBERS	<p><b>Senator FARUQI:</b> What are the visitor numbers of the facility at the moment?</p> <p><b>Mr Millett:</b> The facility officially opened on 2 September and since then we've had over 1,000 visitors to the site.</p> <p><b>Senator FARUQI:</b> How many of those are tourists and how many of those are locals?</p> <p><b>Mr Millett:</b> I'll take that question on notice. We will be able to answer it, because we log the details of all of the visitors who come in. I'll come back to you on that question.</p> <p><b>Senator FARUQI:</b> Do you know how many of the visitors have been schoolchildren?</p> <p><b>Mr Millett:</b> A small number to date. We're planning for larger school groups early next year once we've bedded down the operation of the facility.</p>	94 21/10/2019	

					<p><b>Senator FARUQI:</b> You can give me the breakdown of locals and tourists alike?  <b>Mr Millett:</b> Yes, I can.</p>		
238	259	WSU	FARUQI	TOURIST NUMBERS AND MODELLING PROJECTS	<p><b>Senator FARUQI:</b> ... I just wanted to know more about what modelling has been done about where those passengers are coming from. Do you have any details? You gave me some idea, but that's very broad. Do you have any details on where those passengers are coming from and where they would be going once they arrive in Sydney?  <b>Mr Millett:</b> Yes. We've been doing some work with the International Air Transport Association. Last year worldwide, 4 billion people travelled by air. Within 25 years, that number will double to 8 billion people. However, of note is the fact that, of the incremental 4 billion growth, approximately 70 per cent of that growth is in the South-East Asian region. The projections that we've seen from IATA, not specifically for Western Sydney International, are that predominantly the growth will come from the South-East Asian countries. That would be Indonesia, Malaysia, the Indian subcontinent, China and Vietnam.  <b>Senator FARUQI:</b> You said you haven't done any modelling for Western Sydney Airport?  <b>Mr Millett:</b> We've leveraged some of the modelling that IATA has done, which is for the region. We'll be working with IATA over the next two years.  <b>Senator FARUQI:</b> That is global modelling. So, there's no specific modelling for Western Sydney Airport about passengers numbers, where they are coming from and where they will go?  <b>Mr Millett:</b> There was modelling done as part of the original business case on an in globo basis, but not on a specific country-by-country basis.  <b>Senator FARUQI:</b> Could you provide some figures on tourist numbers, what that modelling projects, how many are from within Australia and where they would be going?  <b>Mr Millett:</b> I will have to take that question on notice.  <b>Senator FARUQI:</b> That is fine. If you take that on notice, I'd really appreciate that.  <b>Mr Millett:</b> I'm happy to do that for you.</p>	97 21/10/2019	
239	260	WSU	WATT	DRAFT FLIGHT PATH CONSULTATIONS – COUNCILS	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> On the matter of aircraft noise, I understand that draft flight paths won't be released for consultation until at least late 2021 or early 2022? Is that still correct?  <b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We did cover those questions for the senator. In short, yes, we expect flight paths will be out to community consultation in 2021. We did cover</p>	98-99 21/10/2019	

					<p>this in the previous questions.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Is there any consultation happening now with local councils, Western Sydney MPs and local communities?</p> <p><b>Ms Vine-Camp:</b> We are consulting with the local councils now. In fact, we've been out and conducted presentations to councils that have requested it. We regularly communicate with the public through the consultation forums that we have. We describe them as pop-ups where we take feedback from the community. There is quite a lot of consultation already occurring.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Which councils have you consulted with and what dates did that consultation occur?</p> <p><b>Ms Leeming:</b> I don't have that information with me, but we have spoken to 11 councils in total on a number of occasions. It would take a bit of time to pull that together.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Could you take that on notice, the names of the councils and the dates they were consulted?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I'm happy to.</p>		
240	261	WSU	WATT	DRAFT FLIGHT PATH CONSULTATIONS – MPS	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Have you met with federal and state members of parliament whose electorates could be affected?</p> <p><b>Ms Leeming:</b> On request, we do that. I might add that the airport company at the moment is engaging in some consultation, and they might want to talk to that. We've gone along with them and provided some support on issues that are relevant to us.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Do you have the names of the MPs you've met with and the dates that consultation occurred?</p> <p><b>Mr Millett:</b> Yes, we can provide that to you.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So you'll take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Millett:</b> We will take that on notice.</p>	99 21/10/2019	
241	262	WSU	WATT	FUEL PIPELINE CORRIDOR	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> The only questions I had for the unit were about the fuel pipeline corridor. I suppose it depends whether I need you guys here for that as well.</p> <p><b>Mr Millett:</b> What I can tell you about the fuel pipeline is that the state government is responsible for identifying the corridors and they're in the process, I understand, of doing that now. They're discussing with private enterprise the possibility of a pipeline. As you know, the intention with the airport is to, when it opens, truck fuel, which is common in airports. Gold Coast Airport currently trucks fuel. Canberra trucks fuel. Adelaide trucks fuel. We would need a minimal</p>	99-100 21/10/2019	

				<p>requirement upon opening, and probably not until the mid-2030s would there be a necessity for a fuel pipeline to the airport.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I probably will only take five minutes on this, if you did want to stick around, but it is your call. Has any consideration been given to progressing the preservation of a corridor for transportation of fuel to the new airport?</p> <p><b>Mr Millett:</b> I can only say that that's a state responsibility and, as I said earlier, I understand that they are currently investigating that matter.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> We obviously are talking about a pretty large number of B-doubles transporting fuel.</p> <p><b>Mr Millett:</b> To begin with, in fact, our modelling shows that the number of B-doubles would be less than a dozen per day, which in the overall scheme of things is very insignificant for overall truck movements in that area.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> My understanding is that Infrastructure Australia has identified that, when the airport reaches full capacity, it could require 50-65 B-doubles per day?</p> <p><b>Mr Millett:</b> Upon reaching full capacity, that may well be true, but by the time it reaches full capacity there would already have been the need for a fuel pipeline to have been constructed.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Does the department or the company have any concerns that the longer it takes to preserve a corridor, the harder it will be and the more expensive it will become?</p> <p><b>Ms Vine-Camp:</b> The preservation of a corridor is the responsibility of New South Wales. We have stayed engaged with them, but I might pass to Mr Whalen for further detail on that.</p> <p><b>Mr Whalen:</b> The New South Wales government, in accordance with the legislation, and particularly in relation to corridor preservation for roads and utilities, is responsible for the identification, securing and preservation of those corridors. At this point in time, the Commonwealth completed its obligation under the airport plan to undertake a strategic-level study into options for the corridor. That was completed and published back in February 2018. We are now waiting on the New South Wales government to move forward with its work to identify that corridor. Our understanding is, at this stage, they have been looking at it. They're looking to run an expression of interest process, but they're also looking at the scheme of the broader development of Western Sydney and what that fuel corridor pipeline may actually mean in terms of uses other than just aviation fuel to Western Sydney. They're looking at it much more broadly than</p>	
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					<p>just the airport's needs.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Has any assessment been undertaken of the value that would be added to the completed airport if this pipeline was in place? That would presumably deliver a return on investment when the airport is divested in the future.</p> <p><b>Mr Whalen:</b> In terms of adding value to the airport in the early days, to build that pipeline there needs to be the demand for the fuel to get the return on the investment by the developer, whoever that may be. Until such time as the fuel quantities for the airport are significantly larger than what they will be for the opening of the airport, our initial analysis that came out of that strategic report identified that it wouldn't be commercially viable for many years.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Was any costing undertaken at the time that the corridor preservation was recommended by Infrastructure Australia in 2016?</p> <p><b>Mr Whalen:</b> I'm not aware of any costings being undertaken by Infrastructure Australia. There were costings undertaken in our strategic report in terms of a range of different options to build fuel pipelines to Western Sydney Airport.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Could you provide those on notice for us, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Whalen:</b> Those costings have been provided in the report, which was published in February 2018.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We can provide the details of that.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> If you could provide that, it would be good...</p>		
242	486	WSU	STERLE	LIST OF COUNCILS CONSULTED	Provide list of councils consulted with and dates consultation occurred.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
243	487	WSU	STERLE	LIST OF FEDERAL AND STATE MPS CONSULTED	Provide list of Federal and State MPs consulted with and dates consultation occurred.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
244	488	WSU	STERLE	COSTINGS OF DIFFERENT OPTIONS TO BUILD FUEL PIPELINES	Provide costings of different options to build fuel pipelines to the Western Sydney Airport.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

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245	263	IA	PATRICK	CAPE HARDY	<p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> You might recall in the past I have talked about Cape Hardy in South Australia. I want to get an update as to whether or not government has been talking to the department in respect of this. Where we've been up to in the past is that it is on the priority project list but appears to be static, as in not moving forward. We discussed in the past what government might be doing, because it is a commercial venture, to assist in relation to that commercial venture.</p> <p><b>Ms Chau:</b> That's right. Cape Hardy is actually known as Eyre Peninsula railway on our Infrastructure Priority List. It is listed as a priority project. I think the last time we spoke we were looking to engage with the state government to see if there is any movement on that and also the private proponent to date. We have called for Infrastructure Priority List submissions, which closed on 31 August. We need to check whether the proponent themselves have made any submissions to us to update what's on the priority list.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> And so that comes out, you said, in 2020?</p> <p><b>Ms Chau:</b> February 2020.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> Have you heard anything from the South Australian government?</p> <p><b>Ms Chau:</b> To date, no updates on it at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> You said that you were going to talk to the South Australian government.</p> <p><b>Ms Chau:</b> We can raise that with the South Australian government in terms of engagement.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> Being very specific: you said you were going to talk to the South Australian government. Is it that you have spoken to them and they've not given any useful information or that you have not spoken to them yet but undertake to do so?</p> <p><b>Ms Chau:</b> We have spoken to them regarding the priority list. We probably just need to check whether we have engaged with them on this particular proposal. As part of our IPL update, we would touch base with them to see if anything has changed.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> On notice, could you please provide advice as to what happened in relation to that dialogue.</p> <p><b>Ms Chau:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> Thank you.</p>	101-102 21/10/2019	
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246	264	IA	WATT	<p>IA'S ROLE IN ASSESSING PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNMENT'S \$100 BILLION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM</p>	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> ... Infrastructure Australia's website describes the organisation's role as being the nation's independent infrastructure adviser, and a range of other things. Ms Madew, can you outline for the committee what role Infrastructure Australia has played in assessing the viability and value for money of the projects included in the government's \$100 billion infrastructure program?</p> <p><b>Ms Madew:</b> Thank you for the question. I will pass that on to Ms Chau.</p> <p><b>Ms Chau:</b> There are a number of projects that actually have been committed to in that program and that Infrastructure Australia has had the opportunity to evaluate in accordance with the policy that, if projects are seeking Commonwealth funding in excess of \$100 million, they have to go through the Infrastructure Australia business case evaluation process. One of them in particular, for example, is the Beerburrum to Nambour rail upgrade. Also funded in the 2019-20 budget is Brisbane Metro, which we evaluated some time ago.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Are these projects you're listing now the only ones that Infrastructure Australia has assessed?</p> <p><b>Ms Chau:</b> No, there is a long list. I think it might be easier if we table it to you, if that's what you're seeking.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Yes, if you could do that...</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> ... If you could table the list, Ms Chau.</p> <p><b>Ms Chau:</b> Yes, of course.</p>	<p>103-104 21/10/2019</p>	
247	265	IA	WATT	<p>ROSI – NEWELL HIGHWAY</p>	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> What advice did Infrastructure Australia give government on the projects selected as Roads of Strategic Importance?</p> <p><b>Ms Madew:</b> I will pass that over to Ms Chau.</p> <p><b>Ms Chau:</b> There are a number of projects that actually do exceed the Commonwealth funding request of \$100 million and they're the ones that would be on the ROSI. There's Bindoon bypass on the Great Northern Highway in WA. That's one that comes to mind. I will check with my colleague to see if there is another one. There's also a section on the Newell Highway that has funding in excess of \$100 million.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Which one was that?</p> <p><b>Ms Chau:</b> A section on the Newell Highway—I think it's Toowoomba to Seymour on the New South Wales side.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Toowoomba to Seymour?</p> <p><b>Ms Chau:</b> That's right.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Are they the only ones, or there might be others?</p>	<p>104 21/10/2019</p>	

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248	579	IA	STERLE	PROJECTS ASSESSED BY IA	Provide a list of projects within the Government's \$100 billion infrastructure program assessed by Infrastructure Australia.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
249	585	IA	STERLE	URBAN CONGESTION FUND PROJECTS ARE OVER \$100M	Provide clarification whether any Urban Congestion Fund projects are over \$100m and if so have these been assessed by Infrastructure Australia	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
250	586	IA	STERLE	ROSI PROJECTS ARE OVER \$100 MILLION	Provide clarification about which ROSI projects are over \$100 million and whether they have been assessed by Infrastructure Australia	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
<b>National Faster Rail Agency (9)</b>							
251	266	NFRA	STERLE	CLARA FUNDING	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Let's go back to CLARA, because this is what this is all about. There's been an \$8 million announcement to CLARA. I think the money has been paid, hasn't it? Has CLARA come up with \$8 million in cash?</p> <p><b>Mr Hyles:</b> We haven't paid the full amount of money to CLARA yet.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> What have you paid to them?</p> <p><b>Mr Hyles:</b> To date, we have paid \$5.6 million.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Have they matched it in cash?</p> <p><b>Mr Hyles:</b> Cash and in kind. That contribution—we've certainly got indications that they have.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So tell me how much cash they've actually come up with, because there's some real bad press around this.</p> <p><b>Mr Southwell:</b> The project proponents are contributing \$8 million, and \$903,424 in kind.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> This is CLARA. What have they come up with?</p> <p><b>Mr Southwell:</b> There's \$903,424 in kind, along with in-kind contributions from the consortium partners, some of whom are McCrindle—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Tell me what that means. In kind was just under a million. What was that—stamps, envelopes, free legal advice or what?</p> <p><b>Mr Hyles:</b> That is effectively where they undertake the work without being paid for it. So they're undertaking an analysis or doing modelling or writing reports or</p>	110-111 21/10/2019	



					<p>that kind of thing without receiving—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So they've got external partners or other entities who have come up and written to you guys, and said, 'We're going to do this work, and, for that, it would normally cost X amount of rupiah per hour or per day, but we're going to do it for them.'</p> <p><b>Mr Hyles:</b> Yes, the consortium members are doing that.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> And that has come to a value of \$5.6 million, did you say?</p> <p><b>Mr Hyles:</b> In total, that's come to \$5.6 million. It will be more than that because they are essentially about to provide an invoice to us for another component.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> How much in cash did they come up with?</p> <p><b>Mr Hyles:</b> In cash—we might have to take that one on notice. We've got the in-kind contributions.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> If you could, I think it's important, because there's the newspaper report—I'll table it if I have to, but you have seen it anyway—that was done by <i>The Guardian</i> on 5 August, and it's pretty scathing. But you can't tell us here how much cash they've come up with?</p>		
252	209	NFRA	STERLE	NORTH COAST CONNECT FUNDING	<p><b>Mr Hyles:</b> To the North Coast Connect?</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> The north coast and the New South Wales one—fifty-fifty, yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Hyles:</b> Yes, fifty-fifty funding. In terms of North Coast Connect, if you give me a second—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> And then I'll wrap up, Chair. That will be us finished for all things to do with trains.</p> <p><b>Mr Hyles:</b> In total, Senator, it's \$6½ million.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Billion?</p> <p><b>Mr Hyles:</b> Million.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> This is the in kind for the Brisbane—</p> <p><b>Mr Hyles:</b> That's the 50 per cent contribution from the consortium. The majority of that will be in kind. I understand that the Queensland government's business case, if I remember correctly, was around \$5 million of that. And then the local government contributions—unfortunately, I haven't got those in front of me, but</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> You can take it on notice.</p>	116 21/10/2019	
253	377	NFRA	STERLE	FASTER RAIL BUSINESS CASES - \$20 MILLION COMMITMENT	<p>In relation to the three faster rail business cases funded out of the Government's \$20 million commitment, can the following be for each business case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name of proponent/consortia</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project/consortia partners</li> <li>• Australian Government funding contribution</li> <li>• Funding contribution from each project partner/consortium member – broken down by cash and an in-kind</li> <li>• For in-kind contributions – all activities provided and the value of each and date each activity was undertaken</li> <li>• Dates for all cash contributions</li> <li>• Date business case provided to the Department</li> <li>• Date business case provided to Government</li> <li>• Date business case is expected to be released to the public</li> <li>• Next steps</li> </ul>		
254	378	NFRA	STERLE	FASTER RAIL BUSINESS CASES FUNDED TO THE VALUE OF \$40 MILLION	<p>In relation to the five business cases funded in the 2019 Budget to the value of \$40 million, can the Department provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of proponent/consortia</li> <li>• Project/consortia partners</li> <li>• Australian Government funding contribution</li> <li>• Funding contribution from each project partner/consortium member – broken down by cash and an in-kind</li> <li>• For in-kind contributions – all activities provided and the value of each and date each activity was undertaken</li> <li>• Dates for all cash contributions</li> <li>• Date business case due to be provided to the Department</li> <li>• Project milestones</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
255	502	NFRA	STERLE	CLARA FUNDING	Clarification about whether the full \$8 million Australian Government funding has been paid to CLARA; provide a clarification of whether CLARA has matched the \$8 million in full by cash contribution	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

256	503	NFRA	STERLE	BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING	Provide a breakdown of funding source (Federal Government, State/Territory Government, other partners) for each Faster Rail project business case.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
257	504	NFRA	STERLE	STATUS OF EACH FASTER RAIL PROJECT BUSINESS CASE	Provide an update of current status of each Faster Rail project business case.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
258	421	NFRA	RICE	STAFFING	How many staff does the NFRA have (casual or ongoing), at what levels (i.e. SES 1, 2 or 3, EL 1 or 2, APS levels)?	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
259	422	NFRA	RICE	STATUS OF BUSINESS CASES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the status for each of                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Geelong to Melbourne Fast Rail business case?</li> <li>○ The Faster Rail Business Cases for the five routes (Sydney-Wollongong, Sydney-Parkes, Melbourne to Albury-Wodonga, Melbourne-Traralgon, Brisbane-Gold Coast)?</li> <li>○ Faster Rail Prospectus Business Cases (Melbourne-Greater Shepparton, Sydney-Newcastle, Brisbane to regions of Moreton bay and the Sunshine Coast)?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Have final reports been provided to Ministers? If not, when will they be provided?</p>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
<b>Inland Rail (23)</b>							
260	267	IR	WATT	CONSULTANCY AWARDED TO DEVELOP A SOCIAL LICENCE STRATEGY	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> We've obviously got a Senate inquiry underway about Inland Rail, so we won't spend a huge amount of time on this tonight. I want to ask some questions about the consultancy awarded to develop a social licence strategy. What exactly is meant by 'social licence' by the department in this case?</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> Social licence as a strategy was developed for us by the firm Futureye. What is meant by 'social licence'? Much like when we think of licences being a right to operate, your social licence is your right from society to operate.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Does the fact that a tender has been awarded to develop a social licence strategy suggest that the Inland Rail project has a social licence problem?</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> This strategy was developed between us and the Australian Rail Track Corporation, the development company, with a joint view that we could focus more on developing social licence. Clearly, along the way matters have been</p>	116-117 21/10/2019	

					<p>raised with us by community members, matters that we agree with and things that we could have done better along the way. So we are working with the community on those things and thinking those things through in this social licence strategy. That is the way we are addressing that.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So it wasn't intended at the beginning of the project to develop a social licence strategy, but that was decided because of issues that had arisen?</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> There was a community engagement strategy, and there has been from the very start. A social licence strategy is perhaps a more updated and more contemporary way to explain the community engagement strategy. That strategy for community engagement has been in place from the very start.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Has the department procured a social licence strategy before?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Probably not using that language. As Dr Taylor said, there are stakeholder management and community engagement plans. Many of our projects—the Western Sydney Airport, for example—have commissioned help with community engagement. Community engagement and stakeholder management plans have been used in the past for large-scale projects. I don't have specific examples I can point to, but they haven't used that language.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> We've had a bit of a look and we can't find any evidence of a social licence strategy having been procured before.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> It certainly wouldn't have been called that I suspect. That particular language relates to and has been adopted for this project.</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> When we did the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy one of the key issues that came across from freight more generally was the importance of social licence. It does tie into that broader conversation about the language that is being used to talk about community engagement.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Why did the department undertake a limited tender for this contract?</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> It was a reasonably small procurement—under \$80,000. We went with a limited tender on the basis that there was an identified need and it was under the procurement threshold.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Right. Did you undertake any market research prior to awarding the tender?</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> Quite a lot. There has been an extensive amount of market research for community sentiment and how the community along the alignment feels about Inland Rail, about the development benefits and about the potential impacts that are coming from Inland Rail. Those community sentiment surveys</p>		
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261	268	IR	WATT	DRAFT STRATEGY REPORT	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Did the contract include the presentation of any reports to the department?</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> The draft strategy that you referred to earlier is the conclusive document.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Right. So a draft strategy was provided to the department?</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> It was.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> And that's actually also the final?</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> That's still in draft, but it is intended for that to be finalised, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> The department hasn't provided any feedback on it that has required any changes?</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> We have worked through some internal processes on feedback, we've worked with ARTC as well to secure their views, and we are, as I said, working through that as a process, and a draft report now, to finalise.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Could you please table a copy of that strategy.</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> Yes—when it's finalised, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I'm also asking if you can table a copy of the draft.</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> I imagine we can take that—can we take that on notice please.</p>	117 21/10/2019	

					<b>Senator WATT:</b> A good answer...		
262	269	IR	WATT	<p>DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS FOR THE DRAFT STRATEGY REPORT</p>	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> ... So there has been only the one report produced, only the one strategy document?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> Yes.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Who were the principal consultants in this?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> Futureye.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Who did they work to, the department or ARTC?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> We engaged them in contract, so the contract management was with the department. It was, as I said before, mutually conceived, so we worked very closely with ARTC.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> How many consultants were engaged and over what period?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> I don't know the size of the firm but they're a reasonably small firm. We worked directly with three people—and we're still working with them to finalise the draft—over a period of around eight months, to date.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Where were they based?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> Two in Melbourne and one in Brisbane, that I'm aware of—the ones that we're working with.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Do you know who the firm actually consulted with in preparing this strategy?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> Other than the department and ARTC?  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Yes.  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> I'd have to take that on notice. We had a number of workshops where the evidence that has been presented to date on community engagement—the sentiment survey work and other things—was represented, so there was a depth of evidence there. As to who they consulted with, I'd have to take that on notice.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Could you also take on notice the dates, locations and meetings held. In particular, I'd be interested to know when the consultants visited regional Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. Do you know whether they did?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> We could take that on notice and confirm it for you.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay. Are you aware whether they visited regional areas?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> I am aware that there were a number of workshops that were conducted across the alignment, yes. But I would have to take on notice for you who visited and where.  <b>Senator WATT:</b> How much of the \$190,000 they were paid was spent on travel?</p>	117-118 21/10/2019	

					<b>Dr Taylor:</b> We have no number for that with us. We can take that on notice too.		
263	270	IR	WATT	ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS TO DEVELOP EMPATHY	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Is it common for the government to have to engage consultants to help it develop empathy?</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> I think it's common to take advice along the way where you find that you need to take advice. Consultants are used for various sorts of things. For these large projects, we bring consultants in where there is an identified need.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> In that respect, Mr Taylor mentioned three that came to mind. He has mentioned one of those things as an up-front starting point, but there are other things, as part of the strategy, that have gone to our communications and the way we approach stakeholders. Those other things have also been captured.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Minister, how many other consultancies have been awarded in this department to help the government develop empathy?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> I find the department incredibly empathetic when we are dealing with a raft of stakeholders, particularly in the drought space—</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Not in this case, though, hey?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> To suggest that the department is having to take multiple research projects to help them develop empathy is quite ridiculous.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Just this one?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> As Mr Yeaman explained, that was just one of a number of aspects that have come from the report so far. I think Dr Taylor was able to explain some of the other benefits associated with the report to date.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Is it the department's view, four months after this contract has been completed, that the inland rail project still has a social licence problem?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We've been quite up-front—and I think the ARTC has been quite up-front—that, earlier on in particular, the communication and engagement with landholders across the line was not as good as it could have been. I think there has been a marked improvement, from the feedback we have received anecdotally, particularly since Mr Richard Wankmuller was engaged as CEO of the inland rail project. He has been meeting with landholders in their kitchens along the line having conversations, and the feedback around his engagement is very positive. We now have officers placed in a number of regional offices across the line to help improve the communication flow. This is a project that will lead to some very serious concerns and questions for individuals who are having a rail line taken through their property. We are being as sensitive to that as we can,</p>	118-119 21/10/2019	

					<p>and so is the ARTC. But there is going to be an ongoing need to help them communicate well, manage community concerns, listen to them and respond to them into the future.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Dr Taylor, I think you said this tender was valued at \$80,000?</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> Yes, and a subsequent one was put in place following.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> For another \$110,000?</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> That might include travel but it seems about right. My memory of the extension is that it was up to around \$169,000, so there might be a GST inclusion that we are talking about there.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay. You'll come back to us on that as well?</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Thanks.</p>		
264	291	IR	DAVEY	RESTRICTIONS ON FREIGHT LINES	<p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> I have read some media that Queensland want to put limitations on what can travel across the line, such as coal, for example. Is there any constitutional capacity for the Commonwealth to restrict what can be put on these freight lines?</p> <p><b>Mr Smith:</b> We don't have any specific legal advice around that. It's probably fair to say that coal currently operates from Queensland to the Brisbane port along the Ipswich line and, as you alluded to, the Queensland government has indicated that that's its preference for the immediate future, at least. I do understand that, through ARTC's current sublease—and I'd need to take the details of this on notice—the CEO of TMR would need to approve any change to what travels along that route from Kagaru to Acacia Ridge. That would require some level of endorsement. Also obviously there's the EIS process and state planning processes, and restrictions could be put in place through those types of things that the operator, being ARTC, would need to comply with.</p> <p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> So it's a state government restriction as opposed to a Commonwealth government restriction? We're talking hypotheticals here.</p> <p><b>Mr Smith:</b> Yes. We're not looking at putting any restrictions on. It's a specification of Queensland.</p>	120 21/10/2019	
265	271	IR	DAVEY	EQUITY FUNDING FOR THE INLAND RAIL PROJECT	<p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> The Inland Rail was funded through equity funding over its lifetime. What is the lifetime of the project?</p> <p><b>Mr Smith:</b> Rail is a long-term investment. Inland Rail, we're forecasting, will be around for at least 99 years. We're certainly looking at securing longer term leases with the states once it is built—of up to those 99 years—to ensure that the</p>	120 21/10/2019	



					<p>Commonwealth gets an adequate return on its investment.</p> <p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> When do you expect to have the full return of the equity funding? What sort of return-on-investment time frame are you looking at?</p> <p><b>Mr Smith:</b> I'd have to take the specifics on notice, but certainly the Commonwealth does expect to get an appropriate return on its investment that is at least equivalent to, if not more than, the long-term bond rate, which meets the accounting standards, the budgetary standards, for classification as equity.</p>		
266	272	IR	ROBERTS	B-DOUBLE MOVEMENTS	<p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> The current plan for the Inland Rail will direct 87 long coal trains and 45 double-stack container trains through suburban rail from Kagaru to Acacia Ridge every week. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Smith:</b> The business case certainly had forecast coal trains. I think it was 87. That sounds about correct.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> Will the coal trains be covered or sprayed to stop dust affecting the thousands of homes along that route?</p> <p><b>Mr Smith:</b> We recently talked about the fact that at the moment the Queensland government has indicated that coal trains will continue on the existing Ipswich line.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> But will that be the case, that they'll be protected from the dust?</p> <p><b>Mr Smith:</b> On the Ipswich line?</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> On this line, yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Two points, Senator: at this stage, based on the advice of the Queensland government, it may be that those trains you've talked about are not running on the line from Acacia Ridge to the port for some time. That's still a matter for negotiation between the two governments. In terms of the treatment of those coal trains, if they were to be travelling on that route, they'd have to comply with the relevant Queensland government environmental approvals. The environmental impact statement is put out, and when the Queensland government applies its environmental rules to this project it may indicate treatments such as those you describe, but that will be a matter for the Queensland government to go through that EIS process.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> Thank you. We're just passing on concerns from citizens. In addition to these rail movements, the current plan will see some freight offloaded at Acacia Ridge onto B-doubles to complete the freight's journey. This may be back out of Brisbane, into northern Queensland. What B-double movement do</p>	121 21/10/2019	

					you anticipate on top of the rail movements that we just spoke about? <b>Mr Smith:</b> We'll need to take the detail on notice.		
267	292	IR	ROBERTS	PERCENTAGE OF TRAINS STOPPING AT ONLOAD-OFFLOAD POINTS	<b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> What percentage of trains will stop at those points? <b>Mr Smith:</b> We'd need to take that on notice. That work obviously is still in progress. But it's fair to say that there are a number of crossing loops. There are also a number of plans for various intermodal terminals—grain handling facilities. Part of the inland rail Interface Improvement Program will look at possible connections and upgrading to some of those arrangements, so that would need to be looked at.	122 21/10/2019	
268	293	IR	ROBERTS	COMPLETE PLANS FOR INTERMODAL TERMINALS	<b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> When would we be able to see somewhat complete plans? <b>Mr Smith:</b> That is a progressive program over a couple of years, so we'd need to look at that over that sort of period. But if I take it on notice I can come back to you with some more specifics around that. <b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> Okay; thank you...	122 21/10/2019	
269	294	IR	ROBERTS	RECOUP OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE INLAND RAIL MODEL	<b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> ... On 20 February 2018 ARTC executive John Fullerton conceded that this model for inland rail will never recoup its construction costs. Is that still the case? <b>Mr Smith:</b> No. I'd have to look at the specifics of what he actually said, but the business case is very clear that it will be cashflow-positive from day one and will recoup its capital costs in 42 years. I have a feeling Mr Fullerton might be talking about a fully commercial return on inland rail. <b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> Okay. Perhaps you could let us know.	122 21/10/2019	
270	273	IR	STERLE	SOCIAL LICENCE STRATEGY	<b>Senator STERLE:</b> I want to go to the earlier response on the social licence strategy contract. We're told it was worth \$80,000. But AusTender reports two contracts totalling \$190,000—I came in on the end of it; I heard you and Senator Watt talking about it—and one of them included one for \$157,520. Can we get some clarity around this and the procurement side of things? <b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I think we did. In the previous answers it was noted that there was an original contract which was for around \$80,000, and there was a subsequent extension of that contract at a later stage after the first tender had been allocated— <b>Senator STERLE:</b> Of that \$80,000? <b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Correct.	123-124 21/10/2019	

					<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Which was how much?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> If AusTender says it's \$190,000 it's \$190,000 in total.  <b>Senator STERLE:</b> But it's one contract. It comes in two parts because one was extended?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> One was extended and then there was a second scope of works for the second part.  <b>Senator STERLE:</b> Okay. There was \$80,000 and that was extended to how much—\$157,000?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> It sounds like that's the right number.  <b>Senator STERLE:</b> And then there was another one for 20-odd grand?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> Something that adds up to \$190,000, so \$33,000.  <b>Senator STERLE:</b> What was that one for?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> Very likely to be the delivery of the draft strategy that we talked about.  <b>Senator STERLE:</b> Have you got something there?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> I'm happy to take it on notice and provide the direct response and the strategy.  <b>Senator STERLE:</b> So there was one then another one?  <b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We'll confirm the exact numbers and the scope of works for the second one.  <b>Senator STERLE:</b> Great.</p>		
271	413	IR	STERLE	INLAND RAIL COMMUNICATION ADVICE	<p>A contract for \$950,000 was awarded to Brian Elton &amp; Associates in Bondi Junction under a prequalified tender for “Communication Advice for Inland Rail” for 21 February 2018 to 30 June 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who instigated this contract? (The Department? ARTC? The Minister?)</li> <li>• What was the scope of works / terms of reference for this consultancy?</li> <li>• Did the contract include presentation of any reports? If so, please provide a copy of the report/s.</li> <li>• Who did the consultant work to – the Department or the ARTC?</li> <li>• How was this managed?</li> <li>• How many consultants were engaged and over what period? Where were they based?</li> <li>• Who did this firm consult with? Provide a list of dates, locations and</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<p>meetings held, in particular when did the consultants leave the city and visit regional Victoria, NSW and Queensland?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much was spent on travel?</li> <li>• The contract ended on 30 June this year. Is this the only contract for communication advice for Inland Rail?</li> <li>• If not, please provide full details of all other communication advice (and similar) contracts.</li> <li>• How has the Communication Advice assisted the ARTC and Department with consultation with affected land owners and communities along the route?</li> <li>• How many communications staff does the Department and the ARTC have working on the Inland Rail project?</li> <li>• How did this consultancy support these officials beyond the period of the contract?</li> </ul>		
272	414	IR	STERLE	INLAND RAIL – STAKEHOLDER ROUNDTABLE	<p>The Deputy Prime Minister recently held a roundtable in Sydney with inland rail stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who attended the roundtable?</li> <li>• What was the feedback from the roundtable participants about the Inland Rail project?</li> <li>• What were the outcomes of the Inland Rail roundtable, who is responsible for action and by when?</li> <li>• Who first proposed this roundtable and when?</li> <li>• Are any further roundtables scheduled?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
273	489	IR	STERLE	PROCUREMENT PROCESS	<p>Dr Taylor stated the Futureeye contract "was a reasonably small procurement - under \$80,000." Despite numerous questions, the procurement process is not clear.</p> <p>AusTender records show two contracts - the first worth \$157,520 then another worth \$32,480 some months later – total of \$190,000 (CN3577845 and</p>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<p>CN3603212).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why did Dr Taylor claim the procurement was "under \$80,000"?</li> <li>- What was the original contract value?</li> <li>- At what point in the procurement process did the value exceed \$80,000? Did the Department ever give consideration to conducting an open tender?</li> <li>- How many organisations / individuals were invited to submit a quotation / tender? How many responded?</li> <li>- Given the discrepancy in evidence at Estimates versus the reporting on AusTender, provide a copy of all tender/quotation documents, all iterations of the scope of works, all value for money assessments, and related correspondence between Futureye (and associated companies), the Department and ARTC.</li> <li>- Given the total contract value is currently more than double the procurement threshold for open tender, provide an explanation as per 10.3 of the Commonwealth's Procurement Rules as to why the Department did not conduct an open tender.</li> </ul>		
274	490	IR	STERLE	SOCIAL LICENCE STRATEGY	Will the Department spend anything further on this social licence strategy beyond the \$190,000 identified in CN3577845 and CN3603212? If so, how much and what is the total cost of the 'social licence' strategy?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
275	491	IR	STERLE	FUTUREYE CONSULTANCY - SCOPE OF WORKS	Dr Taylor said he could table a copy of the scope of work for the Futureye consultancy. The document was not tabled. Provide a copy of the each draft of the scope of works, noting evidence from Mr Yeaman that the scope of works "increased".	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
276	492	IR	STERLE	DRAFT 'SOCIAL LICENCE' STRATEGY	Provide a copy of the draft 'social licence' strategy.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
277	493	IR	STERLE	COPY OF THE FINAL 'SOCIAL LICENCE' STRATEGY	Provide a copy of the final 'social licence' strategy.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

278	494	IR	STERLE	THREE FUTUREYE CONSULTANTS	Dr Taylor stated that three Futureye consultants were engaged in the contract. Who are they? What is their experience in development of social licence strategies?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
279	495	IR	STERLE	FUTUREYE CONSULTATION	Who did Futureye (and associated companies) consult with in preparation of the 'social licence' strategy? Provide a full list of meeting locations, dates, organisations that attended, number of individuals that attended.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
280	496	IR	STERLE	VISIT THE OFFICES OF FUTUREYE	Did anyone from the Department visit the offices of Futureye (or associated companies)? If so, where were the offices located?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
281	497	IR	STERLE	FUTUREYE SPEND ON TRAVEL	How much did Futureye (and associated companies) spend on travel?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
282	498	IR	STERLE	SUMMARY OF THE COMPLAINTS	Provide a summary of the complaints received to the ARTC and Department relating to the conduct, manner and tone of officials before procuring the 'social licence' strategy?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
<b>Cities (30)</b>							
283	230	CIT	WATT	REGIONAL DEALS PILOT – BUNDABERG-HERVEY BAY	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Minister McKenzie, you issued a press release earlier in the year with the local member, Mr Pitt, and Minister McCormack. You were quoted in that release as saying there has been a lot of interest from communities which want to participate in the regional deals pilot. The Bundaberg-Hervey Bay area has expressed their desire to be one of the pilot locations. Who from the Bundaberg-Hervey Bay area made the initial representation to the government?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> We would have to take that on notice to see if there is any formal communication in the department. Definitely the local member had made it very clear. I met personally with the local councils, who were very keen as well.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So your member of parliament, Mr Pitt, said he was keen?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> Yes. As I said, we'll take it on notice to ascertain directly the level of representation.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Do you know whether any written representations were made?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> That's what we're going to check.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I will get you to table copies of any of that correspondence from representations made, be it by Mr Pitt or anyone else seeking a regional notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> We'll take it on notice.</p>	43 21/10/2019	

284	231	CIT	WATT	WIDE BAY-BURNETT EXCLUSION FROM THE REGIONAL DEAL	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Is the government aware, Minister, of any concerns from any locals in Wide Bay-Burnett about their exclusion from the regional deal? I'm talking here about people who are outside this Bundaberg-Hervey Bay area?</p> <p><b>Senator McKenzie:</b> I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	44 21/10/2019	
285	232	CIT	WATT	REGIONAL DEAL REQUEST TO INCLUDE ENTIRE WIDE BAY-BURNETT REGION	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So the department's website notes that regional deals bring together all levels of government around a clear set of objectives and support a place based approach by putting community identified priorities at the centre. Given that this Hinkler deal excludes parts of a defined geographic location and the government isn't engaging with the state government about this deal, how does the government justify this Hinkler deal against this policy that you've got on your website?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> The objectives you've laid out are our preference. We have worked very closely with the Queensland government through the development of the deal in the early stages. They've ultimately chosen not to be a signatory to the deal. We would, of course, prefer that they had signed up. That was our objective and that's what we tried to do. This is, as we said, a pilot in the first instance. In this case, we still hope that the Queensland government will ultimately sign up and be part of it. We did work very closely with the Queensland government in the development of the deal and the local councils in the spirit of the text you've just read out. The Queensland government, as Mr Wood said, has agreed to help proceed and progress the priorities that were identified as part of the deal from a delivery perspective.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> But the money is still on the table?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> All the money that has been allocated. The Wide Bay-Burnett region spans all of the Hinkler electorate. It also covers parts of the Flynn, Wide Bay and Maranoa electorates. Have those members made representations requesting this regional deal encompass the entire Wide Bay-Burnett region or at least the Bundaberg and Fraser Coast councils?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Not to our knowledge. We can go back and just be 100 per cent sure we haven't received any correspondence, but not to our knowledge.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Have those members made any representations regarding this deal?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We'll take it on notice to be 100 per cent sure. But we're not aware of any.</p>	44 21/10/2019	

286	275	CIT	CAROL BROWN	LIST OF FORMAL MEETINGS AND MEETING DATES FOR THE CURRENT CITY DEALS AND CITY DEALS UNDER NEGOTIATION	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Given the time, I'll be as quick as possible. If you can assist me, that'd be good as well. I'd like the department to please provide a breakdown of the following information: a list of formal meetings and meeting dates for the current City Deals and City Deals under negotiation. Please include all details of state governments, local governments and participating stakeholders for Townsville, Launceston, Western Sydney, Darwin, Hobart, Geelong, Adelaide, Perth and South-East Queensland. If you would like to take that on notice, that would be good.</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> We will have some of that information here, but to read it all out one by one would take an amount of time for the committee. We're happy to take it on notice and provide it separately.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Thank you very much...</p>	125 21/10/2019	
287	276	CIT	CAROL BROWN	LIST OF FORMAL MEETINGS AND MEETING DATES FOR NEW CITY DEALS	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> ... So, has the department been informed by the minister of any commitment to progress any new City Deals?</p> <p><b>Mr Wood:</b> The two most recent city deals are proposed for Melbourne. They were committed to in the middle part of this year. We're currently in the early stages of discussions for the city deal with Melbourne where we're looking for city deals, it is proposed at this stage, one for the south-east of Melbourne and one for the north-west of Melbourne. We are also engaged in discussions on the Perth city deal and South-East Queensland, but there is no commitment that we're aware of beyond that at this point.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> So North-West Melbourne, South-East Melbourne and Perth?</p> <p><b>Mr Wood:</b> And South-East Queensland.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> If you could provide all the details that I have asked for on the previous city deals on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Wood:</b> Certainly...</p>	125 21/10/2019	
288	362	CIT	FARRELL	SHIPWRECK COAST AND GREAT OCEAN ROAD PROJECTS	<p>1. Please provide an update on the current status of the \$184m funding committed to the Shipwreck Coast and Great Ocean Road projects?</p> <p>a. Has planning commenced?</p> <p>i. If not, when will it?</p> <p>b. Has work commenced?</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	



					<p>i. If not, when will it?</p> <p>c. What is the timeline for the project?</p> <p>d. When will it be completed?</p> <p>e. What conversations and negotiations have been had with the State Government?</p> <p>2. Please detail what work will be undertaken as a part of the funding committed to the Shipwreck Coast and Great Ocean Road</p>		
289	399	CIT	STERLE	EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND	<p>The position of Executive Coordinator South East Queensland appeared on the Departmental organisational chart in mid-October 2019. Can the Department advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of this role</li> <li>• Why only the south east Queensland city deal has its own Executive Coordinator</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
290	400	CIT	STERLE	SMART CITIES AND SUBURBS PROGRAM	<p>Under the Smart Cities and Suburbs grant program, the federal government contributes money for digital infrastructure projects. Last year the ABC reported that new CCTV cameras rolled out across the Darwin CBD, funded by the Smart Cities and Suburbs program, have facial recognition technology. The article stated that facial recognition technology was included in the funding application.[1]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many CCTV cameras with facial recognition capabilities has the commonwealth funded under the Smart Cities and Suburbs grant program?</li> <li>• How many CCTV cameras with facial recognition capabilities has the department funded through any other programs?</li> <li>• What data governance arrangements does the Commonwealth impose on grant recipients under the Smart Cities and Suburbs program?</li> <li>• Are grant recipients under the Smart Cities and Suburbs program required to show evidence that their organisation’s IT system are cyber resilient so that it secure and protect data collected through technology procured through the Smart Cities and Suburbs program?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

291	481	CIT	STERLE	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REGIONAL DEAL AND A CITY DEAL	The nine Cities Deals signed or in the process are all in Liberal Party focussed electorates. Of the three Regional Deals, two are in National Party focussed electorates and Albury-Wodonga is in an area of interest for both parties. Noting the regional focus of the Launceston, Geelong and Townsville City Deals, and the current city focus of the Albury-Wodonga Regional Deal, is there any material policy difference between a Regional Deal and a City Deal?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
292	482	CIT	STERLE	REGIONAL DEALS	Mr Yeaman noted in evidence that City Deals involve "quite a heavy engagement and level of contribution from the local councils and state government that are affected. We are trying also to tailor the regional deal pilots to be less resource intensive, shorter in scale and put less pressure on some of the smaller regional councils that have less capacity than some of the larger metropolitan councils as well. So the timeframes generally have been shorter."  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How do you justify the comment "shorter in scale" when the only signed Regional Deal is the Barkly Regional Deal over 10 years?</li> <li>- How do the current boundaries of the Hinkler Regional Deal that cut out large parts of the Bundaberg Regional Council and Fraser Coast Regional Council administratively easier to manage than simply covering all of these councils?</li> <li>- Is the Federal Government ignoring the Queensland Government on the Hinkler Regional Deal in a failing attempt to make the Deal simpler?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
293	483	CIT	STERLE	13 CITY AND REGIONAL DEALS	Across the 13 City and Regional Deals in place and under negotiation - Which have hard boundaries? Which have soft boundaries? Which had hard boundaries set by the Federal Government that the relevant State/Territory Government disagreed with?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
294	484	CIT	STERLE	MAYORS REQUESTING A CITY DEAL	Provide any correspondence received since 1 January 2018 from Mayors requesting a City Deal for their community.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
295	485	CIT	STERLE	FORMAL MEETINGS AND MEETING DATES FOR THE CURRENT CITY DEALS	Provide a breakdown of all formal meetings and meeting dates for the current City Deals and City Deals under negotiation. Include all details of state governments, local governments and participating stakeholders for Townsville, Launceston, Western Sydney, Darwin, Hobart, Geelong, Adelaide, Perth, South-East Queensland, South-East Melbourne, and North-West Melbourne.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

296	551	CIT	STERLE	HINKLER REGIONAL DEAL	What is the policy for engaging state and local governments and RDA committees in the development of the Hinkler Regional Deal? Was the Queensland State Government consulted on the Deal before it was announced in 2018?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
297	552	CIT	STERLE	ALBURY-WODONGA REGIONAL DEAL	What is the policy for engaging state and local governments and RDA committees in the development of the Albury-Wodonga Regional Deal? Were the NSW and Victorian State Governments consulted on the Deal before it was announced in 2019?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
298	554	CIT	STERLE	WIDE BAY-BURNETT CONCERNS	Minister - is the Government aware of any concerns from any local individuals, organisations or politicians in Wide Bay-Burnett about their exclusion from the Hinkler Regional Deal? (People who are outside this Bundaberg-Hervey Bay area)	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
299	555	CIT	STERLE	DEPARTMENT AWARE OF CONCERNS WIDE BAY-BURNETT	Is the Department aware of any concerns from any local individuals, organisations or politicians in Wide Bay-Burnett about their exclusion from the Hinkler Regional Deal? (People who are outside this Bundaberg-Hervey Bay area)	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
300	556	CIT	STERLE	MEETINGS RELATING TO HINKLER REGIONAL DEAL	Provide the date, location, attendees, apologies, agenda and outcomes for all meetings held in relation to the Hinkler Regional Deal.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
301	557	CIT	STERLE	MEETINGS RELATING TO ALBURY-WODONGA REGIONAL DEAL	Provide the date, location, attendees, apologies, agenda and outcomes for all meetings held in relation to the Albury-Wodonga Regional Deal.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
302	558	CIT	STERLE	STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE ALBURY-WODONGA "REGIONAL" DEAL	Which "Regional" councils surrounding Albury and Wodonga will be included in the strategic planning for the Albury-Wodonga "Regional" Deal? When? Why have these "Regional" councils been excluded from the strategic planning so far?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
303	559	CIT	STERLE	ORIGINAL REPRESENTATION OF HINKLER REGIONAL DEAL	Provide a copy of the original representation to the Federal Government requesting the Hinkler Regional Deal.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

304	560	CIT	STERLE	GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENCE ON HINKLER REGIONAL DEAL	Provide a copy of all correspondence from the Federal Government to the Queensland Government about the Hinkler Regional Deal.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
305	561	CIT	STERLE	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON HINKLER REGIONAL DEAL	Provide a copy of all correspondence from the Federal Government to the relevant local governments about the Hinkler Regional Deal.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
306	562	CIT	STERLE	ORIGINAL REPRESENTATION OF ALBURY-WODONGA REGIONAL DEAL	Provide a copy of the original representation to the Federal Government requesting the Albury-Wodonga Regional Deal.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
307	563	CIT	STERLE	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE NSW AND VICTORIAN GOVERNMENTS ON HINKLER REGIONAL DEAL	Provide a copy of all correspondence from the Federal Government to the NSW and Victorian Governments about the Hinkler Regional Deal.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
308	564	CIT	STERLE	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ALBURY-WODONGA LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON HINKLER REGIONAL DEAL	Provide a copy of all correspondence from the Federal Government to the all Albury-Wodonga local governments about the Hinkler Regional Deal.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
309	569	CIT	STERLE	DEPARTMENT'S DEFINITION OF PLACE-BASED APPROACH	What is the Department's definition of 'place-based approach'?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

310	571	CIT	STERLE	HINKLER REGIONAL DEAL - PLACE-BASED APPROACH	Does the approach taken by the Federal Government in relation to the Hinkler Regional Deal fit with the Department's definition of 'place-based approach'? If yes, why? If no, why not?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
311	573	CIT	STERLE	ALBURY-WODONGA REGIONAL DEAL - PLACE-BASED APPROACH	Does the approach taken by the Federal Government in relation to the Albury-Wodonga Regional Deal fit with the Department's definition of 'place-based approach'? If yes, why? If no, why not?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
312	575	CIT	STERLE	ALBURY-WODONGA REGIONAL DEAL DELIVERY	Almost six months after then Minister McKenzie announced funding for strategic planning for the Albury-Wodonga Regional Deal what has been delivered? How much of the \$3.2 million has been spent? Provide a copy of any reports or minutes. When will the strategic planning phase end?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
<b>Aviation and Airports (7)</b>							
313	277	A&A	WATT	FEEDBACK FROM OPERATORS OF THE REGIONAL PASSENGER SERVICES	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> May I shine some light on this? It's getting late. Senator Patrick and I have already been through this. Correct me if I'm wrong, Mr McRandle and Ms Spence—the government came out, through Minister Dutton, and made this announcement about you-beauty security. A majority of the regional airports went: 'Oh my God; it'll shut us down. We won't be able to afford it.' Am I getting close, Senator Patrick?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> Yes, I think you are.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> It sounds to me like the department is providing a report that will go back to the other agency.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> This mob got a crook hand from Dutton and mob.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> We need to wait on that report to come back. Which regional airports have you consulted with as part of preparing that report?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> The six airports that we're doing the case studies on are Rockhampton, Geraldton, Wagga Wagga, Whyalla, Longreach and Kangaroo Island.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> I will be talking to Whyalla council, and also to Qantas and Rex, to find out exactly how much you've talked to them.</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Correcting my earlier advice, we've definitely been talking to</p>	134 21/10/2019	

					<p>Whyalla. We're about to share the information with the airlines to get their views on the information we've been provided with.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> I just want to make sure there's proper consultation and proper interaction, because it was very shallow last time around.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Senator Gallacher was asking about the feedback you're getting from the operators of the regional passenger services—the airlines and the airports. They're not happy, are they? What are they telling you?</p> <p><b>Mr McRandle:</b> Until we've completed the report—I wouldn't want to be prejudging any of the information we've heard. But clearly any additional regulatory costs are rarely welcomed by any part of the industry.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Am I right that operators have told you that the new rules are going to impact on services?</p> <p><b>Mr McRandle:</b> I'd have to take the detail on notice. I wasn't involved in making those calls.</p>		
314	278	A&A	DAVEY	<p>LIST OF AIRPORTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE REGIONAL AIRPORTS PROGRAM</p>	<p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> I have listened to what the department have said, that they're doing a report. I look forward to reading that report. I trust that it will adequately identify the concerns that have been raised, and hopefully Home Affairs will then take that into consideration. What I'm interested in is our commitment of \$100 million over four years. What impact will that have on the regional airports that I'm concerned about, which is all regional airports?</p> <p><b>Mr McRandle:</b> The \$100 million program is a program announced by the government in the last budget. The guidelines were made public last week. The program will become open for applications on Thursday this week. I might ask Mr Borthwick if there are any other details that he can share at this stage.</p> <p><b>Mr Borthwick:</b> As Mr McRandle mentioned, the Deputy Prime Minister released the guidelines on 11 October. The funding round formally opens on 24 October and closes on 12 December 2019. The program is designed to provide assistance to the owners of regional airports to undertake access and safety works. Eligible works range from runway resurfacing to safety work, such as fencing and runway lighting. The program will be administered via the grants hub. Airport owners can apply for up to 50 per cent funding of eligible works. As part of the application process, they will be asked to submit detailed plans, costings and a business case for proposed works. Upon close of the application period, the applications will then be assessed by an assessment panel, which will comprise representatives from this department, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Australian Airports</p>	137-138 21/10/2019	

					<p>Association, and the assessment panel will then provide recommendations to the Deputy Prime Minister for his consideration.</p> <p><b>Senator DAVEY:</b> That is for all regional airports throughout Australia? There's no limitations as to whether they're local government owned or private owned?</p> <p><b>Mr Borthwick:</b> No, the eligibility criteria, which are available on the business.gov.au website, go through all of the eligibility criteria. Essentially, to be eligible for assistance from the Regional Airports Program, the aerodrome needs to be located in inner regional or outer regional as defined by the 2016 Australian Statistical Geography Standard-Remoteness Area. In some ways, this program complements the remote aerodrome upgrade program for which remote and very remote communities are eligible for funding to do safety work.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Do you have a list of those airports available so Senator Davey can see?</p> <p><b>Mr Borthwick:</b> I'll take that on notice. I don't have the full list.</p>		
315	279	A&A	GALLACHER	LETTER FROM THE RAAA	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Yes, it's one. There is a letter from the regional aviation whatever it is of Australia—the RAAA. Are you aware of that?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> They wrote to your minister with a whole series of concerns. Was your response to that organisation, 'Go and talk to home affairs,' or did you talk to them?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> We do talk regularly with the RAAA. They have raised their concerns with us on the security issues, but I'm not aware of what the response back to the RAAA was on the issues they flagged in that letter.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> And part of that letter is 2021. It's a formal request to delay this, in this letter. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I'm sorry, Senator, I don't have that letter in front of me.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You haven't read the letter? 'We urge the government to extend the deadline to align with the US and Hong Kong requirements of mandatory screening by June 21.'</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Can you table that letter, please?</p> <p><b>Mr McRandle:</b> I can't say that I recall that letter specifically. As Ms Spence said, we do speak to a lot of organisations that represent peak bodies, including the RAAA. It would be not unusual for them to write to a number of ministers, including—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> No, they wrote to the Deputy Prime Minister.</p>	139 21/10/2019	

					<p><b>Mr McRandle:</b> Yes, but they may choose to write to a number of ministers around issues like this. Typically, what would happen in a response like that is that the ministers would refer this to the relevant minister to make a response for them.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So my question is: did the minister put it back to your department for a response, or for evaluation?</p> <p><b>Mr McRandle:</b> That would be the normal process. We'd have to take on notice that particular piece of correspondence.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Yes, please—whether it was taken for response or evaluation of the credibility of the statements.</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Yes, we'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Thank you.</p>		
316	222	A&A	PRATT	JANDAKOT AIRPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities aware that Jandakot Airport Holdings (JAH) has approval for a 2010 Master Plan to develop Jandakot Airport?</li> <li>• Is the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities aware that JAH has environmental approval from the Commonwealth Department of Energy and Environment to implement the 2010 Master Plan to develop Jandakot Airport with conditions?</li> <li>• Is the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities aware that one of the conditions (3(a)) associated with the environmental approval from the Commonwealth Department of Energy and Environment to implement the 2010 Master Plan to develop Jandakot Airport requires JAH to conserve, in perpetuity, a 119ha parcel of bushland in Conservation Precincts 1A, 1B, and 2 which consists of the Commonwealth-listed Threatened Banksia woodland ecosystem and supports Commonwealth-listed Threatened species Carnaby's Cockatoo and Grand Spider Orchid, three Matters of National Environmental Significance, and that JAH agreed to that condition?</li> <li>• Is the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities aware that JAH is preparing a 2020 Master Plan to further develop Jandakot Airport, in line with the requirements of their lease of Jandakot Airport?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	



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317	386	A&A	STERLE	AVIATION SECURITY	<p>Can you please advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many airports are there in Australia?</li> <li>• How many airports are currently using airport screening equipment for either passenger or freight services (i.e. have planes that land and meet the current security thresholds)?</li> <li>• How many airports will be required to use the new airport screening equipment (i.e. have planes that land and will meet the new security thresholds)?</li> </ul> <p>When the new security rules were originally announced, was the Department consulted by the Department of Home Affairs about the deadline advised to the industry that the new security rules will need to be in place by?</p> <p>What feedback are you getting from the operators of regional passenger services (airlines and regional airports)?</p>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<p>In relation to these transport security upgrades, who is meeting the costs of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment</li> <li>• Terminal modifications</li> <li>• Ongoing staffing costs</li> <li>• Has any assessment or modelling been completed to indicate what these new costs could mean for regional airfares? Is the Department aware of any regional airlines already considering cutting routes in anticipation of these new costs?</li> <li>• The Government has announced \$50.1 million to assist regional airports with upgrade costs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Which Department is administering this funding?</li> <li>○ Is this one-off funding or on-going funding?</li> <li>○ If non-on-going, will airports that have not have previously had to cover security costs, now will have to pay for security where they didn't before?</li> <li>○ How many requests for funding have been received?</li> <li>○ How many of the requests received, will be funded in full?</li> <li>○ How many of the requests received, will be funded partially? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Please provide a summary of the reasons why the requests will only be partially funded?</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ How many requests have been denied? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Please provide a summary of the reasons for denial?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Some state governments are quite involved in regional air travel. NSW provides subsidies for Qantas to fly to Moree and Lord Howe Island. The Queensland Government contracts Qantas to operate some routes (for example Brisbane-Roma-Charleville), and WA has a licencing regime for some routes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Has the Department had any interactions or representations from state/territory governments or state/territory ministers about the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
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					<p>security upgrades?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If yes, from which state/territory governments or which state/territory ministers?</li> <li>○ Has the Minister had any similar representations?</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the Department provided advice to the Deputy Prime Minister in respect of the letter from the Regional Aviation Association of Australia requesting that the Government conduct a full independent review of industry capability and readiness ahead of the commencement of the policy, or at the very least delaying the implementation to line up with the US and Hong Kong timeframe of June 2021? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What was that advice?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In relation to mandatory domestic screening of airfreight: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How are the new rules being applied? What do freight companies and/or regional airports need to do to comply?</li> <li>○ Does the Department believe that there is capacity/capability within the industry for the cargo volumes to be screened with current screening equipment and also meet overnight flight schedules? If not, what impact will this have on the movement of air freight – especially in regional locations?</li> <li>○ Has a regulatory impact statement been prepared?</li> <li>○ When will consultation take place with the industry in relation to the RIS?</li> <li>○ As per Office of Best Practice Regulation guidelines, have alternative measures of compliance been assessed (for example detection dogs, sampling freight for screening, passenger only aircraft screening etc)?</li> <li>○ Why has the Government mandated domestic airfreight screening 12 months ahead of international jurisdictions?</li> <li>○ Is the Department aware of technology under development in the US that will allow pallet sized screening of airfreight?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
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318	387	A&A	STERLE	REGIONAL AVIATION POLICY STATEMENT	<p>On 29 October 2019, the Deputy Prime Minister announced that the Government would be developing a Regional Aviation Policy Statement. Can the Department please advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of this policy statement.</li> <li>• Timeline for development of the statement, including consultation with stakeholders.</li> <li>• Issues to be included in the statement.</li> <li>• Will the statement include regional aviation security (impacts on regional airports, costs to consumers/airports/freight forwarders)?</li> <li>• Is the policy statement being developed within the Department, or will a consultant be appointed to undertake the work (in part or in full)?</li> <li>• Will the Government be responding to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee report in the Operation, Regulation and Funding of Air Route Service Delivery that was presented to the Senate on 7 June 2019?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
319	589	A&A	RICE	NOISE MONITORS AT JANDAKOT AIRPORT	<p>Given there are no permanent noise monitors at Jandakot Airport (as provided in the answer to Question on notice no. 217), can you explain the evidence you use to be satisfied that residents living near this airport are not experiencing excessive noise levels from air traffic coming to and from this airport, as defined</p>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	

					by as defined by N60, N65 or N70 (referring to the metric used in National Airport Safeguarding Framework Guideline A, 'Measure for Managing Impacts of Aircraft Noise', as referred to in the answer to Departmental Question Number no. SQ18-000038)?		
<b>Surface Transport Policy (24)</b>							
320	280	STP	CAROL BROWN	COASTAL SHIPPING REVIEW – LETTERS	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> I have some questions about the coastal shipping review, consultation—what's it called? Is it a review or consultation?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> We've gone out for consultation, seeking views.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> The Deputy Prime Minister wrote to people on 1 October. Can you tell us who's been written to or can you table a list.</p> <p><b>Ms Hall:</b> There are about 120 stakeholders that have been contacted. A number of those have been directly written to by the Deputy Prime Minister. We can table a list for you.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> What does that mean '120 contacted'?</p> <p><b>Ms Hall:</b> The Deputy Prime Minister wrote to key stakeholders and the department wrote to others.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Why is that? Were there different letters sent?</p> <p><b>Ms Hall:</b> No, there weren't different letters sent. It was just stakeholders that we have a working relationship and then key stakeholders for the Deputy Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Can I get both those lists—those that the department wrote to and those that the Deputy Prime Minister wrote to—and a copy of both of those letters and any other material that accompanied them.</p> <p><b>Ms Hall:</b> We'll take that on notice for you.</p>	141 21/10/2019	
321	281	STP	GALLACHER	NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY INQUIRY – MEETING DATES	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> At the estimates hearing of 18 February, the deputy secretary, Pip Spence, and the Acting General Manager of the Road Safety Task Force, Ms Sue Tucker, both assured the committee that inquiry chairs Professor Woolley and Dr Crozier were among the experts consulted by the task force in order to address the inquiry's 12 recommendations. Ms Tucker, it was very clear, said:</p> <p>We have met with them a couple of times to talk through the inquiry and to understand the intent of their recommendations.</p> <p>Ms Spence, you were also clear. You said:</p>	144-146 21/10/2019	

				<p>... we're engaging with Dr Crozier and Mr Woolley, who we have a great deal of respect for, to make sure the direction that we're going in accords with their views expressed in the inquiry report.</p> <p>That was the inquiry into the National Road Safety Strategy. Between the report being handed down in September last year and the assurances of Ms Tucker and Ms Spence, on what dates did the department meet with Dr Crozier and Professor Woolley?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I'd have to take on notice the specific dates that we met with them, but I've spoken to—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You did meet with them, though?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I met on multiple occasions with both Jeremy Woolley and John Crozier.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> After this particular report?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I have met with them to discuss their report. I'd have to take it on notice. It would have been Sue and the team who had specific conversations in the lead-up to the Transport and Infrastructure Council meeting in August.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> We're very clear here. We want to know on what dates the department met with Dr Crozier and Professor Woolley, whether it was in person or by phone, and who the departmental representatives who attended those meetings were.</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Thanks, Senator. We'll take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Sorry, Ms Spence, but I'm gobsmacked, because I saw a video with Dr Crozier and I've spoken with Dr Crozier and Professor Woolley. I spoke with Professor Woolley at the College of Road Safety national conference in Adelaide a couple of weeks ago, and he said very clearly to us that there had been no consultation at all over the report. So have your meetings been about something else?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I'm surprised to hear that.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Not as surprised as I am.</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> My view is that we have discussed with them what we're doing in response to the inquiry. I was at the same conference. I was on the same panel as Jeremy when he talked about the engagement that we've had with them on what's going forward to the Transport and Infrastructure Council. As I said, we'll have to take on notice the specific details.</p> <p>...</p>	
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					<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Ms Spence, you've taken the exact dates on notice. Is there no-one in the room or in the adjoining room who would be able to shed some light on this question?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> No. I'm sorry, Senator. We have taken it on notice. As I said, I have met with both John and Jeremy. We have discussed the way we're taking the inquiry forward into the Transport and Infrastructure Council, and I'll get back to you with specific information on meetings that the department has held with both of them subsequent to them providing the inquiry report.</p>		
322	282	STP	GALLACHER	OFFICE OF ROAD SAFETY	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> ... Have we got a structure for the Office of Road Safety? Do we know what's happening there? I've had some industry feedback. Have you got a CEO yet?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> No. We're close to finalising that appointment.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You haven't got a CEO. You have a structure, though? There are so many SES.</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> There's a branch that's now been established within the Surface Transport Policy Division, so it's clearly identified in our organisation chart. We have a recruitment process underway and very close to completion for the head of the Office of Road Safety.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Have you had industry feedback that the structure is probably not likely to work all that well, given that the CEO is four levels down from a decision-maker? Has anybody told you that? The national Office of Road Safety would need to interact, I presume, with people all around the country, and, if his level is below the people he's interacting with, the interactions may not be all that successful. Has anybody told you that?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> No-one has said that specifically to me. They may have raised it with other members of the department. But again—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Perhaps on notice you could give us some feedback about industry assessment of the structure of the office. I've had criticism put to me that (a) no suitably qualified person in the private sector would apply for it, because it lacks a clear decision-making role, and (b) they think it's doomed to fail because it's too far down the ladder of decision-making in the department. That's pretty straightforward feedback. I'm sure you would have had the same.</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Genuinely, no-one has put it to me in those terms.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Would Mr Kennedy have had the—</p> <p>...</p>	146-147 21/10/2019	

					<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> We're running out of time here. What about Mr Kennedy? Did he have that feedback before he departed for greener pastures?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I'm not aware of anyone raising that with Dr Kennedy.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Is it possible to take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> We can see what correspondence Dr Kennedy received prior to leaving the organisation.</p>		
323	290	STP	GALLACHER	REVIEW OF NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY GOVERNANCE - COSTS	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Do you have the AusTender costs for the governance review?</p> <p><b>Ms Hall:</b> No. We can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Does \$430,000 sound about right?</p> <p><b>Ms Hall:</b> I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You don't know what the governance review cost?</p> <p><b>Ms Hall:</b> I'm sorry, Senator. The governance review was undertaken before I started in this role. I'll just have to go back and double-check.</p>	146 21/10/19	
324	283	STP	STERLE	REMUNERATION FOR CONSULTANTS	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I want to know how much. So please, Ms Spence, how much did Professor Woolley, Dr Crozier, Mr McIntosh and Mr McInerney get paid individually to do that report?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I've got staff behind me trying to find that answer. I cannot guarantee I can find it for you tonight, but we are trying.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Alright, that's great...</p>	148 21/10/2019	
325	284	STP	GALLACHER	DRAFT FINDINGS	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I think they're going to come and interrupt us when they get that. Who received the draft report, on what date? Is that an on-notice question?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> That's on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Was the department able to respond to the draft findings or draft content? Were you responding to that or was it just the peer reviewers?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I don't understand your question, I'm sorry.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Was the department able to respond to the draft findings or the draft content?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> We were able to work with EY to respond to the comments that we received from the peer review.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So you could change the report?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Yes—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Despite paying the money, you could actually say, 'We don't</p>	149 21/10/2019	



					<p>think that draft finding is good'—</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> We could ask EY and the work that we were doing within the department to expand upon the issues that had been raised in response to what the peer reviewer said.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Can you tell us on notice what the draft findings were that the department needed to respond to?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I'd have to take that on notice.</p>		
326	285	STP	GALLACHER	FEEDBACK SIGN OFF	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Who signed off on the department's feedback? Was that you, Ms Spence?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Again, I'm not quite sure what you mean by the department's feedback. There was the independent peer review feedback that was provided to us, and working with EY to update the governance review before it was finalised.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Okay. So you purchased feedback, by way of two tenders, and you had an opportunity to talk about the draft findings. I'm asking very clearly: who signed off on that feedback?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I think that probably would have been done by either the executive director or the head of the—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Perhaps you'd better take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I will take it on notice.</p>	149-150 21/10/2019	
327	286	STP	GALLACHER	COPY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT FINDINGS AND INTERACTIONS	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> We don't want you to mislead the committee if you can't tell us who signed off on it. Can this committee get a copy of the department's response to the draft findings or draft content? Do you have a formal document?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Senator, I'm struggling to align the process that we went through and your questions. We worked with EY to prepare the draft governance review. That was then submitted to the independent peer reviews, who provide us with feedback, which we then incorporated into the final review. This was then provided back to the peer reviewers for their feedback. I'm not trying to be cute here, but I'm genuinely not sure what you mean by—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You've said yourself that it's unusual for this form of activity to take place. You've paid for a review. It's come in a draft form. You have the opportunity to influence the draft form, and you also are peer reviewing it. Now, all I'm saying is: we want to know the toing and froing there. Surely that was a process that was in writing.</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I'll take it on notice and get back to you what interactions there were.</p>	150 21/10/2019	

328	287	STP	GALLACHER	DRAFT FINDINGS – DETAILS	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Did the department advise the minister or the minister's office of the draft findings or content? That's the first question. If so, who did the advising? That is the second question. The third question is: on what date? And, finally, what response came from the minister's office, and can the committee be furnished with that response?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I will take it on notice.</p>	150 21/10/2019	
329	401	STP	STERLE	DISABILITY STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could the Department please update the committee on progress with the review of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport?</li> <li>• What happened with the recommendations from the first two reviews?</li> <li>• Has any progress been made on recommendation 1 from 2012 (which was accepted by the Australian Government) and set out a course of action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ for the Australian Government to work with state and territory governments to begin progressively modernising the Transport Standards</li> </ul> </li> <li>• When will the third review be completed? What will be the process for recommendations to be acted on?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
330	403	STP	STERLE	ELECTRONIC WORK DIARIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the Government looking into the implementation of electronic work diaries in Australia for heavy vehicles?</li> <li>• If not, why not?</li> <li>• If yes, what is the process being undertaken to consider this policy and consult with industry and other stakeholders?</li> <li>• In terms of the technology, has the department accredited any EWD products for use in Australia?</li> <li>• When would you expect to see a mandatory requirement for EWDs in Australia?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
331	404	STP	STERLE	ELECTRIC VEHICLES	<p>In relation to the development of a National Strategy for Electric Vehicles; will the Minister provide details on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which Minister's oversee the National Strategy for Electric Vehicles</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is the Chair or the lead Minister?</li> <li>• When have the Minister’s met to discuss the National Strategy for Electric Vehicles over the last 12 months?</li> <li>• What is the anticipated timeframe for the release of a National Strategy for Electric Vehicles?</li> </ul>		
332	405	STP	STERLE	MINISTERIAL FORUM ON VEHICLE EMISSIONS	<p>In relation to the Ministerial Forum on Vehicle Emissions, can the Minister provide details on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dates on which the forum has met since January 2017</li> <li>• The Ministerial attendees at each forum</li> <li>• The Chair of each forum</li> <li>• The current composition of the forum</li> <li>• The current Chair</li> <li>• The date of the forum’s next scheduled meeting.</li> <li>• What is the revised estimated timeframe for the development of an implementation plan which was originally foreshadowed for March 2017?</li> <li>• What recent research, reports and briefings has the Department done to support the work of the Ministerial Forum?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
333	406	STP	STERLE	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROAD VEHICLE STANDARDS LEGISLATION	<p>Commencement of the Road Vehicles Standards Act was delayed for up to two years, and legislation has recently been passed to give the new legislation a commencement of 1 July 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What factors contributed to the need for this delay?</li> <li>• What steps has the Department taken to ensure that no further delays are required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Does the Department have a project plan for the development and delivery of the new IT system that will be required to support the new legislation? Can you share the project plan with the committee, including delivery milestones, staffing and budget?</li> <li>○ Has an external consultant been engaged to assist with the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<p>development of the IT system?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How are you resolving the policy issues that are still outstanding? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Given the extensive consultation that has already taken place on this legislation, how will you contain this additional consultation so as not to go back over previously resolved issues?</li> <li>▪ Can you provide the committee with a copy of your consultation plan?</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Has an external consultant been engaged to assist with resolving outstanding policy issues?</li> <li>○ How many people in the department are working on finalising the detail for the implementation of this legislation?</li> <li>○ How much funding has been allocated to resolving the outstanding policy issues and developing the IT system?</li> <li>○ Who is overseeing the project to ensure that delivery milestones are met?</li> </ul>		
334	407	STP	STERLE	ROAD SAFETY	<p>With reference to the Government’s claim that is has implemented the recommendation of the Inquiry into the National Road Safety Strategy to appoint a Cabinet minister with specific multi-agency responsibility to address the hidden epidemic of road trauma including its impact on the health system, will the Minister:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detail the Governance arrangements that give the Minister for Infrastructure oversight of the relevant sections of the Department of Health;</li> <li>• Detail which sections of the Department of Health the Minister has oversight.</li> </ul> <p>With reference to the Government’s claim that is has implemented the recommendation of the Inquiry into the National Road Safety Strategy to appoint a Cabinet minister with specific multi-agency responsibility to address the hidden epidemic of road trauma including its impact on the health system, will the</p>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<p>Minister provide details on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The date on which the Minister for Infrastructure received “specific multi-agency responsibility to address the hidden epidemic of road trauma including its impact on the health system”;</li> <li>• How this arrangement was formalized;</li> <li>• The dates that the Minister has met with the Secretary of the Department of Health in relation to road trauma and its impact on the health system</li> </ul> <p>With reference to the Office of Road Safety will the Minister detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of allocated positions</li> <li>• The number of filled positions</li> <li>• The salary classification for each position (and whether it is full or part time)</li> <li>• The title of each position</li> <li>• Which positions were filled by a pre-existing employee of the Department.</li> </ul> <p>With reference to the ‘Improving Road Safety’ measure on pages 129 and 130 of Budget Paper No.2 and the statement that “the cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resources of the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities”, will the Minister detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the total measure, and each of the six sub-measures, contained in the “Improving Road Safety” measure, will the Minister detail what amount of the allocation is met from within existing resources?</li> </ul> <p>With reference to the ‘Improving Road Safety’ measure on pages 129 and 130 of Budget Paper No.2 and the “\$5.9 million for the establishment of the Office of Road Safety”, will the Minister detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What portion of that budget has been expended to date;</li> <li>• What are the line-item programs and expenses covered by the expenditure to date;</li> </ul>		
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which of these line-item programs and expenses were not previously funded by the Department in 2018/19?</li> </ul> <p>With reference to Estimates Hearings on 18th February where the committee was provided testimony from the Department that it had met with Co-Chairs of the Inquiry into the National Road safety Strategy since the report its report was tabled will the Minister provide details on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dates on which the Department met with Dr. Crozier and Assoc. Professor Wooley between the report being handed down and 18th February</li> <li>• How these meetings took place (in person/teleconference etc)</li> <li>• The Department representative that coordinated the meeting/s</li> <li>• The Department representatives that attended/partook in the meeting/s</li> </ul> <p>With reference to the Review of National Road Safety Governance Arrangements, will the Minister detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The date/s on which the Department received a draft report</li> <li>• The dates and names of Ministerial offices or staff who the Department provided draft content to;</li> <li>• Copies of feedback from Ministerial offices to the Department on any draft content;</li> <li>• Copies of feedback from the Department to the report’s authors, on any draft content.</li> </ul> <p>With reference to the Road Safety Roundtable on 2nd September and the Department’s Dr Gary Dolman presentation of the official “Long Term Trends and Projections for Road Deaths and Hospitalized Injuries”, will the Minister provide details on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When was the first time these projections were provided to the Minister for Infrastructure and the Assistant Minister for Road safety;</li> <li>• How often are these projections updated; to whom are they provided; and are they routinely placed in the public domain;</li> <li>• If the projections been revised since the Government’s stated</li> </ul>		
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					<p>commitment to “Vision Zero”; and if so, to what?</p> <p>With reference to the Road Safety Roundtable on 2nd September and the Department’s Dr Gary Dolman presentation of the official “Long Term Trends and Projections for Road Deaths and Hospitalized Injuries”, will the Minister provide details on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What Government decisions has the department identified that will see those forward projections decline</li> <li>• When will those projections be available?</li> </ul> <p>With reference to the Road Safety Roundtable on 2nd September and the Department’s Dr Gary Dolman presentation of the official “Long Term Trends and Projections for Road Deaths and Hospitalized Injuries”, will the Minister provide details on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the Department is able to provide forward projections to 2030 of fatality and injury rates in capital city CBD areas and high-volume highways?</li> </ul> <p>In relation to the TIC Communique of 2 August 2019 which says “the Commonwealth will streamline the process for legislative and regulatory changes to vehicle safety standards to improve the uptake of new safety technology in the Australian new vehicle fleet, and will endeavour to align Australian regulations with the proposed European regulatory package to commence within a similar timeframe”, will the Minister provide details on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What has the government identified as being preventing faster adoption of new vehicle safety standards; and</li> <li>• What specific measures has the Government identified to fast track adoption?</li> </ul>		
335	408	STP	STERLE	SECOND STAGE OF MANUFACTURE – IMPACT UNDER THE ROAD VEHICLE STANDARDS LEGISLATION	Under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act, Australian manufacturers are able to supply low volume Gross Vehicle Mass Upgrades to new vehicles before they are registered. Under these arrangements about 900 vehicles per month are currently modified using local product design, and labour. Local providers of these services (eg suspension modifications) are concerned that under the new legislation there will only be two streams through which vehicles can be imported	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<p>and supplied to market.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What will happen to these ‘Second Stage Manufacturers’ under the new Road Vehicle Standards Act?</li> <li>• The RVSA doesn’t support on-shore value-adding, will this simply push Australian consumers towards larger vehicles that already have a larger vehicle mass (such as the Dodge Ram)?</li> <li>• If Australian companies cannot alter the Gross Vehicle Mass through repetitive suspension upgrades, is the option to bring in large high volume imports going to be the simpler and easier way out? Will this inadvertently support the importation of American ‘trucks’ because they follow an easier path, because upgrading a Hilux will become too difficult and too expensive?</li> </ul>		
336	409	STP	STERLE	VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS	<p>The TIC Communique of 2 August 2019 says that Council agreed:</p> <p>“The Commonwealth will streamline the process for legislative and regulatory changes to vehicle safety standards to improve the uptake of new safety technology in the Australian new vehicle fleet, and will endeavour to align Australian regulations with the proposed European regulatory package to commence within a similar timeframe”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What has the government identified as being preventing faster adoption of new vehicle safety standards; and</li> <li>• What specific measures has the Government identified to fast track adoption?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
337	410	STP	STERLE	AUTONOMOUS EMERGENCY BRAKING (HEAVY VEHICLES)	<p>The Department is currently consulting on mandatory autonomous emergency braking for heavy vehicles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it correct that similar regulations have been in place in Europe since 2013?</li> <li>• Why has it taken so long for Australia to catch up?</li> <li>• What is the process from here? When would will this regulation finalised?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	



338	411	STP	STERLE	TYRE SAFETY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Department believe that the current Australian Design Rules (ADR) do enough to ensure the safety of vehicles used in everyday transport?</li> <li>2. How does the Department differentiate between tyres for light vehicles (i.e. passenger fleets) and heavy vehicles (i.e. trucks and buses) and their influence on road safety and the economic performance of the fleet as well as the infrastructure used by the fleets?</li> <li>3. ADR 42 mandates that tyres for light vehicles are to have a minimum tyre inflation pressure. Does ADR42 apply to vehicles over 4.5t?</li> <li>4. New Zealand mandated in legislation circa 2001, that ALL road going tyres are required to be appropriately inflated. Under NHVL/NHVR legislation, tyres on heavy road transport are not required to be inflated. Why has the Australian regulatory sphere determined that only light vehicles require tyres to be inflated?</li> <li>5. Does the department agree (or not) that tyres on heavy vehicles are actually more heavily stressed than tyres on light vehicles? (Rationale, most tyres on light vehicles have high speed ratings, i.e. &gt; 160 km/hr whereas most tyres on heavy vehicles have maximum speed ratings of 100 – 120 km/hr.)</li> <li>6. Given that tyres on heavy vehicles are subject to greater stress with any risk assessment determining severe if not catastrophic consequences as the result of a tyre failure on a heavy vehicle, why does the Department choose to ignore the basic requirement of the tyre (i.e. to be appropriately inflated) in any recommendations to the legislature processes?</li> <li>7. As the USA and 17 other countries have mandated the use of tyre pressure monitoring systems (TPMS) for light vehicles, why has this department deliberately chosen to ignore the lead of other road safety agencies and totally ignore the criticality of appropriately inflated tyres as a safety measure within road safety even when presented with evidence from other jurisdictions?</li> <li>8. What makes the operation of a tyre so different in Australia to anywhere else in the world that inflation pressures do not need to be regulated or</li> </ol>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
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					<p>at least determined to be critical to the safe operation of all road going vehicles?</p> <p>9. The Australian Tyre and Rim Association (AT&amp;RA) is a fellow organisation to other Tyre &amp; Rim Associations around the globe e.g. ETRTO, JATNA, IT&amp;RA. Within ADR 42 the AT&amp;RA is referenced as the over-arching authority for tyre design, specification and operations. The AT&amp;RA provide charts that specify load and inflation data for various size tyres and classes. How does the Department utilise this reference data when considering the appropriate inflation pressures for heavy vehicles?</p> <p>10. If the department does not utilise this data, why is the AT&amp;RA document referenced within the ADR process?</p> <p>11. Given that ADR 42 specifies a maximum tyre inflation pressure of 120 psi (825 kPa) how was this figure determined to be the maximum legal inflation pressure applicable to road going vehicles in Australia? On what factual basis was this determination made?</p> <p>12. Many tyre manufacturers manufacture tyres that have maximum inflation pressures in excess of this 120 psi limit. How does the department justify the limit of 120 psi when an instant improvement in productivity (i.e. more load capacity) could be generated by permitting transport operators to use the maximum inflation pressure the tyre designers and manufacturers apply to their product?</p> <p>13. How does the department determine the safety margin of tyres for road going vehicles in Australia?</p> <p>14. All road tyres imported into Australia are required to bear the US Department of Transport (DoT) or the European equivalent to identify the tyre's manufacturer, origin of production and date of manufacture. How does the department determine whether the applied DoT number that identifies each tyre is legitimate and what checks are carried out to determine the validity of such identification?</p> <p>15. As the number of tyre manufacturers has increased over the past decades (though in Australia they have reduced to zero) how does the department ensure that the quality of the tyres fitted to imported vehicles and tyres that are imported for use on Australian roads are</p>		
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					<p>actually fit for purpose? The role of the importer is acknowledged but as many aspects of motor vehicles are controlled and determined by the department why are the single items that determine the vehicles capacity to perform as the designer intended and the driver has reasonable expectation to perform as expected ignored?</p> <p>16. The NHVR in February 2018 published a Procedure for Roller Brake Testing. This procedure prescribed the process required for testing of heavy transport on stationary brake dynamometers. The NHVR was involved in extensive determination of the braking standards applied to heavy vehicles on Australian roads. Does the department accept that tyres form an integral part of the braking system for any road going vehicle?</p> <p>17. Given that tyres are a critical link between the brake mechanism and the pavement, what role does tyre inflation pressure play in ensuring the appropriate minimum retardation distances is achieved by vehicles that are tested by the NHVR procedure?</p> <p>18. How does an underinflated tyre affect the pavement? How does an underinflated tyre affect the cornering performance of a loaded heavy vehicle? How does an underinflated tyre (on any vehicle) affect the achieved braking distances versus the designer’s intended stopping distance?</p> <p>19. Why are underinflated tyres, when considering braking distances, any different to speeding in excess of the posted limits? Given that underinflated tyres increase braking distances markedly why has the department chosen to ignore any requirement for heavy vehicles to have tyres that are appropriately inflated?</p> <p>20. When a tyre operates, heat within the tyre’s structure is generated as a result of the hysteresis within the rubber. What is the optimum operating range for tyres used on Australian roads?</p> <p>21. What is the department’s immediate plans for tyre safety when considering the UN requirements for heavy transport within Australia?</p> <p>22. What part does the department consider appropriately inflated tyres play in the reduction of vehicle exhaust emissions?</p>		
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					<p>23. How does the department consider the TNO 2013 R10986 titled; “Study on Tyre Pressure Monitoring Systems (TPMS) as a means to reduce Light- Commercial and Heavy-Duty Vehicles fuel consumption and CO2 emissions”</p> <p>As being relevant to Australian road safety and vehicle emission control? Please explain your response.</p> <p>24. Does the department have any accurate data as to the actual inflation pressures of vehicles as being operated on Australian roads? If not, why not considering the department has already admitted the absolute criticality of appropriately inflated tyres for safe vehicle operations?</p> <p>25. Will the department confer deeply with representatives from associated industry to better understand the role that tyres play in safe and efficient road transport?</p> <p>26. Why have industry figures been shunned by the department when meetings have been arranged (e.g. Mr Alfonso DePasquale, Schrader International (world’s largest manufacture of TPMS for the automotive industry) to transfer knowledge and global experience to the Australian regulator?</p> <p>27. As a final section, why does the heavy vehicle performance based scheme (PBS) acknowledge the criticality of tyres such that tyre performance data is used in software simulations of proposed heavy vehicle designs yet in the field tyre inflation pressures (which are prescribed on page 84 of the PBS Rules by the paragraph</p> <p>“Section E</p> <p>all the forces needed to both support and guide a vehicle ultimately arise in the area of contact between the tyre and the roadway. These forces are generated at the road surface in response to the deformation of the tyre structure.”</p> <p>Are totally ignored by most if not all in service vehicle inspectors and certainly by the vast majority of post-accident investigations?</p> <p>28. Further to the PBS enquiry, does the department accept that the data used in the software simulations is derived from test rigs operating on a</p>		
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					<p>closed circuit in a single configuration?</p> <p>29. Can the department elaborate as to the ratio of axles on heavy transport that are of the dual tyre configuration as opposed to the single tyre configuration?</p> <p>30. How does a set of tyres in a dual configuration differ in performance to those tyres in a single configuration?</p> <p>31. When the operating pressures within a set of tyres on a dual tyre axle have variations between the two tyres, what is the performance outcome for the vehicle? Will the vehicle perform as the designer intended and as the driver would reasonably expect it too?</p> <p>32. What is the effect of long range fuel tanks, high power engines and aerodynamic aids on tyres as fitted to an ADR approved and/or PBS certified heavy vehicle?</p> <p>33. What is the acceptable pressure delta between duelled tyres on a heavy vehicle when long range fuel tanks, high power engines and aerodynamic aids are in use in heavy vehicles? What is the acceptable pressure delta for tyres fitted in a dual configuration on unpowered vehicles (e.g. trailers)?</p>		
339	412	STP	STERLE	QUESTION ON FIRES IN VEHICLES	<p>Is the department aware of a recent influx of fires in motor vehicles in Australia? Is the department aware of any studies or possible changes that could be introduced to legislation that could improve the design and safety of cars that would reduce or eliminate the danger of fires in cars?</p>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
340	499	STP	STERLE	COASTAL TRADING CONSULTATION STAKEHOLDERS	<p>Provide a list of all stakeholders written to by the Government regarding the consultation on Coastal Trading Reforms. Note who signed the letter (eg Deputy Prime Minister, Departmental Official)</p>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
341	500	STP	STERLE	COASTAL TRADING CONSULTATION STAKEHOLDERS	<p>How many stakeholders raised that they wanted to have some discussions, broadly, within the sector to make the DPM decide to go out to a consultation?</p>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
342	419	STP	RICE	REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has the Department had any communication with the “Getting to Zero Coalition” in relation to shipping?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	

				SHIPPING	What work has the Department undertaken in the last year in relation to reducing emissions from shipping?		
343	595	STP	RICE	GUIDE TO PAVEMENT TECHNOLOGY PART 4B: ASPHALT	When is the next edition of the Guide to Pavement Technology Part 4B: Asphalt to be drafted or released?	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
<b>Portfolio Coordination and Research (13)</b>							
344	288	PC&R	WATT	TRACKING OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I have a couple of questions about election commitment tracking. This is obviously our first hearing since the May federal election. I'm interested in establishing what processes the department uses to keep track of election commitments. Has the department compiled a full list of all the commitments that need to be delivered across the portfolio over this parliamentary term?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Yes. We do keep track of all election commitments and have reporting arrangements in place.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So that is the way it works? Each department monitors the commitments that fall in its own portfolio?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> And PM&amp;C or Treasury—one of the central agencies—manages that across government. Is that how it works?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Yes, there is a centralised approach, but we monitor the election commitments for which this portfolio is responsible.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So your department does have a list of all commitments that need to be delivered over this term?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Would you be able to table that list for us?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I would have to take that on notice; I'm sorry.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay. So that list is compiled. There are a range of officials within your department who are responsible for compiling that list?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Is there anything else that is relevant about how that list is compiled?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Not that I can think of, no.</p>	6 21/10/2019	

345	289	PC&R	WATT	REPORTING ON THE DELIVERY OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> How does the department report on the delivery of election commitments?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> It provides regular updates to the Deputy Prime Minister and other ministers in the portfolio on progress that is being made.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Regular updates. Are they in writing?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> When you say 'regular', how often?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Six-monthly, I think. I would have to take that on notice and confirm.</p>	7 21/10/2019	
346	206	PC&R	WATT	CHARTER LETTERS	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I have a few more in this corporate services area. The Prime Minister provides ministerial charter letters to ministers. Ms Spence, my understanding is that departmental secretaries almost always receive a copy of these charter letters. Have you received a copy of the charter letter for your minister?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Yes. We do have visibility for the charter letter process, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> When you say you have visibility, does that mean you have a copy?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Yes. I have seen the charter letter, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> From that letter, can you advise the key deliverables for this portfolio over this term of parliament?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I don't have the letter with me. The key deliverable is obviously in the infrastructure delivery space.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> What does that mean? What are you expected to deliver?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> The projects that are being funded through the major infrastructure program and the projects through the regional programs.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Is it just a general 'please deliver all the infrastructure that we committed to', or is it more specific than that?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I'm sorry, I don't have it in front of me, so I genuinely can't recall the detail of it.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Could you please table a copy of the charter letter?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Do you want to take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>	11 21/10/2019	
347	346	PC&R	KITCHING	CONGESTION BUSTING	<p>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	

					2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department.		
348	402	PC&R	STERLE	HEAVY VEHICLE REFORM	<p>In July 2018, the Department released a Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) – Heavy Vehicle Road Reform Phase 2: Independent price regulation of heavy vehicle charges. This RIS provides detail and information on potential costs and implications of independent price regulation and the introduction of a forward-looking cost base. It is understood stakeholder feedback on the Regulation Impact Statement is being used to inform a decision by governments on the way forward for heavy vehicle road user charges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can the Department provide an update on this consultation process?</li> <li>• Is the Government still pursuing heavy vehicle road reform?</li> <li>• Are the trials that had been proposed still going ahead?</li> <li>• How many people are currently working on Heavy Vehicle Road Reform?</li> <li>• What are the next steps in the process?</li> <li>• Have any reports been produced on the work so far?</li> <li>• What role do states and territories have in this project?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
349	472	PC&R	STERLE	CHARTER LETTER - KEY DELIVERABLES	What are the key deliverables for this portfolio over this term of parliament?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
350	473	PC&R	STERLE	CHARTER LETTERS	Provide all charter letter(s).	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
351	475	PC&R	STERLE	DEPARTMENTS ELECTION COMMITMENTS	Provide a list of all election commitments the Department is responsible for.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
352	476	PC&R	STERLE	ELECTION COMMITMENTS FOR DELIVERY	Provide a list of all election commitments that need to be delivered over this term.	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
353	478	PC&R	STERLE	REPORT TO THE MINISTER ON	How often does the Department provide a report to the Minister on election commitment delivery?	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	



				ELECTION COMMITMENT DELIVERY			
354	424	PC&R	RICE	ROAD USER CHARGING	Following the former Minister’s announcement in 2016 of an inquiry into road user charging, and reporting in 2018 that the inquiry was no longer continuing (‘Deputy PM Michael McCormack shelves inquiry into road pricing’, The Australian Financial Review, 5 October 2018), what is the Department’s current work on road user charging? Is an inquiry planned into either light or heavy road user charging? If so, please provide timeframes (launch or expected completion dates).	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
355	425	PC&R	RICE	SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES	Has the Department undertaken any consultation with state and territory governments in relation to self-driving vehicles, and ensuring consistent regulation between jurisdictions? What fora would this occur through?	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
356	426	PC&R	RICE	CLIMATE CHANGE PREPAREDNESS	Did the Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development participate in the Secretaries Group on Climate Risk, or the Project Climate Ready exercises?  Have any Deputy Secretaries from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development participated in the Disaster and Climate Resilience Reference Group?  What activity has been undertaken by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development using the Climate Compass risk management framework?	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
<b>National Water Grid Authority (8)</b>							
357	295	NWGA	ROBERTS	WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS	<b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> Can you tell us specifically what is going to happen with water as a national crisis unfolds in the Murray-Darling Basin. What have you got specifically to build in the way of extra infrastructure? <b>Senator Canavan:</b> Well, I’ll ask officials perhaps to go through more of the detail, but, as I mentioned briefly earlier, the government has announced significant investments in regional New South Wales in the Murray-Darling Basin, in Dungowan and Wyangala. Also looking alongside that announcement, there was an allocation of funding to do the business case or work towards the Mole River	15, 66 25/10/2019	

					<p>Dam, near Tenterfield. There is the Emu Swamp Dam, which we've already allocated \$42 million to, and we welcome the Queensland government's commitment to that dam—again in the Murray-Darling Basin, in the Southern Downs, near Stanthorpe. We've invested in a range of programs in the southern Murray system, particularly around pipelines around the Murray River to increase water security there. Dr Bacon, you'd be best placed to go through some more of the detail in that area?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> Yes. As I mentioned, we have the \$1.5 billion National Water Infrastructure Development Fund, and we've now committed \$1.48 billion from that fund to fund capital infrastructure for 21 water infrastructure projects. Those projects are underway. We're happy to provide details in relation to some of those projects, if that would be useful.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> Could we get details in writing, just a list?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> We're happy to take that on notice, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> Thank you...</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> Senator Canavan, following up on the list of projects, could you please advise the total increase in water storage capacity, in percentage and also volume terms, that water infrastructure projects currently funded by the \$1.5 billion fund will provide, on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> Yes. I'll have to take that on notice, sorry.</p>		
358	296	NWGA	WATT	<p>DUNGOWAN DAM AND WYANGALA DAM – NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT FUNDING</p>	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Focusing on the two big projects, Dungowan Dam and Wyangala Dam, the New South Wales government will in fact be responsible for 75 per cent of the cost, with the Commonwealth being responsible for 25 per cent?</p> <p><b>Mr Edwards:</b> Once the loan is repaid, yes, that will be the case.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> It will be the New South Wales government who will pay, either in the form of their own grants or loans, 75 per cent of the cost of those two projects.</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> There may be a fine distinction to make here. The officials will correct me, but my understanding of the plan is that the New South Wales government will loan this asset, if you like. So their contribution would not be best characterised as a grant; it would be more accurately characterised as an equity investment. Obviously they expect some, you would think, of that equity capital to be returned, whereas the 25 per cent, or the half of the Commonwealth government's funding, will not be returned no matter how well the underlying</p>	50-51 25/10/2019	

				<p>asset performs.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay. So the New South Wales government, whether it be in the form of equity investments that they are making or loans that they will be repaying, will actually be responsible for 75 per cent of the cost of these two dams?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> I think the minister has answered that question.</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> It's just not quite accurate to characterise it—</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> What is not accurate about that?</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> The loan obviously carries risk, and we are taking on that risk up-front. It is an up-front cost that has to be—</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> But they're repaying it, aren't they?</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> That is the plan. Obviously, with the state government as a counterparty, that risk is low, but there remains risk with any loan. The policy objective of the Regional Investment Corporation funds is to try and allow the Commonwealth to take on some of the risk of building water infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> But these aren't Regional Investment Corporation funds, are they? I thought they were coming from other loan programs.</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> Just to clarify that: we have policy responsibility for the loan facility, and it is administered through the RIC. They administer the day-to-day administration of the loan facility.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I know you're doing your best to try and stick with what has been said already, but the fact is: once these dams are built and loans are repaid, the New South Wales government will have paid 75 per cent of the cost of these two dams, with the Commonwealth paying 25 per cent.</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> Again, that is not accurate. Once the loan has been repaid, at that point, if the loan has been repaid, presumably there is some other capital available to repay the equity to provide a return of the equity, and possibly on the equity as well. At that time the New South Wales government's cost will be lower than its initial investment, because it would have recouped some of its initial equity investment. By the very nature of equity, we can't predict exactly what those returns will be; there are risks associated with that. We might be able to take on notice if there are any estimates of that. I presume that we might have some more information on it for you as business cases develop, and the New South Wales government might be able to provide something. But it's not right to say that, at that point in the future, the cost is 75 per cent, because it does not properly reflect the equity investment that the New South Wales government</p>	
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359	297	NWGA	WATT	DUNGOWAN DAM AND WYANGALA DAM – COMMONWEALTH FUNDING	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> What is the structure of these loans? What agreement has actually been struck with New South Wales?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> The way that the process works—and I can ask my colleague to take you through that in more detail—is that, after a project is announced, our department would engage with the state and territory government agencies and work out the details of the arrangements and of an agreement to be then put to respective ministers for consideration.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> When do we expect that Commonwealth money will be paid, in the form of either loans or grants, and actually go to the states for the projects?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> I think we would need to take that on notice as we don't yet have the details. We haven't worked out with our New South Wales colleagues yet the details for those agreements and when the milestones might fall due. So we might need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Do you expect that the funding will be provided in one stage or in multiple stages?</p> <p><b>Mr Edwards:</b> The Commonwealth funding for infrastructure projects is provided against staged milestones. So I would anticipate that this project, like others, will have a series of construction milestones for which stage payments will be made. So if a project takes, say, three years to build, there would be a series of milestones across that construction period.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> What are the expected starting and completion dates for each of these projects?</p> <p><b>Mr Edwards:</b> Again, we will have to take that on notice because we are still talking to New South Wales about when they will be ready to go.</p>	52 25/10/2019	
360	298	NWGA	RENNICK	NUMBER OF DAMS BUILT BY THE QUEENSLAND STATE LABOUR GOVERNMENT	<p><b>Senator RENNICK:</b> My question is for the minister. How many dams has the Queensland state Labor government built in the last 10 years?</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> I don't know the exact answer to that question. As—</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Paradise Dam—and tried to build Traveston.</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> I don't have the precise number for you in the time period. I'd have to take it on notice. There was a period when a Queensland Labor government was at least talking about dams. Former Premier Beattie did spend a bit of time trying to get some dams going. Senator Watt, you mentioned one at Traveston, which I don't think was the right approach. He was also trying to get</p>	54 25/10/2019	

					<p>the Rookwood Weir going. He promised to build the Rookwood Weir by 2011. Unfortunately—I'm not sure if it was because Mr Beattie left or what have you—since that time it has been hard to get a Queensland Labor government on board. We welcome the fact that, over the past couple of years, we've at least had the notional agreement from Queensland to build Rookwood and Emu Swamp. Hopefully, they'll honour those commitments and we'll get some infrastructure built in Queensland.</p>		
361	299	NWGA	WATT	ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT STATUTORY AUTHORITY	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I have a few questions about the National Water Grid Authority. This was obviously the subject of an election commitment from the government. Among other things, they committed to establish the national water grid, a statutory authority responsible for the strategic planning and project management of water, policy and water infrastructure across the nation. Is that new independent statutory authority established yet?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> Yes. It's not actually an independent statutory authority. The Australian government established the National Water Grid Authority as a secondary Australian government body. It's established within the department of infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So it's not a statutory authority?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> It's not a statutory authority, no. It's a secondary Australian government body established within the department.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Minister, why haven't you delivered on the commitment to create a statutory authority to do this?</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> I'll have to take on notice the reasons for the particular designation provided to this body. I'm not familiar with the details, unless the deputy secretary could add something.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> My understanding of the Deputy Prime Minister's comments was that establishing it as an independent statutory authority would take the politics out of water, but it hasn't been set up that way after all.</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> I'll have to take that on notice. I'm not familiar with those precise comments you're referring to or the details.</p>	61 25/10/2019	
362	300	NWGA	WATT	ELECTION COMMITMENT TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT STATUTORY	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Again, going back to what the Deputy Prime Minister has said, there was the election commitment initially to create an independent statutory authority to take the politics out of water.</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> It might be useful to table those documents, if there is an opportunity to do that. I've got a copy of the election commitment, or the media</p>	62-63 25/10/2019	

				<p>AUTHORITY</p>	<p>release. There's no mention that I can find of an independent statutory body in it, but if there's some other document you're quoting from, Senator, it might be helpful.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I'll get a copy of that tabled. And then there's a press release from the Deputy Prime Minister on 24 July this year, after the election—</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> Sorry—I should just clarify: the statement I've got is a statement on the establishment of the water grid, not from the election.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> But it's during the election campaign, is it?</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> No. It's from mid-September, and there's no mention of an independent statutory authority. But it would be helpful if you could—</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Is that the 14 September one?</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> We'll table the election commitment. But after the election the Deputy Prime Minister also issued a press release, on 24 July, about this National Water Grid Authority and again says: It's time to take petty politics out of water. Establishing an independent statutory authority will ensure the future of Australia's water supply will be based on data — not on self-interest.</p> <p>So, Minister, is it the government's intention to not pursue this independent statutory authority that you committed to during the election?</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> I'll have to take it on notice, given that it goes to the details of the establishment of the authority. I don't have the information in front of me.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Dr Bacon, from your dealings with ministers, is it the intention to still go ahead and create an independent statutory authority?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> I think the minister's taken that question on notice. What I can say is that one of the key objectives and purposes of the authority will be to work closely with state and territory governments to ensure that there is an investment pipeline of prioritised water infrastructure projects based on the best available science. That cooperation with states and territories who are the proponents of water infrastructure projects will be very important in actually delivering on the authority's mandate.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay, but it sounds like you aren't aware, from your discussions, of any intention from the government to establish an independent statutory authority. It will remain within the department, will it?</p> <p><b>Dr Bacon:</b> I think the minister's answered that question.</p> <p><b>Senator Canavan:</b> I've taken it on notice.</p>		
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363	358	NWGA	POLLEY	TAMAR-PIPERS IRRIGATION SCHEME	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Federal Government announced \$100 million as part of state-wide commitment, including Tamar-Pipers irrigation scheme. The funding represents \$100 million on the first phase of Tranche 3 of the state-wide irrigation scheme. What is the capacity of Tranche 3 of the scheme? How many gigalitres of water will it produce for agricultural land?</li> <li>2. How many farms will Tranche 3 irrigate across Tasmania?</li> <li>3. How many hectares of land will receive Tranche 3 water once it is finalised?</li> <li>4. What production capacity will farms have once Tranche 3 is complete?</li> </ol>	WRITTEN 5/11/2019	
364	359	NWGA	POLLEY	SCOTTSDALE IRRIGATION SCHEME	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On the 26th of September, \$57.3 million was announced for Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme, east of Targa. Is the \$57.3 million announced for the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme part of the \$100 million announced during</li> </ol>	WRITTEN 5/11/2019	



					<p>the Federal campaign?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. When will the \$57.3 million be delivered?</li> <li>3. When will farmers have access to water under this plan?</li> <li>4. When will water start flowing to Scottsdale farms?</li> <li>5. How many hectares of land do these Scottsdale farms currently have?</li> <li>6. What production capacity will these farms have once the water reaches the?</li> </ol>		
<b>Airservices Australia (7)</b>							
365	388	Airservices	STERLE	ORGANISATIONAL CULTURE REVIEW	<p>In August 2019, Airservices Australia announced that a review into organisational culture was to be commissioned and performed by Elizabeth Broderick.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you provide a status update?</li> <li>• What are the initial findings from the review, if any?</li> <li>• Please provide a copy of the review’s Terms of Reference.</li> <li>• Will the review process incorporate staff from all functional areas of Airservices?</li> <li>• What is the timeline for the different review processes within the review period?</li> </ul> <p>A report issued in August 2019 by Tony North QC which initiated this review noted that 50% of all respondents to the report’s survey (75% for women) reported inappropriate touching, bullying, discrimination or sexual abuse over the past decade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over the last 10 years, what has been done at a corporate level to address bullying, harassment and discrimination?</li> <li>• Does Airservices Australia’s employee assistance provider provide reportable data that would allow you to proactively address specific problem areas for staff health and wellbeing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If yes, please provide the numbers on how many staff have</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					accessed EAP services and a breakdown of what services were accessed, for the past three financial years?		
366	389	Airservices	STERLE	ACCELERATE PROGRAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Accelerate Program was due to be completed by 30 June 2017 with a post-implementation review due by 30 December 2017. Could you please provide a copy of that review?</li> <li>• Airservices Australia performs a variety of technical functions, including the operation and sustainment of air navigation services and its infrastructure. Over the past five years, has the amount of work for technical staff increased or decreased in that period?</li> <li>• Can you provide a progress update on the Network Enterprise Modernisation Project (NEMP)?</li> <li>• What is the projected total impact upon full-time equivalent (FTE) levels for APS staff through the NEMP?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
367	390	Airservices	STERLE	ONESKY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it correct that under the new harmonised, automated civil and military air traffic control system (CMATS) under OneSky, the idea would be that an air traffic controller in Brisbane Airport could take over operations in Tullamarine Airport? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Are there plans for situations such as this to be a regular occurrence, or only used as a backup in exceptional circumstances (e.g. network equipment failures or local incidents)?</li> <li>○ In those circumstances, is there a risk of human error, should an air traffic controller monitoring the air space of half the continent to be able to identify a potential localised event in the other half?</li> <li>○ Is it realistic to expect this system to be effective, with so much responsibility concentrated in one place?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• With the centralisation of air traffic control operations in one tower, could such circumstances have an impact to either the aviation industry or aviation safety?</li> <li>• With this remote tower technology, is there a planned reduction of staff in air traffic control towers across the country?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

368	391	Airservices	STERLE	CEO BONUSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much has the Chief Executive Officer received in bonuses since his appointment to the position in 2016?</li> <li>• In each financial year, what were those bonuses tied to?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
369	392	Airservices	STERLE	NOISE MONITORING	<p>On 5 November 2019, the website “Review of Environmental Monitoring Unit” (<a href="http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/publications/reports-and-statistics/noise-reports/noise-and-flight-path-monitoring-system-reports">http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/publications/reports-and-statistics/noise-reports/noise-and-flight-path-monitoring-system-reports</a>) returned a Page not found (404 error). The link appears in the Airservices fact sheet “MONITORING AIRCRAFT NOISE” (<a href="http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/wp-content/uploads/12-102FAC_NCIS-Monitoring-Aircraft-Noise_WEB.pdf">http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/wp-content/uploads/12-102FAC_NCIS-Monitoring-Aircraft-Noise_WEB.pdf</a>)</p> <p>Please provide all Reports from 1 January 2016 to 8 November 2019 and answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What process does AirServices Australia follow for selecting permanent noise monitoring sites for Australian airports?</li> <li>• What process does AirServices Australia follow for reviewing permanent noise monitoring sites for Australian airports?</li> <li>• Where are permanent noise monitoring sites located (as at 8 November 2019)?</li> <li>• Has AirServices Australia removed any permanent noise monitoring sites since 1 January 2016?</li> <li>• If so, where and why?</li> <li>• What process does AirServices Australia follow for selecting temporary noise monitoring sites for Australian airports?</li> <li>• What process does AirServices Australia follow for reviewing temporary noise monitoring sites for Australian airports?</li> <li>• Provide a list of all temporary noise monitoring sites since 1 January 2016, including whether the site was made permanent or closed and reasons.</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
370	592	Airservices	RICE	BALLOON FLIGHT OVER PARLIAMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did AirServices Australia have any role in issuing a no-fly zone over Parliament House in relation to the recent balloon flight?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	

				HOUSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has AirServices Australia been involved in any decision making in relation to restricting flights over Parliament House?</li> <li>• Given the prolific use of balloons in Canberra at events like the Balloon Spectacular, will this be an ongoing restriction?</li> <li>• Given that this no fly zone is freshly issued, if it isn't made a permanent fixture why was it used in this instance?</li> <li>• What genuine safety risk was posed by the balloon?</li> </ul>		
371	593	Airservices	MCKIM	AIRCRAFT NOISE OMBUDSMAN	<p>1. Many months after making inquiries to the Airport Noise Ombudsman (7-plus), community members are now being sent a Quarterly Report (January-March 2019) instead of responses to their question. Why is the ANO sending quarterly reports instead of responses to inquiries?</p> <p>a. Is the ANO inadequately resourced to fulfil its duties in a reasonable manner?</p>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
<b>Australian Rail Track Corporation (14)</b>							
372	303	ARTC	HANSON	PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY	The ARTC informed a landholder that they would be required to have a \$250 million Public Liability Insurance Policy. Has the ARTC consulted and obtained the necessary insurance?	WRITTEN 5/11/2019	
373	304	ARTC	HANSON	ARTC WATER USAGE DURING CONSTRUCTIONS	<p>The ARTC has conducted investigations into registered bores and have tested to check water availability. It is estimated 2-3 megs (2 Olympic sized swimming pools) a day for construction, drawing it from the Great Artesian Basin. We are in a middle one of the worst droughts.</p> <p>Has the ARTC purchased water rights from existing holders or has the ARTC simply relied on federal and state governments to grant such usage and if so has that approval been given and from which government and full details on quantum and price to be paid?</p>	WRITTEN 5/11/2019	
374	305	ARTC	HANSON	ARTC FREIGHT SAVINGS	Communities are feeling isolated and ostracised by politicians. The Nationals are promoting freight savings of \$96 per tonne by Deputy Prime Minister McCormack and \$60 per tonne by Mark Coulton MP. It was stated at a CCC Meeting by the ARTC freight saving would be approximately \$6.00 - \$9.00. Also, the ARTC	WRITTEN 5/11/2019	

					<p>Manager Business Development and Property, Michael Clancy stated “Inland Rail will be of no benefit to the central west area.”</p> <p>With such minimal savings on freight costs but such extreme costs to the public purse as well as the general community at large for the disruption to their lives and assets, I require a detailed rationale on the economic benefit to Australia as a whole &amp; a detailed breakdown to each area along the proposed corridor as well as the damage to local farming infrastructure.</p>		
375	306	ARTC	HANSON	ARTC EXTENSION OF WIDTH ZONE	<p>The Government portrays that this has been 10 years in the planning, when the central west zone received the first notification of Inland Rail by letter in December 2017, explaining we were in the study area. There was no previous consultation for landholders to be involved with the investigation of options.</p> <p>The ARTC advised the study area was 2 km wide in that area at a meeting but in fact it has been moved to 5 km wide zone with no consultation. Why has the ARTC extended the zone area and why was this community not correctly advised?</p>	WRITTEN 5/11/2019	
376	307	ARTC	HANSON	ARTC IMPACT ON DECREASING RURAL POPULATION	<p>Regional Australia Institute at the Baradine information Session Inland Rail Improvement Program on 4th Oct 2019, is quoted as saying the population by 2036 will be decreased by 13.5% in that greenfield section. Businesses are closing due to the economic downturn due to the drought and there are no benefits of new businesses coming to town. Gilgandra, for instance, has lost Target employing 8 staff The Poultry farm employing 17 people, A motel, and a coffee shop.</p> <p>Exactly what benefit will the ARTC give to a community that barely exists or what benefit will this vast expenditure of money on the ARTC do to reverse the trend of loss of population in rural areas?</p>	WRITTEN 5/11/2019	
377	308	ARTC	HANSON	GILGANDRA GRANT	<p>Gilgandra and Coonamble shires portray that they are there as representatives of the community when they will not support the request to get the issues of the route selection addressed. Gilgandra shire has been given a grant of \$3.9 million for a new industrial precinct when there is no land ownership and no development application or feasibility studies done.</p> <p>Gilgandra’s and Coonamble businesses are failing why is Gilgandra granted \$3.9 million ?</p>	WRITTEN 5/11/2019	

378	309	ARTC	HANSON	ACACIA RIDGE	<p>Where is the 19.5 m tonnes of coal per year assumed in the business case? No coal no viable rail line. If the ARTC wants a container freight they have to build a quality rail and it needs to have a link (underground) to the Port of Brisbane - not stopping at Acacia Ridge.</p> <p>The ARTC is required to demonstrate under its building plan the logistics and economic costs of terminating at Acacia Ridge without consideration of those additional costs of land acquisition in Brisbane.</p>	WRITTEN 5/11/2019	
379	310	ARTC	HANSON	LAURENCE SPRINGBORG STUDY	Has the ARTC adequately look at alternatives in the planning stage? What relevance was given to the SMEC study that Laurence Springborg tabled in the Queensland parliament?	WRITTEN 5/11/2019	
380	311	ARTC	HANSON	ARTC FREIGHT RAIL PLANNING	How can the ARTC continue planning a freight railway only with no regard to passenger transport? Has the government liaised with the ARTC for a fast rail combining both aspects of transport or is that proposed as an additional expensive exercise post construction of the ARTC.	WRITTEN 5/11/2019	
381	312	ARTC	HANSON	GATTON RAILWAY	What will the people of Gatton get out if the railway as there are no freight stop and no passenger rail, but a lot of noise, dust and a lot of disruption to local roads.	WRITTEN 5/11/2019	
382	313	ARTC	HANSON	GROWIE JUNCTION, GATTON, ALGESTER RESIDENCE MITIGATED	How will the people living along the route (Gowrie Junction, Gatton, Algester etc) have the noise, dust and extra photochemical smog mitigated?	WRITTEN 5/11/2019	
383	314	ARTC	HANSON	SE QUEENSLAND CONGESTION	How are the people of SE Queensland expected to deal with the probable thousands of extra trucks as the ARTC can't and won't provide the numbers required for transshipping the freight to and from Acacia Ridge on the already heavily congested roads?	WRITTEN 5/11/2019	
384	429	ARTC	RICE	TRACK UPGRADE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Could ARTC define what superintendence by the Victorian government they would expect to have of their work on the Track Upgrade project and associated commencement of major works? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Which government Victorian government body would be carrying out such superintendence?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Would the superintendence be only a “desktop” exercise relying on documentation provided by ARTC?</li> <li>c. Or would it be true engineering superintendence where suitably qualified people attend ARTC’s works and inspect them on the ground?</li> </ul>		
385	430	ARTC	RICE	CLASS 2 STANDARDS	<p>1. Have negotiations commenced between the Federal government and the Victorian government to renegotiate the access agreement standards? If not, when will these negotiations commence?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How will the ARTC fund the additional costs associated with maintenance following upgrades to Class 2 standards? Would it come from ARTC income or should be an annual external grant from either the Federal or Victorian governments?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
<b>Australian Transport Safety Bureau (3)</b>							
386	397	ATSB	STERLE	PENDING INVESTIGATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the status of the following investigations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AO-2016-084</li> <li>○ AO-2017-066</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If these investigations are still classified as “pending”, when do you expect them to be finalised?</li> <li>• Is there a time period within which ATSB would normally expect investigations to be complete?</li> <li>• In the case of AO-2017-066 why was the aircraft diverted to Perth rather than landing at its nearest alternative, Learmonth? Is this considered best practice?</li> <li>• In relation to investigation AO-2015-084: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What recommendations were included in this report?</li> <li>○ Have all recommendations been adopted by the airline?</li> <li>○ Does ATSB hold any concerns about the safety of this airline to operate in Australia?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

387	398	ATSB	STERLE	RESOURCING	Please provide staffing profile (by FTE and classification) for ATSB’s investigation work for each financial year since 2013/14	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
388	587	ATSB	MCKIM	FLIGHT EK441	1. Was flight EK441 grounded at Adelaide Airport on 25 July 2016? a. If so: b. what was the reason for the grounding? c. has an incident report been lodged? i. If so, please provide a copy.	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
<b>Civil Aviation Safety Authority (7)</b>							
389	393	CASA	STERLE	FLYING OPERATIONS AND AIRWORTHINESS INSPECTORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many Flying Operations Inspectors are employed at CASA?</li> <li>• On average how many hours of flying currency training was completed by Flying Operations Inspectors last year?</li> <li>• How many applications for flying currency training put forward by staff have been rejected by CASA in the last year? On what grounds?</li> <li>• Are CASA meeting the ICAO requirements to maintain the skills and currency of their staff to the same level held by industry?</li> <li>• How many Flying Operations Inspectors are ‘not current’ (ie training not up to date) on the aircraft types they are required to oversight?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
390	394	CASA	STERLE	PART 145 APPROVAL PROCESSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it correct that any engineering/maintenance organisation that wants to conduct any maintenance on the aircraft conducting high capacity regular public passenger services needs an approval issued by CASA under Civil Aviation Safety Regulation (CASR) 145?</li> <li>• What are the steps involved in assessing and approving Part 145 approvals? Where are these published?</li> <li>• What is the normal practice for reviewing Part 145 applications to conduct onsite inspections of overseas operators and facilities who are seeking Part 145 approvals?</li> <li>• In the last 2 years, how many physical site inspections have been</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	



					<p>conducted as part of 145 approvals within Australia?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the last 2 years, how many physical site inspections have been conducted as part of 145 approvals overseas?</li> <li>• What are the risks posed by organisations not being properly scrutinised in the Part 145 approval process?</li> <li>• Were CASA regulations followed in the assessment and approval of EFW's Part 145?</li> </ul>		
391	395	CASA	STERLE	CASA SURVEY ON WORKLOAD AND CONFIDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does CASA agree that there are serious issues with workplace culture?</li> <li>• What steps is CASA taking to improve workplace culture?</li> <li>• How many vacant positions exist in the technical workforce?</li> <li>• What is the impact on industry and aviation safety of these positions being unfilled?</li> <li>• When does CASA plan on filling these vacancies?</li> <li>• CASA's corporate plan recognises that staff lacking skill or not having the capacity to perform their role is a risk to aviation safety, why has CASA allowed so many vacancies to remain in the technical workforce?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
392	396	CASA	STERLE	DRONES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Australian reported on the 2nd September 2019 that Australian airports are at serious risk of a Gatwick style shutdown because laws are too weak to rein in rogue operators of drones. The article continues to say that despite the number of drones in Australia now exceeding 350,000, legislation is still not in place to tackle the threat of an airspace breach at a major airport. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Does CASA agree with this? What has CASA done or what is CASA doing to ensure that a Gatwick style shutdown does not happen at airports in Australia?</li> <li>b. Has the Government consulted CASA on the need to strengthen legislation to ensure that this does not happen at Australian airports?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. On the 25th of August 2019, Blake Foden wrote an article in The Canberra</li> </ol>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	

					<p>Times titled “Air Travellers ‘at risk’, safety authority blasted over maintenance approvals”. The article begins by saying that “The Civil Aviation Safety Authority has been accused of putting air travellers at risk after it approved three overseas facilities to carry out maintenance work on Australian aircraft without its airworthiness inspectors every laying eyes on the facilities”. The article reported that these maintenance facilities are located in South Korea, Fiji and Germany.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Why couldn’t the aircraft maintenance facilities be located in Australia?</li> <li>b. How did CASA decide on the facilities in South Korea, Fiji and Germany?</li> <li>c. Was there a tender process?</li> <li>d. Does CASA or the Australian Government provide funding to assist with the operation of these facilities? If so, how much?</li> <li>e. Did CASA inspect these facilities before they became operational to carry out safety checks? If not, why not?</li> <li>f. Does CASA plan on auditing these facilities? If so, when?</li> </ol>		
393	590	CASA	RICE	DRONE FRAMEWORKS	<p>In developing frameworks for drone registration and commercial operation (in particular commercial delivery such as Wing), what consideration has been given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise impacts, including on residents, workers in commercial areas, and other impacted individuals?</li> <li>• Environmental impacts, including bird populations?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
394	591	CASA	RICE	UBER AIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On what dates has CASA met with Uber Air to discuss their Melbourne proposal?</li> <li>• What stakeholder consultation has CASA undertaken with other stakeholders in relation to the Uber Air proposal? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Which Victorian government agencies have been consulted in relation to the proposal?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What is the proposed approval and consultation process?</li> <li>• What analysis has CASA undertaken of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Safety concerns?</li> <li>○ Environmental impacts?</li> <li>○ Noise issues?</li> <li>○ Visual impacts?</li> <li>○ Interaction with emergency services?</li> <li>○ Privacy issues for those underneath flight paths?</li> <li>○ Driver licensing and certification?</li> <li>○ Competition issues?</li> <li>○ Impact on communication and internet services?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The likely start date for demonstration flights, and for commercial flights?</li> <li>○ The proposed flight paths, including destinations, scales and hours of operation?</li> <li>○ The vehicle models proposed for demonstration flights?</li> <li>○ The proposed approval and consultation process?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• How many flights associated with the Uber air proposal does CASA expect within the 2019-20 financial year, and following financial years? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Would these flights be layered at different heights?</li> <li>○ How many routes would these flights operate over?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
395	594	CASA	RICE	PROPOSED FLIGHT OF A BALLOON OVER PARLIAMENT HOUSE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CASA was aware of the proposed flight of a balloon over Parliament House on 15 October 2019 a fortnight ahead of the event. Why did they suddenly issue a no-fly zone, at odds with their advice that there are no restrictions on flights above APH?</li> <li>2. What role did the Speaker/Senate President have in convincing/forcing</li> </ol>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	

					<p>CASA to issue the no-fly zone?</p> <p>a. Has this political/parliamentary intervention ever been used before?</p> <p>3. Given the prolific use of balloons in Canberra at events like the Balloon Spectacular, will this be an ongoing restriction?</p> <p>4. Given that this no fly zone is freshly issued, if it isn't made a permanent fixture why was it used in this instance?</p> <p>b. What genuine safety risk was posed by the balloon</p>		
<b>North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority (2)</b>							
396	223	NQWIA	WATT	STAFFING NUMBERS	<p>1. How many staff members are currently employed by the North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority? Can a full list please be provided with the number of staff, their position and where they are based?</p> <p>2. Are there any staff member vacancies? If so, how many, what positions and where are they based?</p>	WRITTEN 4/11/2019	
397	379	NQWIA	STERLE	NORTH QUEENSLAND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many staff members are currently employed by the North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority? Can a full list please be provided with the number of staff, their position and where they are based?</li> <li>• Are there any staff member vacancies? If so, how many, what positions and where are they based?</li> <li>• Given two of the three projects included in the NQWIA's expanded scope on 5 April 2019 are in Central Queensland (Rookwood Weir &amp; Nogoa Mackenzie Water Supply), has the Government considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Changing the name of the Authority to include "Central Queensland"?</li> <li>○ Locating any staff in Central Queensland?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	
<b>Territories (1)</b>							

398	420	TERR	RICE	ANAO AUDIT OF NORFOLK ISLAND SERVICES	<p>In relation to each recommendation in the report Design, Implementation and Monitoring of Reforms to Services on Norfolk Island, please identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The steps undertaken by the Department, and the dates on which these steps were undertaken;</li> <li>• Whether the recommendation is now implemented in full, or if not, whether further steps remain.</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 11/11/2019	
<b>Transport Sector Skills (1)</b>							
399	385	TSS	STERLE	TRANSPORT SECTOR SKILLS	<p>A new Division has been added to the Department’s organisation chart - Transport Sector Skills Division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could you provide an overview of the work of this Division?</li> <li>• How many staff have been allocated to this task?</li> <li>• Is there a work program? Can you share it with the committee?</li> <li>• How is the Division working with commonwealth/state/territory agencies and industry?</li> <li>• What is the budget for this work?</li> <li>• Which parts of the transport sector are covered by your work?</li> <li>• Does the work of the Division include all elements of the transport sector – aviation, road, rail and shipping?</li> </ul>	WRITTEN 8/11/2019	