

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Department of Social Services**

QoN No.	Outcome	Senator	Broad Topic	Question	Hansard Ref
<b>SQ16-00001</b>	0 - Cross	Bilyk	Ministerial Functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by any Ministers or Assistant Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries in the Social Services portfolio since 20 October 2015, can the following please be provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of functions;</li> <li>• List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;</li> <li>• Function venue;</li> <li>• Itemised list of costs;</li> <li>• Details of any food served;</li> <li>• Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>• Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written
<b>SQ16-00002</b>	0 - Cross	Bilyk	Secretary's speeches	Can a copy of any speeches delivered by the Secretary of the Department at any staff meetings since 20 October 2015 please be provided?	Written
<b>SQ16-00003</b>	0 - Cross	Bilyk	Office upgrades	Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, been upgraded since 20 October 2015? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided?	Written
<b>SQ16-00004</b>	0 - Cross	Bilyk	Vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Written
<b>SQ16-00005</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	McClure Report	What is the status of the Government response to the McClure report? Has the Department provided advice to Government? What are the next steps in the process?	Written
<b>SQ16-00006</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Investment Approach	What is the staffing for the Investment Approach Taskforce? Please provide a breakdown by SES, EL and APS staff, including APS and any private sector secondees.	Written
<b>SQ16-00007</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Random Sample Survey Programme	In relation to the Department of Social Services Random Sample Survey Programme, why are the accuracy rates for ABSTUDY, Austudy and Parenting Payment (Partnered) all below 90 per cent? Has the Department identified further steps to improve accuracy in relation to these payments?	Written
<b>SQ16-00008</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Timeliness standards	How does the Department of Social Services derive a timeliness target – is it based on a particular metric, or analysis of previous data, or some other source?	Written

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<b>SQ16-00009</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Income support	<p>1. In respect of the 2015 calendar year, please advise the average number of Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) recipients respectively who were:</p> <p>a. Receiving income support continuously for less than three months; three to six months; six to 12 months; 12 months to 2 years; 2 years to 5 years, and over 5 years</p> <p>b. In respect of each of these groups, what was the average probability that they were off income support one year later?</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-00010</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Income support	<p>Please provide the number of NSA and YA (Other) recipients who were single principal carers of dependent children in each quarter of 2014 and 2015 to date:</p> <p>a. Among those in receipt of these payments in 2014, what proportion still received them one year later? Please provide a breakdown of the destinations of those who were not on NSA or YA (Other) a year later.</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-00011</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Income support	<p>In relation to the Disability Support Pension:</p> <p>a. Has the Department provided advice to Government on measures to reduce the cost of DSP? In addition to the reassessment of individuals aged under 35, have any other policy decisions been taken by Government to reduce the cost of DSP? If so, what analysis was undertaken of the impacts of those changes?</p> <p>i. In relation to the reassessment of individuals aged under 35, does the Department have any data on 6-month employment or income support outcomes for those individuals? If so please provide it.</p> <p>b. Does the Department have any data measuring DHS's accuracy in undertaking DSP assessments? If so please provide it.</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-00012</b>	5 - Disability	Siewert	Committee report response	<p>When is the Government going to respond to the Violence, Abuse and Neglect of People with Disability in Residential and Intuitional Settings Report made by the Community Affairs References Committee?</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-00013</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Debit Card	<p>Cashless debit card implementation:</p> <p>a. What progress has been made on the \$1 million in additional support services that were promised? How is that being rolled out in Ceduna?</p> <p>b. What is the status of the community body? Will it be possible to make appeals to an independent authority to review decisions by the community body?</p> <p>c. Has a long-form Regulation Impact Statement been completed in relation to the cashless debit card? If so, please provide a copy.</p> <p>d. What is the cost and replacement process if someone loses a card in Ceduna??</p> <p>e. Can the Department confirm whether trial participants will be able to access their funds if electronic infrastructure isn't working – due to power outages or broken satellite linkages in remote areas?</p> <p>f. Is the Welfare Debit Card Taskforce still in place in DSS? What is the staffing at each level (SES, EL, APS), including any secondees? How long is the taskforce expected to remain in place?</p>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000014</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Debit Card	<p>Cashless welfare card procurement:</p> <p>a. Was the Minister involved in the selection of Indue as the provider, or was the decision made by the Department?</p> <p>b. The Commonwealth Procurement Framework 10.5 requires a statement justifying the limited tender – please provide a copy of that statement.</p> <p>c. Were other providers approached as part of the limited tender? If so who were they?</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-000015</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Taxi costs	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p> <p>3. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-000016</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000017</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: Please provide the following information in relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total spending on these services</li> <li>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</li> <li>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>e. The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The location used</li> <li>b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?</li> <li>7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000018</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Staffing profile	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department/agency?</li> <li>2. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)</li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000019</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What was the reason for these reductions?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</li> <li>3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</li> <li>4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</li> <li>5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</li> <li>6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff?</li> <li>7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff?</li> <li>8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position</li> <li>9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package?</li> <li>10. How is the department/agency funding the packages?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000020</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff?</li> <li>2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff?</li> <li>3. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000021</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Kitchen Appliances	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any kitchen appliances over the value of \$1000? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of appliance, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of consumables and when the appliance was purchased?</li> <li>b. Why were the appliances purchased?</li> <li>c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the appliances were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</li> <li>d. Where did the funding for the appliances come from?</li> <li>e. Who has access?</li> <li>f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the appliances? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</li> <li>g. What are the other ongoing costs of the appliances?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-00022</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Boards	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. how often has each board met, break down by board name;</li> <li>2. what travel expenses have been incurred;</li> <li>3. what has been the average attendance at board meetings;</li> <li>4. List each member's attendance at meetings;</li> <li>5. how does the board deal with conflict of interest;</li> <li>6. what conflicts of interest have been registered;</li> <li>7. what remuneration has been provided to board members;</li> <li>8. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?</li> <li>9. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members?</li> <li>10. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings</li> <li>11. what have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list.</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-00023</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Corporate Cars	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Where are the cars located?</li> <li>b. What are the cars used for?</li> <li>c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period?</li> <li>d. How far did each car travel during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How many cars are leased by each department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Where are the cars located?</li> <li>b. What are the cars used for?</li> <li>c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period?</li> <li>d. How far did each car travel during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-00024</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Payments of Accounts	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?</li> <li>2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?</li> <li>3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?</li> <li>4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?</li> <li>5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days?</li> <li>6. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?</li> <li>7. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Estimates, 2014?</li> <li>8. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000025</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Hire Cars	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars during the specified period? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</li> <li>2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</li> <li>3. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000026</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Credit Cards	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card.</li> <li>2. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused?</li> <li>3. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored?</li> <li>4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so:</li> <li>5. Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</li> <li>6. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</li> <li>7. Are there any credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so, please list by classification. Has there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office? Has any action been taken against the Minister or their office for credit card misuse? If so, list each occurrence, including the cost of the misuse.</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000027</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Functions	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister . Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The guest list of each function</li> <li>b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</li> <li>c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</li> <li>d. A list of drinks consumed at the function</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost.</li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000028</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please detail changes to structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</li> <li>3. How have they been recruited?</li> <li>4. What process was used for their appointment?</li> <li>5. What is the total cost of this unit?</li> <li>6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.</li> <li>7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</li> <li>8. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.</li> <li>9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000029</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Land Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</li> <li>2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)</li> <li>3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?</li> <li>b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?</li> <li>c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</li> <li>5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).</li> <li>6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?</li> </ol>	Written



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<b>SQ16-000030</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Contracts for Temporary Staff	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?</li> <li>2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?</li> <li>3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?</li> <li>4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?</li> <li>5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000031</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Printing	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. Please list all documents that have been printed at the expense of the department/agency where 500 or more copies have been produced? Please include the total number produced as well. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these printed documents were also published online?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If so, what companies were used?</li> <li>b. How were they selected?</li> <li>c. What was the total cost of this printing by item?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000032</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Communications staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</li> <li>2. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>3. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</li> <li>4. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</li> <li>5. How many are graphic designers?</li> <li>6. How many are media managers?</li> <li>7. How many organise events?</li> </ol> <p>Have these arrangements changed since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015? If yes, please detail.</p>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000033</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the date they were ordered</li> <li>b. the date they commenced</li> <li>c. the minister responsible</li> <li>d. the department responsible</li> <li>e. the nature of the review</li> <li>f. their terms of reference</li> <li>g. the scope of the review</li> <li>h. Who is conducting the review</li> <li>i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</li> <li>j. the expected report date</li> <li>k. the budgeted, projected or expected costs</li> <li>l. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. For any review commenced or ordered, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names</li> <li>b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent</li> <li>c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item</li> <li>d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement</li> <li>e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.</li> <li>f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them</li> <li>g. If yes, for each, who selected them</li> <li>h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was</li> <li>ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list</li> <li>iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</li> <li>iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department</li> <li>v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Which reviews are on-going? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please list them.</li> <li>b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</li> <li>5. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them.</li> <li>6. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</li> <li>7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</li> <li>8. What reviews are planned? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When will each planned review be commenced?</li> <li>b. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</li> <li>c. When will government respond to each review?</li> <li>d. Will the government release each review? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If so, when? If not, why not?</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000034</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Commissioned reports	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?</li> <li>3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000035</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Appointments	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please detail any board appointments made to date.</li> <li>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</li> <li>3. Has the department instigated or changed its gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board.</li> <li>4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000036</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Stationery requirements	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office.</li> <li>b. Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How much has been spent on departmental stationery requirements to date.</li> <li>3. Has any customised stationery been requested or provided to the Minister or Ministerial Staff? If yes, please include a photo/scan, detail the type of stationery, date it was requested, date it was provided and the cost.</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000037</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Electronic equipment	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Other than phones, iPad or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List the items</li> <li>b. List the items location or normal location</li> <li>c. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level</li> <li>d. List the total cost of the items</li> <li>e. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items</li> <li>f. List the date they were provided to the office</li> <li>g. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000038</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.</li> <li>b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> <li>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</li> <li>b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> <li>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</li> <li>b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> <li>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</li> <li>b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> <li>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000039</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000040</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Media training	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Total spending on these services</li> <li>b. An itemised cost breakdown of these services</li> <li>c. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>d. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification</li> <li>e. The names of all service providers engaged</li> <li>f. The location that this training was provided</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>e. The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</li> <li>4. The location used</li> <li>5. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</li> <li>6. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>7. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000041</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many consultancies have been undertaken? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</li> <li>2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</li> <li>3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List each, including name, cost and purpose</li> <li>b. If so, why?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000042</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - Ministerial	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification</li> </ol> </li> <li>Has electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of:</li> <li>What is provided?</li> <li>The purchase cost.</li> <li>The ongoing cost.</li> <li>A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc).</li> <li>A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000043</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - Departmental	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency to departmental staff? If yes provide a list of:</li> <li>What has been provided?</li> <li>The purchase cost.</li> <li>The ongoing cost.</li> <li>A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc).</li> <li>A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000044</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Computers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used</li> <li>List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location</li> <li>Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs</li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000045</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Travel costs - department	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel?</li> <li>2. If so, under what policy?</li> <li>3. Provide a copy of that policy.</li> <li>4. When was this policy implemented?</li> <li>5. When is the minister notified, when is approved provided?</li> <li>6. Detail all travel (domestic and international) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</li> <li>7. Detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</li> <li>8. What date was the minister or their office notified of the travel?</li> <li>9. What date did the minister or their office approve the travel?</li> <li>10. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000047</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Grants	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants?</li> <li>2. How are grants applied for?</li> <li>3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?</li> <li>5. Who is involved in this selection process?</li> <li>6. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Has the minister or the minister's office exercised or attempted to exercise any influence over the awarding of any grants? If yes, please detail.</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.</li> <li>8. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.</li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000048</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Departmental rebranding	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding? If so:</p> <p>a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?</p> <p>i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</p> <p>b. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <p>i. Signage.</p> <p>ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).</p> <p>iii. Logos</p> <p>iv. Consultancy</p> <p>v. Any relevant IT changes.</p> <p>vi. Office reconfiguration.</p> <p>c. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <p>i. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-000049</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Media Monitoring	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office during the specified period?</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?</p> <p>c. Itemise these expenses.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency during the specified period?</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?</p> <p>c. Itemise these expenses</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-000050</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Procedure Manuals - Ministerial	<p>1. Does the minister's office have a procedure manual for communication between the minister's office and the department? If yes, please provide a copy and:</p> <p>2. When was the manual last updated?</p> <p>3. Who is responsible for updating the manual?</p> <p>4. Who is the manual distributed to?</p> <p>5. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the department?</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-000052</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)	<p>1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department.</p> <p>2. Please list their starting and expiration dates.</p> <p>3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.</p>	Written



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<b>SQ16-000053</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Existing Resources Program	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?</li> <li>2. List each</li> <li>3. List the staffing assigned to each task</li> <li>4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?</li> <li>5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000054</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Conditions of Government contracts and agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created?</li> <li>2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</li> <li>3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created?</li> <li>4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</li> <li>5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction?</li> <li>6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change?</li> <li>7. Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website?</li> <li>8. If no consultation has occurred, why not?</li> <li>9. Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with?</li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000055</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Statutory review Provisions	<p>Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not?</li> <li>2. Please provide a schedule or a work plan for the review</li> <li>3. When did/will this work begin?</li> <li>4. When is/was the review due to commence.</li> <li>5. What is the expected report date.</li> <li>6. Who is the minister responsible for the review</li> <li>7. What department is responsible for the review</li> <li>8. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision.</li> <li>9. List the terms of reference.</li> <li>10. What is the scope of the review.</li> <li>11. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review?</li> <li>12. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review?</li> <li>13. When was the Minister briefed on this matter?</li> <li>14. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter?</li> <li>15. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</li> <li>16. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000056</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Sunset Provisions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not?</li> <li>b. Has any consideration been given to delaying or altering the sunset provisions?</li> <li>c. Please provide a schedule or a work plan for the sunset provisions becoming active</li> <li>d. When did/will this work begin?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Will there be any reviews of or relating to the legislation before or after the sunset provision is enacted? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When is/was the review due to commence.</li> <li>b. What is the expected report date.</li> <li>c. Who is the minister responsible for the review</li> <li>d. What department is responsible for the review</li> <li>e. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision.</li> <li>f. List the terms of reference.</li> <li>g. What is the scope of the review.</li> <li>h. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review?</li> <li>i. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review?</li> <li>j. When was the Minister briefed on this matter?</li> <li>k. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter?</li> <li>l. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</li> <li>m. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000057</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Legal costs	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency</li> <li>2. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external</li> <li>3. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)</li> <li>4. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000058</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Procedure Manuals - Departmental	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the department have a procedure manual for communication between the department and the minister? If yes, please provide a copy and:</li> <li>2. When was the manual last updated?</li> <li>3. Who is responsible for updating the manual?</li> <li>4. Has the minister's office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail.</li> <li>5. Who is the manual distributed to?</li> <li>6. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the minister or the minister's office?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000059</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Vending machines	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If so, list these</li> <li>b. If so, list the total cost for these items</li> <li>c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</li> <li>d. If so, where were these purchased</li> <li>e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</li> <li>f. If so, what is the current location for these items?</li> <li>g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000060</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Self-Initiated work	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the department have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc that are devised by staff without being directed by the minister's office or department management)?</li> <li>2. Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail:</li> <li>3. When did the project commence?</li> <li>4. When is it expected to conclude?</li> <li>5. What will the total cost of the project be?</li> <li>6. Where did the money for the project come from?</li> <li>7. Where is the project based?</li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000061</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Staff Awards	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the Department / Agency given out awards to staff for any reason? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What was the reason for the awards?</li> <li>b. What was the criteria for the awards?</li> <li>c. What form did the award take? (e.g. Certificate, gift vouchers etc)</li> <li>d. How much was spent on the award?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How were the awards presented?</li> <li>3. Who presented the awards?</li> <li>4. Was there a ceremony or party for the awards? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Where was it held?</li> <li>b. Was there a fee for the venue? If yes, how much?</li> <li>c. How much was spent on catering?</li> <li>d. How many people attended?</li> <li>e. Did the minister attend?</li> <li>f. Did the minister's staff attend? If yes, how many?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000062</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Change Management	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the Department/Agency engaged in a policy of Change Management? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please detail the policy.</li> <li>b. When was the policy introduced?</li> <li>c. What are the goals of the policy?</li> <li>d. How much was spent on consulting for the policy and who was contracted for this consultation?</li> <li>e. How much was spent implementing this policy?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000063</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Departmental Staff Misconduct	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct.</li> <li>2. Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If yes, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level.</li> <li>b. If yes, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?</li> <li>c. If yes, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</li> <li>d. If yes, were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000064</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Fee for services	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have any existing services provided by the department / agency moved from being free to a user-pay service? Have any additional fees been placed on existing services? If yes please provide a list and include:</li> <li>2. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers.</li> <li>3. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service).</li> <li>4. The date the fee came into place.</li> <li>5. Were any reviews requested, commenced or complemented into the benefits and drawbacks of attaching the fee to the service? If yes, please detail and provide a copy of the review.</li> <li>6. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place?</li> <li>7. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)?</li> <li>8. What justification is there for the fee?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000065</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Documents provided to Minister	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Excluding policy or correspondence briefs, how many documents are provided to the Minister's office on a regular and scheduled basis? Including documents that are not briefs to the minister and do not require ministerial signature.</li> <li>2. List those documents, their schedule and their purpose (broken down by ministerial signature and office for noting documents)</li> <li>3. How are they transmitted to the office?</li> <li>4. What mode of delivery is used (hardcopy, email) for those documents?</li> <li>5. What level officer are they provided to in the minister's office?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000066</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Merchandise or promotional material	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material?</li> <li>2. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose)</li> <li>3. List the cost for each item</li> <li>4. List the quantity of each item</li> <li>5. Who suggested these material be created?</li> <li>6. Who approved its creation?</li> <li>7. Provide copies of authorisation</li> <li>8. When was the Minister informed of the material being created?</li> <li>9. Who created the material?</li> <li>10. How was that person selected?</li> <li>11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000067</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Domain usage	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide a breakdown of the domain usage for the 50 most utilised (by data sent and received), unique (internet) domains accessed by the minister's office. Please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Domain name of the website being accessed (or IP address if the Domain is unavailable in the tracking system).</li> <li>b. Amount of data downloaded and uploaded to the site.</li> <li>c. Number of times the site was accessed.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000068</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Ministerial website	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List each item of expenditure and cost</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?</li> <li>3. Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail.</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000069</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Report Printing	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of?</li> <li>2. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000070</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	FOI Requests	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?</li> <li>2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?</li> <li>3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?</li> <li>b. For how many has a redacted document been provided?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000071</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Ministerial Motor Vehicle	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the make and model?</li> <li>b. How much did it cost?</li> <li>c. When was it provided?</li> <li>d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>h. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail.</li> <li>i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</li> <li>j. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000072</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff vehicles (non MoPS)	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the make and model?</li> <li>b. How much did it cost?</li> <li>c. When was it provided?</li> <li>d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>h. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</li> <li>i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</li> <li>j. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000074</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Lobbyist Register Meetings	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register</li> <li>2. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</li> <li>3. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000075</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Workplace assessments	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List each item of expenditure and cost</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?</li> <li>3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000076</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	FOI - Stats	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many FOI requests were received to date.</li> <li>2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act?</li> <li>3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act?</li> <li>4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act?</li> <li>5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time?</li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000078</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?</li> <li>b. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?</li> <li>c. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000079</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Market Research	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List the total cost of this research</li> <li>b. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program</li> <li>c. Who conducted the research?</li> <li>d. How were they identified?</li> <li>e. Where was the research conducted?</li> <li>f. In what way was the research conducted?</li> <li>g. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used?</li> <li>h. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?</li> <li>i. How was the firm or individual that conducted the review selected?</li> <li>j. What input did the Minister have?</li> <li>k. How was it approved?</li> <li>l. Were other firms or individuals considered? If yes, please detail.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000080</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Departmental Upgrades	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If so, list these</li> <li>b. If so, list the total cost for these changes</li> <li>c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</li> <li>d. If so, who conducted the works?</li> <li>e. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works</li> <li>f. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000081</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Wine Coolers/Fridges	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If so, list these</li> <li>b. If so, list the total cost for these items</li> <li>c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</li> <li>d. If so, where were these purchased</li> <li>e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</li> <li>f. If so, what is the current location for these items?</li> <li>g. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written



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<b>SQ16-000082</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Office Plants	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants?</p> <p>a. If so, list these</p> <p>b. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>d. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>f. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-000083</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Office recreation facilities	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <p>a. If so, list these</p> <p>b. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>d. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>f. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000084</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Building Lease costs	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department?</li> <li>2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Date the lease agreement is active from.</li> <li>b. Date the lease agreement ends.</li> <li>c. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?</li> <li>d. Location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>e. Cost of the lease.</li> <li>f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Date from which the lease agreement was active.</li> <li>b. Date the lease agreement ended.</li> <li>c. Why was the lease not renewed?</li> <li>d. Location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>e. Cost of the lease.</li> <li>f. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.</li> <li>b. Date the lease agreement is expected to end.</li> <li>c. Expected location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>d. Expected cost of the lease. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?</li> </ol> </li> <li>e. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. For each building owned or leased by the department: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the current occupancy rate for the building?</li> <li>b. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000085</b>	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Government advertising/marketing	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has been spent by the department / agency on marketing? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List the total cost</li> <li>b. List each item of expenditure and cost</li> <li>c. List the approving officer for each item.</li> <li>d. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process.</li> <li>e. Which firm provided the marketing?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How much has been spent by the department / agency on government advertising (including job ads)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List the total cost</li> <li>b. List each item of expenditure and cost</li> <li>c. Where the advertising appeared</li> <li>d. List the approving officer for each item.</li> <li>e. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process.</li> <li>f. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List the total expected cost.</li> <li>b. List each item of expenditure and cost.</li> <li>c. Where the advertising will appear</li> <li>d. List the approving officer for each item.</li> <li>e. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process.</li> <li>f. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Provide copies of approvals for advertising, including but not limited to, approvals made by the Prime Minister or his delegate, the Minister or their delegate, or the Department or their delegate.</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000086</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants	Please provide a list of all grants made since the 2014 budget under the Department's discretionary grants program, what those organisations were funded for, the amount of funding received and over what period, and the electorate in which the organisation is located.	Written
<b>SQ16-000087</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants	Can you please provide the amount of the reduction in funding that has occurred in each electorate as a result of cuts to the community grants program announced since the government was elected in 2013.	Written
<b>SQ16-000088</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants	Can you please provide the amount of the reduction in funding that has occurred in each state as a result of cuts to the community grants program announced since the government was elected in 2013.	Written
<b>SQ16-000089</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants	Please provide a list of all organisations that have had their overall funding per annum from the Department reduced since the 2013 election, the quantum of that reduction and the electorate in which they are located.	Written

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<b>SQ16-000090</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	Correspondence	<p>1. Does the Minister's office establish KPIs for the drafting of responses for correspondence by the Department? Are there different categories of correspondence with different KPIs?</p> <p>2. Does the Department hold statistics on how many correspondence meet these standards? Do you know how many take 1 month to respond to; 2 months respond to etc?</p> <p>3. When the last ministerial change took place (Morrison to Porter) how many draft responses had to be returned to the Department for redrafting for the new minister?</p> <p>4. How long did it take for all these responses to be redrafted responses to be sent to correspondents?</p> <p>5. Has the Minister's office give any specific direction to the department about dealing with correspondence from non-Government MPs and Senators?</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-000091</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	Pension Portability Changes	Please provide the number of people likely to be impacted by this measure by electorate.	Written
<b>SQ16-000092</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Pension Portability Changes	Please provide the number of people expected to be impacted by this measure by state.	Written
<b>SQ16-000093</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Pensioner Education Supplement	Please provide the number of people in receipt of the pensioner education supplement by electorate and by state	Written
<b>SQ16-000094</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Education Entry Payment	Please provide the number of people in receipt of the education entry payments by electorate and by state	Written
<b>SQ16-000095</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Pensioner Education Supplement	Can you please provide the average income of people on the pensioner education supplement?	Written
<b>SQ16-000096</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Education Entry Payment	Can you please provide the average income of people in receipt of the education entry payments.	Written
<b>SQ16-000097</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	Please provide the number of FTB-A children by electorate and state?	Written
<b>SQ16-000098</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	Please provide the number of children in families in receipt of FTB-B by electorate and state?	Written
<b>SQ16-000099</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	Please provide the total number of FTB children by electorate and state?	Written
<b>SQ16-000100</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	Please provide the number of FTB-A families on the max rate by electorate and by state?	Written
<b>SQ16-000101</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	Please provide the number of children living in FTB-A families on the max rate by electorate and by state	Written
<b>SQ16-000102</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	Please provide the number of families in receipt of FTB-A in each electorate and state?	Written

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<b>SQ16-000103</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	Please provide the number of families in receipt of FTB-B in each electorate and state	Written
<b>SQ16-000104</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	Please provide the number of families on FTB-A over \$100,000 by electorate and states?	Written
<b>SQ16-000105</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	Please provide the number of children living in families in receipt of FTB-A by electorate and by state.	Written
<b>SQ16-000109</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	Please provide the number of single parent families in receipt of FTB-B by electorate	Written
<b>SQ16-000110</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	Please provide the number of single parent families in receipt of FTB-B by state	Written
<b>SQ16-000111</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	Please provide the number of single parent families in receipt of FTB-B whose youngest child is over 13 by electorate	Written
<b>SQ16-000112</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	Please provide the number of single parent families in receipt of FTB-B whose youngest child is over 13 by state	Written
<b>SQ16-000113</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	If the Social services (Family Payments Structural Reform Bill) passes the parliament, can the department provide the amount each electorate will lose each year when all measures are fully implemented?	Written
<b>SQ16-000114</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	If the Social services (Family Payments Structural Reform Bill) passes the parliament, can the department provide the amount each state will lose each year when all measures are fully implemented?	Written
<b>SQ16-000117</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Treatment of income from defined benefit schemes	How do the number of pensioners impacted by the changes to the treatment of defined benefits and the average amount lost compare to the estimates the Government made public when the measure was announced?	Written
<b>SQ16-000119</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	Have the final details of the state and territories access to the DisabilityCare Fund been finalised? What is the process? Are there any differences between the jurisdictions over their access to the DisabilityCare Australia Fund?	Written
<b>SQ16-000120</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIA Board	Please provide details of any revised Board proposals from the Commonwealth to state governments.	Written
<b>SQ16-000121</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIA Board	Did the government use an executive recruitment agency to advertise the NDIA Board positions last year?	Written
<b>SQ16-000122</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIA Board	How much did the government pay the recruitment agency for this service?	Written
<b>SQ16-000123</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIA Board	Did the government or the recruitment firm receive any applications as a result of the advertisements? What was the outcome of any applications received?	Written
<b>SQ16-000124</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIA Board	Is the same agency still contracted to provide executive recruitment services for the NDIA Board?	Written

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<b>SQ16-000125</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIA Board	Has a new recruitment process/contract been initiated, separate to the stalled process from last year?	Written
<b>SQ16-000126</b>	5 - Disability	Brown	Signing of Bilateral Agreements	On 3 December Minister Porter announced in a media release that the Commonwealth had reached an agreement with Tasmania on the full rollout of the NDIS. However, I understand the actual agreement wasn't signed by the Prime Minister and the Premier of Tasmania until the COAG meeting on 11 December. Why was the agreement announced eight days before it was signed? For New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, the agreements were announced on the same day they were signed. Why was it different for Tasmania? Was there any further work done by jurisdictions on the detail of the agreement between the 3rd of December and the 11th of December?	Written
<b>SQ16-000127</b>	5 - Disability	Brown	Sector Development Fund	In 2012 the Labor government started the Sector Development Fund with a \$122 million investment. Can you explain what additional investments have been made since then?	Written
<b>SQ16-000128</b>	5 - Disability	Brown	Sector Development Fund	How much is left in the Sector Development Fund?	Written
<b>SQ16-000129</b>	5 - Disability	Brown	Sector Development Fund	Is it correct that the money left in the SDF is supposed to be spent by 2016-17?	Written
<b>SQ16-000130</b>	5 - Disability	Brown	Sector Development Fund	How are decisions made about how much is allocated each year? Do you have a set limit that you can't exceed?	Written
<b>SQ16-000131</b>	5 - Disability	Brown	Sector Development Fund	What is the process for allocating funding? Are there specific grant rounds? How many per year, and how long are they open for?	Written
<b>SQ16-000132</b>	5 - Disability	Brown	Sector Development Fund	Does the Department consult the Agency on SDF project applications? Who makes the final decision? Is it the Minister? Please explain this process.	Written
<b>SQ16-000133</b>	5 - Disability	Brown	Sector Development Fund	How many projects have been rejected for funding? What is the success rate of applications? Why are they rejected? Do you give the applicants advice as to how they can improve their application?	Written
<b>SQ16-000134</b>	5 - Disability	Brown	Sector Development Fund	Have you rejected any applications from state governments or agencies?	Written
<b>SQ16-000135</b>	5 - Disability	Brown	Sector Development Fund	Please provide updated lists of completed and current Sector Development fund projects, their funding and purpose, broken down by financial year.	Written

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<b>SQ16-000136</b>	5 - Disability	Brown	Sector Development Fund	How much funding has gone to the Department of Social Services from the SDF? Please provide details of each project.	Written
<b>SQ16-000137</b>	5 - Disability	Brown	Sector Development Fund	How much funding has gone to state government departments or agencies from the SDF? Please provide details of each project.	Written
<b>SQ16-000138</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	Disability Reform Council	<p>1. I understand at the last DRC meeting the Commonwealth proposed the 2015-16 Market, Sector and Workforce Action Plan. Was this endorsed by Ministers?</p> <p>2. If not, why not? Does this mean that there is no agreed Action Plan for 2015-16?</p> <p>3. The Agency's Workforce strategy proposed the establishment of Industry Advisory Groups to help guide workforce and sector development. Have any groups been set up? If yes, what are they? If not, why not?</p> <p>4. Will the Commonwealth put a new national quality and safeguards framework to the next DRC meeting? When can we expect a final framework to be finalised and agreed? Will a framework be in place in time for the transition to full scheme?</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-000139</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	BSWAT tool	Please provide an update on the development of a new wage assessment tool. When will this tool be ready for use by ADEs?	Written
<b>SQ16-000140</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	BSWAT tool	Are there any ADEs still using the BSWAT tool?	Written
<b>SQ16-000141</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	BSWAT tool	Are they currently exempted from the Disability Discrimination Act? Does the Government currently have an exemption from the DDA? If not, why not?	Written
<b>SQ16-000142</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	BSWAT tool	What is the process for determining the amount of wage supplementation that will be provided to ADEs to cover the cost of back pay?	Written
<b>SQ16-000143</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	BSWAT tool	Is the department aware of any ADEs that have not been fully compensated for wage increases? Are any out of pocket? What is the department doing to rectify the situation?	Written
<b>SQ16-000144</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	BSWAT tool	Can you provide the committee with a list of all ADEs that have been provided funding to assist them transfer off BSWAT, and the quantum of that funding?	Written
<b>SQ16-000145</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	BSWAT tool	The government has promised \$150 million to assist ADEs who are moving off BSWAT and onto other wage assessment tools. How much of that funding has been provided to ADEs so far?	Written
<b>SQ16-000146</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	BSWAT tool	How many applications for wage supplementation have been received by the Department, and how many have been finalised? How many are outstanding?	Written
<b>SQ16-000147</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	The interim report for the comparative evaluation in WA was due in December. Has that been given to the Department/Minister? If yes, what are the findings and will it be made public? If not, why has there been a delay and when can we expect it?	Written
<b>SQ16-000148</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	What will happen with the NDIS and MyWay in WA when the trials conclude in June?	Written
<b>SQ16-000149</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	Have any decisions already been between departments or Ministers to adopt the MyWay system instead of the NDIS post-June this year?	Written

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<b>SQ16-000150</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	When will the final independent evaluation be publically released? Will it be released as originally written, or will it be edited by governments?	Written
<b>SQ16-000151</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	Disability Advocacy	Has there been a decision on funding for peak disability advocacy organisations when their funding runs out at the end of June?	Written
<b>SQ16-000152</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	Disability Advocacy	Is the department doing any work on longer-term funding for advocacy, given its increasing importance as the NDIS rolls out?	Written
<b>SQ16-000154</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Changes to Newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Period	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the expected saving over 10 years?</li> <li>2. How many people will this affect?</li> <li>3. What type of visas are they on?</li> <li>4. Can you please break down the saving by each payment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newstart Allowance;</li> <li>• Youth Allowance;</li> <li>• Austudy Payment;</li> <li>• Carer Payments;</li> <li>• Sickness Allowance;</li> <li>• Special Benefit; and,</li> <li>• Other payments.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. What is the likely gender split based on past trends?</li> <li>6. Does this measure place spouses in a more vulnerable position given the safety net has been withdrawn, especially new spouses in a new country?</li> <li>7. There are differences between skilled and family migrants. Skilled migrants are seen as economic policy while family migration is a social program. This is the rationale for providing differences in NARWP. Has the Department undertaken any research to examine whether this change will have a negative impact on new migrants' settlement experiences? On their labour market participation? On their social welfare?</li> <li>8. Have any stakeholders provided feedback to the Department on the proposed change?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000155</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Children and Families Secretaries Group	<p>How many working groups have been established under the Children and Families Secretaries Group?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How often did each of the working groups meet in 2015?</li> <li>b. What is the membership of each of these working groups?</li> <li>c. Do each of these groups have terms of reference or some kind of work program to guide their work? If yes, please provide a copy of these to the Committee?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000156</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Food Relief	<p>Please provide a state by state breakdown of funding for financial crisis and material aid - food relief. I understand that funding under this activity went to two national organisations (Foodbank and Second Bite).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Is this funding provided to support the provision of food relief in different jurisdictions or is it just a single amount that the organisations can use anywhere in Australia?</li> <li>b. If possible, can you please provide a breakdown of the funding amounts for both Foodbank and Second Bite by jurisdiction?</li> </ol>	Written



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<b>SQ16-000157</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Volunteer Grants	<p>1. How many applications were received for the volunteers grants round that closed on 9 December?</p> <p>2. Was this in line with the number of applications that the Department had expected to receive?</p> <p>3. I recall that the large number of applications received through the 2014 DSS grants processed resulted in a few IT problems. How did the system handle this number of applications? Did the system experience any problems?</p> <p>4. And just to confirm, these grants are to be paid in this financial year, so by 30 June 2016?</p> <p>5. How many staff does the Department have working on this tender process? What level are these staff?</p> <p>a. Are these DSS staff seconded from elsewhere in the Department or are they staff bought in on contracts to work on the assessment process?</p> <p>b. Where are all these staff located?</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-000158</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Out of Home Care	<p>The Community Affairs Reference Committee tabled the report of its inquiry into out of home care on 19 August 2016. The Department's website states that the third action plan under the National Framework Third Action Plan is closely connected to among other things the Senate Inquiries into Out-of-Home Care.</p> <p>a. Is the Department still preparing a formal Government response to this inquiry?</p> <p>b. If yes, without indicating the content of the response can you confirm if the response has been provided to the Minister for consideration? How many times?</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-000159</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Adoption	<p>Is the Commonwealth engaging with the states and territories on the issue of domestic adoption and is DSS the lead Commonwealth agency on this work? Can you provide an update on work and the Commonwealth's involvement?</p> <p>Can you provide an overview of this work (i.e. is it harmonisation work, research/scoping studying etc)? Is there a commitment or undertaking to reach a specific outcome?</p> <p>Is this work being progressed through the Children and Families Secretaries Group, a working group of CaFS or another group? If a working group or another group, what is the membership of this group?</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-000160</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Child Protection	<p>The South Australian Deputy Coroner recently handed down their findings in the death of baby Ebony. This response included a recommendation that a national database to track children known to child protection moving interstate. Has the department briefed the Minister on the report on outcomes of the coronial inquest into the death of baby Ebony? If yes, when was this briefing provided?</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-000161</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Child Protection	<p>In response to a media enquiry (from the Launceston Examiner) about the idea of a National Database the Minister said</p> <p>Through the recently launched Third Action Plan, work is already under way to examine barriers to information sharing and develop a best practice model of information exchange. Can you provide some further details around this work including, funding allocation, what is the timeline for an outcome on this work and who the lead jurisdiction on this work will be? What level of information sharing will this work be looking at i.e. info sharing between Cth agencies, between Cth and state agencies or between agencies of different states?</p>	Written

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<b>SQ16-000162</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Child Protection	Has the Department been asked to do or undertaken of its own instigation any work to scope or explore options for National Database? If yes, what is the status of this work?	Written
<b>SQ16-000163</b>	2 - Families	Brown	National framework for Protecting Australia's Children	<p>1. Did the Commonwealth and state and territory Minister's meet at all (either face to face or via teleconference) during the development of the third action plan under the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children?</p> <p>2. Can you provide a timeline on when each of the jurisdictions agreed/ signed onto the Third Action Plan?</p> <p>3. Please outline in detail the governance arrangements for the implementation of the third action plan, including any sub groups or working groups involved in the governance arrangements, terms of reference or work plans for every group, meeting schedules and membership?</p> <p>4. Minister's Media Release on the launch of the Third Action Plan said that the Minister was launching "\$2.6 million per year of Commonwealth funding for projects under the plan." The Department previously provided a breakdown of committed funding for projects in 2014-15 and 2015-16 to support the National Framework in SQ15-000708 from Budget Estimates last year. Can you please provide an update of the funding committed for the years 2015-16 and 2016-17?</p> <p>5. The Minister Media Release also states that: A number of projects will be funded in local communities, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing additional information to parents about early child development and the support available where take up of services is low;</li> <li>• Working with the Indigenous community to determine the best way of helping families get the information they need to support their children; and</li> <li>• Intensive case management support for young people leaving foster care and other forms of out of home care as they move to adulthood.</li> </ul> <p>i. Will these projects be funded from the \$2.6 million?</p> <p>ii. How are they being funded? Is this new funding or were they existing measures committed outside of the Action Plan?</p>	Written
<b>SQ16-000164</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Paid Parental Leave	Please provide the number of people who have accessed PPL since the scheme was established in 2010 by electorate.	Written
<b>SQ16-000165</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Paid Parental Leave	Please provide the number of people who have accessed PPL since the scheme was established in 2010 by state.	Written
<b>SQ16-000166</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Paid Parental Leave	Of the total number of people who have accessed PPL since the scheme was established, please provide a breakdown of their income	Written
<b>SQ16-000167</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Paid Parental Leave	Please provide the number of people who have accessed Dad and Partner Pay since the scheme was established by electorate	Written
<b>SQ16-000168</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Paid Parental Leave	Please provide the number of people who have accessed Dad and Partner Pay since the scheme was established by state	Written
<b>SQ16-000169</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Schoolkids Bonus	Please provide the number of families in each electorate who received the schoolkids bonus in July 2015 and January 2016 (if available)	Written

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<b>SQ16-000170</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Schoolkids Bonus	Please provide the number of children in each electorate who received the Schoolkids bonus in July 2015 and January 2016 (if available)	Written
<b>SQ16-000171</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Schoolkids Bonus	Please provide the number of families in each state who received the schoolkids bonus in July 2015 and January 2016 (if available)	Written
<b>SQ16-000172</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Schoolkids Bonus	Please provide the number of children in each state who received the schoolkids bonus in July 2015 and January 2016 (if available)	Written
<b>SQ16-000173</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Schoolkids Bonus	Please provide the average amount that families receive each year in Schoolkids Bonus payments.	Written
<b>SQ16-000174</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Family Tax benefit	Please provide the number of people in each electorate on FTB-A who will receive the \$10 per fortnight increase proposed in the 2015 budget	Written
<b>SQ16-000175</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Family Tax Benefit	Please provide the number of people in each state on FTB-A who will receive the \$10 per fortnight increase proposed in the 2015 budget	Written
<b>SQ16-000176</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Income Support Bonus	Please provide the number of recipients of the Income Support Bonus in each electorate the last time it was paid.	Written
<b>SQ16-000177</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Income Support Bonus	Please provide the number of recipients of the Income Support Bonus in each state the last time it was paid	Written
<b>SQ16-000180</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Commonwealth Seniors Health Card	Please provide the number of people on the Commonwealth Seniors health Card by electorate and by state	Written
<b>SQ16-000181</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	One month wait	Please provide the number of jobseekers under 25 who will be subject to the proposed one month wait in each state, if it is legislated	Written
<b>SQ16-000182</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	One month wait	Please provide the number of jobseekers under 25 who will be subjected to the proposed one month wait in each electorate.	Written
<b>SQ16-000183</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Building Safe Communities for Women	Application for the \$4million available under the Building Safe Communities for Women initiative closed on 27 August 2015. At the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 22 October 2015 the Department suggested that a decision may be made in early November: 'Dr Baxter: We anticipate it will be by November. We are hoping it will be announced in November' a. Can you advise when a decision will be made on these grants? b. Why was there an apparent delay of nearly four months (from October 2015 to February 2016) in obtaining ministerial approval? c. Can you give the number of grant applications that were received by state and territory?	Written
<b>SQ16-000185</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Financial Counselling - Tender Process for Financial Counselling, Capability and Resilience Hubs	1. What are the Gaps in service delivery (for example the lack of services that can assist with superannuation, insurance and deceased estates); 2. What is the level of unmet demand since the reduced funding levels from the DSS for Financial Counselling and Capability Services; 3. What was the previous funding before the tendering process and current funding for financial counselling, capability and resilience hubs; 4. Can you provide an analysis of the level of need for these services over time, including quantification of levels of income support, unemployment, debt and poverty etc.	Written

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<b>SQ16-000186</b>	2 - Families	Moore	National Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women and Their Children	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much money has been set aside to fund the National Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women and Their Children?</li> <li>2. How much money has been set aside to fund the Second Action Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women and Their Children (2013-16) and beyond?</li> <li>3. Can you provide an update on the \$30 million awareness campaign announced last March?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000187</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants	Can you reissue me a list of the organisations that received funding out of the two subsequent rounds and also, if possible, which electorates they were in?	7
<b>SQ16-000188</b>	2 - Families	Moore	COAG	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the progress on the development of national standards for perpetrator interventions?</li> <li>2. Who is conducting this work?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000189</b>	2 - Families	Moore	\$100 million Women's Safety Package	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How will the Women's Safety Package be funded and what proportion is from funds earmarked for the National Plan?</li> <li>2. \$15 million has been allocated to establish specialised domestic violence units to provide access to coordinated legal, social work and cultural liaison services for women in a single location, and allow legal services to work with local hospitals, including for women from CALD communities and women living in regional/remote areas. Where will these units be established and who will run/staff them?</li> <li>3. \$17 million is allocated to keep women safe in their homes by expanding successful initiatives like the Safer in the Home programme to install CCTV cameras and other safety equipment, and a grant to the Salvation Army to work with security experts to conduct risk assessments on victim's homes, help change their locks and scan for bugs. How is this money being allocated?</li> <li>4. What is the current level of funding, over the forward estimates for 1800Respect, ANROWS and OurWatch?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000190</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants	In addition, provide organisations by activity and by announcements.	7
<b>SQ16-000191</b>	4 - Housing	Gallagher	NPAH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can you please provide a full list of homelessness groups which are funded under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH)?</li> <li>2. Please provide a list of organisations who have previously been funded under this agreement whose funding will not be renewed following June 30, 2016?</li> <li>3. Can you provide a funding split between jurisdictions for the NPAH?</li> <li>4. What specific funding has been provided under the NPAH for domestic violence and youth homelessness?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000192</b>	4 - Housing	Gallagher	NAHA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can you provide a full list of organisations that are funded under the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA)?</li> <li>2. Please provide a list of organisations who have previously been funded under this agreement whose funding will not be renewed following June 30, 2016?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ16-000193</b>	5 - Disability	Carr	NDIS	Can you confirm that the operation of the NDIS will commence on 1 July 2016?	Written
<b>SQ16-000194</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants	I want to see now, the full allocation plus the two supplementary allocations	8

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<b>SQ16-000195</b>	5 - Disability	Carr	NDIS	Can you confirm that the practical rollout of the NDIS is staggered, over a number of years? Over what period is the practical rollout staggered? When will the last rollout date be?	Written
<b>SQ16-000196</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants	At what stage of the maturity of the system (DSS Data Exchange) will that be available?	11
<b>SQ16-000197</b>	5 - Disability	Carr	NDIS	Can you confirm that eligibility for NDIS assistance on the basis of age is staggered to match rollout dates, depending on where someone lives?	Written
<b>SQ16-000198</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants	What representation did you receive from individuals in relation to the gap process?	11
<b>SQ16-000199</b>	5 - Disability	Carr	NDIS	Can you confirm that, as a result of this policy, someone who turns 65 in December 2016 would be eligible if they lived in the Melbourne local government area of Darebin – where the practical rollout occurs on 1 July 2016? Can you confirm that, under the arrangements as announced, that same person, if they lived in neighbouring Moreland, would be ineligible – because the rollout in Moreland is not until March 2018?	Written
<b>SQ16-000202</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	Legislation	In respect of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill 2015, can you provide a) Timing of when drafting instructions were issued and when approval was given in terms of policy intent? b) Can you provide the date the department was advised of the cabinet decisions on those pieces of legislation? c) Can you provide the date each piece of legislation was sent to Cabinet? i) Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill 2015 ii) Pensioner Education Supplement and the Education Entry Payment, iii) the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Fair and Sustainable Pensions) Bill 2015 iv) Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill (No.2) 2015 v) Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2015	19 & 22
<b>SQ16-000203</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	Grants	In terms of the current grants can you confirm for the committee which programs have funding agreements ceasing this year? Within those grants can you indicate which were extended?	22 & 23
<b>SQ16-000204</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants	Has the minister's office provided any direction to the department on any further tender processes or grant extensions in relation to these programs that are ending?	23
<b>SQ16-000205</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	Grants	Has any planning in the department been starting for further tender rounds or contract extensions? In your planning, has it been decided whether the programs will be offered a five year contract?	23
<b>SQ16-000207</b>	5 - Disability	Carr	NDIS	Do you agree that this situation is arbitrary and inequitable? Why should eligibility depend on practical rollout dates, rather than being assessed as at the formal commencement of the Scheme on 1 July 2016?	Written

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<b>SQ16-000208</b>	5 - Disability	Carr	NDIS	How many people do you estimate will be affected by this arbitrary provision? How much money will the Government save by delaying eligibility on the basis of age dependent on practical rollout dates?	Written
<b>SQ16-000209</b>	5 - Disability	Carr	NDIS	Will the Government consider rendering all potential beneficiaries of the NDIS eligible from 1 July 2016, regardless of when the Scheme is coming, in a practical sense, to their neighbourhood?	Written
<b>SQ16-000210</b>	5 - Disability	Carr	NDIS	Has the Government staggered the rollout with an eye to the Budget – so that municipalities and regions with higher percentages of people with a disability will be the last to benefit from the scheme?	Written
<b>SQ16-000212</b>	5 - Disability	Carr	NDIS	So would a person declared ineligible for the NDIS on the basis of age have access to a narrower range of assistance than someone who was eligible?	Written
<b>SQ16-000213</b>	5 - Disability	Carr	NDIS	In what other areas of assistance is the range and extent of services better and broader under NDIS than under existing Aged Care or other provision?	Written
<b>SQ16-000214</b>	5 - Disability	Carr	NDIS	Can you justify the Government's discriminating on the basis of age in disability services?	Written
<b>SQ16-000216</b>	5 - Disability	Carr	NDIS	Wouldn't a common age-eligibility date obviate this problem? If the Government is not inclined to move to a common age-eligibility date, why is it not so inclined?	Written
<b>SQ16-000217</b>	5 - Disability	Carr	NDIS	How will the NDIS affect SWEP (the Victorian State Wide Equipment Program) - and similar programs in other states - funding and turnaround times for individuals over 65?	Written
<b>SQ16-000218</b>	5 - Disability	Carr	NDIS	How will the NDIS affect VALP (Victorian Artificial Limb Program) program for individuals over 65, and similar programs in other jurisdictions?	Written
<b>SQ16-000228</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	Grants	Putting aside those ones [Volunteer Grants], are the ones that received extensions going to cease on 30 June?	23
<b>SQ16-000229</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	Grants	In your planning, has it been decided whether the programs will be offered a five-year contract?	24
<b>SQ16-000230</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	Grants	When did you commence work on the redesign?	24
<b>SQ16-000231</b>	0 - Cross	Siewert	Grants	In terms of those organisations that are currently being funded that may be caught up in this particular issue, does that mean that, unless this is resolved by then, they will not be getting refunded? So, just to be clear, there are no programs that are affected by this decision-making and assessment process that finishes in June this year?	25 & 26
<b>SQ16-000232</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Actuarial	Can you provide a list of the stakeholders that you have been talking to? You said it was interested stakeholders. And how you made the decision on who was consulted. Who is being invited to the early April workshop?	27
<b>SQ16-000233</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Contract - PWC	I wanted to ask about the contract the PwC has got. Can we get a copy of the contract? It is the milestones we are after and the intent - when PwC took on the gig, what were the agreeing to do. That is what I am after. That is covered in the milestone?	28
<b>SQ16-000234</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	consultation	Once the report is released, will these be another process of engagement with stakeholders? Can we also find out along the track what the cost of the consultations are as well?	28

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<b>SQ16-000235</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Language	Has the department used the term unsustainable? Everything printed by DSS with 'unsustainable' - I know you cannot do that. But in terms of core documents that go into the public arena. As we said in earlier discussions, in recent statements or products the terms 'burden' or 'unsustainability' were not used? You are going to check that out for us?	32 &34
<b>SQ16-000236</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	DSP/Newstart	Can you give us, in relation to those figures, the number of people that were then on Newstart the number of people going from DSP to Newstart or Youth Allowance over other years.	33
<b>SQ16-000237</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	DSP	Of the 2,450 that have been cancelled, where have they gone in the system? What has happened to these people ? Have they got jobs? What was the reason for the cancellation?	35 & 36
<b>SQ16-000238</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	DSP	With that table, is it possible to get that information on how long the people affected have been on DSP?	35 & 36
<b>SQ16-000239</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	DSP	Now that we have settled that, are you able to tell me now the number of people who are going through that process of the 18 months of trying to find work before they are considered for DSP?	37
<b>SQ16-000240</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	DSP	Have you done any analysis then of the people who have been rejected from DSP and have then presumably gone onto Newstart or Youth Allowance? Have you done any work on how long those people with a disability who are rejected are on Newstart and whether they are then managing to gain employment? What is happening to that group of people? They clearly have a disability—they just do not meet the requirements.	37
<b>SQ16-000241</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	DSP	Okay—can you have a look at that. I am obviously keen to—again, I have had a lot of complaints from people who have a disability and who are on Newstart and cannot access DSP, their ability to engage with paid employment and the length of time that they are on Newstart. Out of what cohort was that 3,182?	38
<b>SQ16-000242</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	DSP	Can I go back to the DSP issue. In terms of the breakdown of the numbers for those under 35, are you able to break that down into Aboriginality—how many identified as Aboriginal? That would be appreciated. Of those that are appeal numbers, can you also break that down and let us know— For Indigenous Australians?	40
<b>SQ16-000243</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Pension portability	So 190,000 people will have a reduced payment. Do you have the average reduction across those 190,000, or is it standard?	42
<b>SQ16-000244</b>	2 - Social Security	Brown	Pension portability	Can you provide a list of the country of origin of those that are impacted?	43
<b>SQ16-000245</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Pension portability	Can we have the information that you based the 190,000 calculation on ? A year-by-year breakdown?	43
<b>SQ16-000246</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	FTB	Of the 1.6 million families that will lose their FTB supplements, how many of those families have children in childcare?	46
<b>SQ16-000247</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Income support	With Income support, can you provide any information on the annual income of these people? Can you outline how much these people are likely to be worse off as a result of the measure and by what average?	78

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<b>SQ16-000248</b>	2 - Social Security	Moore	FTB	Of the three million children who will lose their supplements, how many are in child care? If I am clear, how many are of an age where they are likely to access childcare? What proportion of the total number of children is that?	47
<b>SQ16-000249</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Defined Income	Does the department have data on the impact of the changes to the treatment of income from defined benefits? I am interested in their average annual income and the amount of the impact - the reduction. Say somebody is on a pension of \$11,400. What is the impact of these changes on them? How much would they lose, if they would lose? Including a break-down of the total affected group by \$10/fortnight increments eg, how many lost \$10/fortnight, how many lost \$10-\$20/fortnight and \$20-\$30 etc. Are you able to provide information to us about the number of pensioners across income brackets at all? I am interested in knowing the average income for people who have been impacted and by how much. Is it possible to get it state by state?	46 & 47
<b>SQ16-000250</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Discretionary Grants	I wanted a breakdown of the discretionary grant funding under the families and communities program, including funding by each activity, sub activity and a component identified in the DSS grants.(ref SQ15-000845) Can you provide a breakdown of discretionary grant funding under the Families and Communities Programme? Please break the funding down by each Activity, Sub-Activity and component identified in the DSS Grants Honeycomb. Please also include any additional components that might not be identified in the Honeycomb. Please include a total figure and a breakdown for each year starting and 2014-15 and including all out years. Where 5 year contracts are in place under a sub activity please included the budgeted figure for the life of the agreements	82
<b>SQ16-000251</b>	1 - Social Security	Gallagher	Carers	So could you on notice just have a look at that 14 per cent figure over the past decade and how it relates to the Commission of Audit figure that was used, which I presume has picked up data from your department along the way? We are not quite sure what the projected growth is. You have not done any work on projected growth over the next decade? Could you do it for carers payments as a whole? I understand you are doing some work around that, as implied in the article quoting the minister. My question relates to whether there have been parameters around the work you are doing—high-level principle work around any changes that would be made.	48
<b>SQ16-000252</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Government response	I now want to ask some questions about the government response to the grandparents raising grandchildren report. First of all, I wonder how many times the government response to this report by the Senate Community Affairs References Committee was submitted to the minister's office of reconsideration? Can you let me know whether it went to Minister Morrison. My question is whether it was sent to Minister Morrison's office and/or Minister Porter's.	82
<b>SQ16-000253</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Debit Card	Has Indue Ltd become a subscriber to the ePayments Code, which is the voluntary code regulating electronic payment facilities?	87
<b>SQ16-000254</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Newstart	How many people on Newstart allowance with partial capacity to work are ex DSP recipients?	51



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<b>SQ16-000255</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Debit Card	I understand that they were not. I do not know if subsequently they have been. If I am wrong, I would really like to know. If they are not, will you be requiring them to sign up as part of that process?	87
<b>SQ16-000256</b>	5 - Disability	Reynolds	YPINH	The exact number and location of those who have been subject to an ACAT so that we know exactly how many there are and where they are and what facilities they are in. With a state breakdown.	66
<b>SQ16-000257</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Debit Card	Secondly, will you require them to do that? Indue is a member of the credit industry ombudsman. Will the ombudsman be able to consider disputes about the cashless debit card?	87
<b>SQ16-000258</b>	5 - Disability	Siewert	NDIA trial	I understand Minister Porter met with the Western Australians and the Western Australian steering committee. Could you confirm whether that is in fact true? Is anyone able to confirm that?	69
<b>SQ16-000259</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Debit Card	And on what basis does it meet that requirement of a bank account? What are the criteria and what was the assessment of Indue against that? Did you seek advice on that?	87
<b>SQ16-000260</b>	2 - Families	Moore	PPL	Can you provide the number of PPL recipients in receipt of income support?	78
<b>SQ16-000261</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Debit Card	Has the Department liaised with the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority on this issue?	88
<b>SQ16-000262</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Interpreters Financial counselling services	The Department sent a letter to providers that said "the provision of TIS services to financial counsellors, particularly in the financial management program under the financial wellbeing capable activity, was a pilot that was funded until 230 June and then extended to 30 November 2015. Can you tell me what the terms of the pilot were?"	91
<b>SQ16-000263</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Interpreters Financial counselling services	Has the pilot been published?	91
<b>SQ16-000264</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Interpreters Financial counselling services	We have information from providers that in some parts of Victoria a significant percentage of their clients need access to TIS services. What was the cost to government of the pilot in terms of the use of this TIS program? If it has been cut, how much money was expended under the pilot up until the time it was phased out? The translation of that may give us some indication about what the costings are currently. The providers with whom I have been speaking say that they are going to have process costs of up to \$37,000, which they just do not have.	91
<b>SQ16-000265</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Interpreters Financial counselling services	Can you tell me whether, in the frequently asked questions and information provided during the grant process, the particular issue of TIS is mentioned? Was it part of the consultation process, Ms Bennett, at the time when you went into Victoria to talk with providers? You can also take on notice whether it was one of the frequently asked questions.	91

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<b>SQ16-000266</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Financial counselling	What in fact is going to be the monitoring process now? There is great concern in communities—I know that you have had that information—about whether the current services under this new provision will meet the needs of financial counselling in these areas. What will be the monitoring process now? I took down copious notes this morning in answers about where there could be gaps in service delivery and how people bring that to the attention of the government. I feel sure that is one that we will be following up on. What is going to be the process now? For instance, the Alice Springs decision has changed the geographic area surrounding Alice Springs. It has taken funding away from an organisation that had been receiving funding for financial counselling for over 20 years and given it to another provider who does not have an Aboriginal base. What is the justification for that?	92
<b>SQ16-000267</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Debit Card	Is the cashless debit card protected under the Banking Act? Can you get back about the various codes they have signed up to and which apply. And that that is not protected under the act.	92
<b>SQ16-000268</b>	4 - Housing	Gallagher	NRAS	Can that figure, the 30,000, be broken down on a jurisdictional basis?	94
<b>SQ16-000269</b>	5 - Housing	Ludlam	Homelessness	Do you have any information on the current turn-away rates specifically of domestic violence services?	96
<b>SQ16-000270</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Income Support	In relation to the Disability Support Pension: a. Has the Department undertaken any analysis of the people whose DSP claims are rejected, or who have been denied DSP after reassessment, for the investment approach? If so please provide it.	Written
<b>SQ16-000271</b>	5 - Disability	Siewert	Quality and safeguards framework	Please provide an update on the quality and safeguards framework, including when the report of findings will be publically available.	Written
<b>SQ16-000273</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	PWC Evaluation	Senator SIEWERT: Minister, is it the intention of government to release that before the budget, particularly if there are going to be budget announcements about this? Senator Fifield: Senator, I do not know. I would have to refer that to Minister Porter. Senator SIEWERT: Could you take it on notice to ask him, please? Senator Fifield: Sure.	28
<b>SQ16-000274</b>		Moore	Syrian Resettlement	Senator MOORE: Minister, are the recommendations of that council going to be made public in terms of the work they have done and the assessments and information they are providing? Senator Fierravanti-Wells: Rather than recommendations, if I can put it that way, they have provided us with in some areas simply an analysis of where things are and where we could progress. At this stage, there has been no decision made in relation to that. Senator MOORE: Can we put on notice, as you well know the system, to let the minister know that we would be interested in seeing any of the work that comes out of that council. Senator Fierravanti-Wells: Certainly.	78-79

## Australian Institute of Family Studies

QoN No.	Senator	Broad Topic	Question	Hansard Ref
<b>AIFS-SQ16-000106</b>	Siewert	Carers	<p>Prof. Higgins: We looked at all of those different options and there was no way of being able to define the population to be able to say what proportion responded to our survey. We had lengthy discussions with both the Commonwealth and all of the states and territories. What was agreed was restricting the survey to formal carers as I have defined it.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you perhaps give us that definition?</p> <p>Prof. Higgins: Yes.</p>	76

## National Disability Insurance Agency

QoN No.	Senator	Broad Topic	Question	Hansard Ref
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000001</b>	Siewert	Participant information (Homeless)	How many people have become NDIS participants who were homeless at the point of entry into the NDIS? How many of these people are still homeless?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000002</b>	Siewert	Participant information (Employment status)	How many people were unemployed at the time of entry into the NDIS? How many of these people are now employed?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000003</b>	Siewert	Participant information (Incarcerated)	How many people were incarcerated at the time of entry into the NDIS? How many people does the NDIS currently provide support to who are in detention of any form?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000004</b>	Siewert	User cost of capital' (UCC) funding	If the NDIA had allocated 'user cost of capital' (UCC) funding in line with the Productivity Commission's estimate of how much UCC would be required in high-cost participant packages, how much UCC funding would the NDIA have allocated over the trial period (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16)? What is the NDIA's intention of how this funding will be used given the delay in releasing UCC funds?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000005</b>	Siewert	Autism rates	What work has the NDIA done on analysing autism rates? Has the Department given any instructions to the NDIA in evaluating autism? Or in relation to managing costs?	Written

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<b>NDIA-SQ16-00006</b>	Siewert	Local Area Coordinators	Local Area Coordinators: a. When was the decision taken that NDIS local area coordinators would be contracted, rather than a part of the NDIA? Was this a decision by Government? b. Why was there no public consultation on outsourcing LACs and planning? c. What are the budget implications? d. What procurement process did the NDIA undertake to contract LAC providers in NSW? Did the NDIA have a choice in how LAC's were procured in NSW? e. What is the total expected value of the LAC contracts with the two NSW providers (St Vincent De Paul Society and Uniting) for the years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18? f. What is the planned/proposed procurement approach for LAC services in other jurisdictions (Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, ACT and NT)?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-00008</b>	Moore	NDIA internal costs	What efforts is being undertaking to reduce costs internally by the NDIA, as opposed to trying to reduce contain costs by cutting back funding for travel by participants in consultations like the CEO Forum?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-00009</b>	Moore	NDIA internal travel	Do NDIA staff travel business class when flying to Darwin for official work?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-00010</b>	Seselja	NDIS programme funding	CHAIR: Maybe take this question on notice. I can only assume it was agreed that it did not fit within the framework, which is why it is going to lose funding from 1 July. Presumably, it is then a question for the local government as to whether they continue to fund it separately from any NDIS agreement. Is that a reasonable— Ms Glanville: Yes. That is right. With some programs, there might be a way of helping them look at their model of how they deliver services to see if it can be something which is funded. But essentially the proposition is right as you put it. CHAIR: Because it is very valued here in Canberra, and I am sure it is in other places where it is delivered. It does seem a pretty important service to people with disabilities. You would think we would be able to find some way of fitting it in the framework; I put that to you. If there is any additional information you are able to come back with on notice, I would appreciate it. Ms Glanville: Yes. I am happy to do that. Ms Glanville: It is probably important to say that we can provide in this information what funding they receive from other government departments, for example, at both state and federal level.	54 & 55
<b>NDIA-SQ16-00011</b>	Gallagher	Guided plans pro forma	Senator GALLAGHER: Could the committee be provided with a copy of the pro forma document that makes up the guided plans? Not filled in. I do not want to breach anyone's information. If there is a pro forma being used, I cannot imagine why that cannot be provided. Mr Maynard: Yes. Please provide details on the rollout of the guided planning approach	59
<b>NDIA-SQ16-00013</b>	Moore	Number of approved plans (electorate)	Please provide the number of approved plans in each electorate where there is an NDIS launch site.	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-00015</b>	Brown	Participant numbers (Electorate)	Please provide the number of people expected to be eligible for the NDIS in each electorate by the completion of full rollout	Written

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<b>NDIA-SQ16-000016</b>	Brown	Participant numbers (State)	Please provide the number of people expected to be eligible for the NDIS in each state by the completion of the full rollout	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000017</b>	Brown	Participant numbers (South Australia and Tasmania)	For the full rollout in in South Australia and Tasmania, please provide details on how many people are likely to be eligible to the NDIS in each year of the rollout, broken down by electorate and local government area.	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000018</b>	Moore	Package differences between trial sites	Is there a difference in the package received by a family with a young child with Down syndrome between the two sites in the trial areas?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000019</b>	Carr	Prosthetics funding - State and Commonwealth variation	Is it the case that, for some people, the assistance available in prosthetics – artificial limbs – is broader and more extensive than that available under the existing Aged Care system and existing state-based programs?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000020</b>	Carr	Prosthetic equipment requests	What process will be used to determine the clinical appropriateness of Orthotic and Prosthetic equipment requests?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000021</b>	Carr	Equipment requests - request/quotation timeframes	What will be the anticipated length of time between equipment request/quotation and approval?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000022</b>	Carr	Participant education - Provider choices	Are there plans for education of participants about choice of provider?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000023</b>	Carr	Plan preparation - regulation	How will the advice participants receive for plan preparation be regulated?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000024</b>	Carr	Participant options for best advice	Will participants be able to shop around for the best “advice”?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000025</b>	Carr	Provider advice - payment	Will providers be able to be paid for providing advice on plans?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000026</b>	Carr	Quotation/tender process for expensive equipment	What is the intended method for handling the quotation/tender process for expensive equipment?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000027</b>	Carr	Plan expenditure limit	Are there any limits on overall plan expenditure over the Participant’s lifetime?	Written
<b>NDIA-SQ16-000031</b>	Carr	Participant information (approaching 65 years of age)	What estimates have you made of the numbers of potential NDIS beneficiaries, approaching 65 years of age, who might claim to have moved house into a neighbourhood or area with an earlier NDIS rollout date? What measures does the Government plan to take to detect and prevent such claims, where they are fraudulent?	Written