

PDR No	Outcome	Senator	Party	Broad Topic	Question	Hansard/Ref	Date Answer Received	Email No.	Date Answer Tabled
SQ14-001117	1 - Population Health	Madigan, John	DLP	Health effects associated with Wind Turbines	I note that the NHMRC have acknowledged that sleep disturbance is present in the limited research literature available, and I know that Mrs Annie Gardner from Macarthur has regularly been copying you in on her complaints to AGL and to the Victorian Health Department about the effect of the AGL wind turbines near her home. However are you aware that the UN Committee Against Torture have stated that prolonged sleep deprivation constitutes torture? Are you aware that public officials who intentionally allow torture to continue may be held criminally responsible? http://waubrafoundation.org.au/resources/un-convention-against-torture/ The actual wording of the Committee Against torture is as follows: "The Committee against Torture (CAT) has noted that sleep deprivation used for prolonged periods constitutes a breach of the CAT, and is primarily used to break down the will of the detainee. Sleep deprivation can cause impaired memory and cognitive functioning, decreased short term memory, speech impairment, hallucinations, psychosis, lowered immunity, headaches, high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, stress, anxiety and depression." For more information, see Gretchen Borchelt, JD & Christian Pross, MD 'Systematic Use of Psychological Torture by US Forces', Torture, vol.15(1), 2005; and 'Broken Laws, Broken Lives: Medical Evidence of Torture by U.S. Personnel and its Impact'. Source: http://thejusticecampaign.org/?page_id=273#T2 http://waubrafoundation.org.au/resources/un-convention-against-torture/ Article 4 states the following: Article 4 1. Each State Party shall ensure that all acts of torture are offences under its criminal law. The same shall apply to an attempt to commit torture and to an act by any person which constitutes complicity or participation in torture. 2. Each State Party shall make these offences punishable by appropriate penalties which take into account their grave nature.	Written			
SQ14-001118	1 - Population Health	McLucas, Jan	ALP	FSANZ input into Labelling Review recommendations	Would FSANZ please provide the Committee with a timetables for FSANZ's input into the Blewett Labelling Review recommendations?	22/10/2014 - 108			
SQ14-001119	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Moore, Claire	ALP	Portfolio Agency staffing transfers to the Department of Health	What were the classifications of staff who transferred from Health Workforce Australia and the Australian National Preventive Health Agency to the Department of Health?	22/10/2014 - 6			
SQ14-001120	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Moore, Claire	ALP	Business Services Centre	What are the classifications of staff currently located in the Business Services Centre?	22/10/2014 - 7			
SQ14-001121	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Moore, Claire	ALP	Health Workforce Australia	How many staff received either voluntary or non voluntary redundancies from the former Health Workforce Australia agency? What was the cost of the redundancies?	22/10/2014 - 7			
SQ14-001123	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Rhiannon, Lee	AG	Cosmetics Testing	a) How many new cosmetic ingredients were notified for use in Australia in each of the last ten years? b) What are the names of those ingredients please?	Written			
SQ14-001124	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Rhiannon, Lee	AG	Cosmetics Testing	a) What discretionary powers are held by NICNAS to modify data requirements set out in the relevant Schedule/s of the ICNA Act in the case of cosmetic ingredients already in use as cosmetic ingredients outside Australia, for example in the EU? b) Please provide examples of NICNAS doing this.	Written			
SQ14-001125	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Rhiannon, Lee	AG	Cosmetics Testing	In Feb 2013 I was provided advice from NICNAS (Question E13-018) that: "For health effects which have validated non-animal tests, such as skin and eye irritation, NICNAS currently accepts this information in lieu of animal testing results." In view of this, what plans are in place to update the relevant Schedule/s of the Industrial Chemicals Notification Act to confirm that in-vitro data are acceptable for the assessment of skin and eye irritation and that in-vitro tests must be used instead of animal test methods to assess these endpoints if new testing is carried out?	Written			
SQ14-001126	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Rhiannon, Lee	AG	Cosmetic Testing	If a cosmetic ingredient meets the safety requirements set out in the EU cosmetics regulation, EU Regulation 1223/2009, on the basis of a different data-set than appears in the relevant Schedule/s of the ICNA Act, (for example if acute toxicity test data appears for the oral route of administration but not the dermal route), would additional animal test data for the dermal route of acute toxicity testing also be required by NICNAS before the substance can be used in cosmetics in Australia?	Written			
SQ14-001127	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Rhiannon, Lee	AG	Cosmetics Testing	How many, and which, cosmetics ingredients have been approved using non-animal tested substances that have been validated in other jurisdictions such as the EU under its non-animal testing regime?	Written			
SQ14-001128	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Rhiannon, Lee	AG	Cosmetics Testing	a) How many cosmetics ingredients have had manufacturers'/importers' applications to NICNAS to accept overseas non-animal tested validated tested data-sets accepted instead of animal-tested datasets? b) Please provide the details of which ones were successful and which not successful, and why.	Written			
SQ14-001129	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Di Natale, Richard	AG	eHealth	a) To date, the eHealth structures have been very provider/professional focussed, how is the Department engaging with consumers and consumer groups about the changes to eHealth? b) Given that funding for eHealth was only extended for this financial year, what contingencies are in place for July 2015? c) Have professional groups sought additional funding from the government to participate in the eHealth system development? What has the Department's response to those requests been?	Written			

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SQ14-001130	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Health Flexible Funds	The Budget Papers indicate that \$197.1 mill will be cut from the 'Health Flexible Funds' over 3 years from 2015-16 to 2017-18. There are currently 16 different Flexible Funds providing funding to a diverse range of organisations and groups, including NGOs peak bodies and service delivery agencies across the country. a) How are these savings to be achieved? b) Are any of the 16 current Flexible Funds to be abolished? If so, which ones? c) Are levels of resourcing to the Flexible Funds to be reduced? If so, which funds will be affected? d) Are some organisations and services that currently receive funding under the Flexible Funds to be defunded? e) Will there be reductions in current levels of funding to organisations across the board? f) How is the target of \$197.1 mill in savings to be achieved and what are the implications for the many organisations and groups, including NGO peaks bodies and service delivery agencies, that currently rely on this funding?	Written			
SQ14-001131	8 - Health Workforce Capacity	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Dental Care	Before it closed, Health Workforce Australia undertook a detailed supply and demand study of the oral health workforce. Can the department advise what has happened to the report of this study? When it will be released?	Written			
SQ14-001132	8 - Health Workforce Capacity	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Dental Care	The Australian Dental Association estimate that about 460 new domestic dentists are needed each year to meet demand and cover attrition – is that a figure the Government agrees with?	Written			
SQ14-001133	8 - Health Workforce Capacity	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Dental Care	How many dentists are working under 485 visa arrangements?	Written			
SQ14-001134	8 - Health Workforce Capacity	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Dental Care	Is dentistry still listed as an area of workforce shortage – and why?	Written			
SQ14-001135	8 - Health Workforce Capacity	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Dental Care	Is the department aware that Health Workforce Australia advised the Australian Workforce & Productivity there is a projected oversupply of dentist to 2025 when it considered the recommendation from AWPA to leave the occupation of dentist on the Skilled Occupation List for 2014?	Written			
SQ14-001136	4 - Acute Care	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Dental Care	The National Partnership Agreement that funds Mobile Indigenous Dental programs was due to end when all projects were completed. Where is this currently up to, and what mobile programs now service indigenous dental needs?	Written			
SQ14-001137	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Hepatitis C / Access to Pharmaceutical Products	a) How does the Department of Health plan on achieving the commendable targets outlined in the 4th National Hepatitis C strategy? b) How will the Department achieve the targets in the 4th National Hepatitis C strategy if the PBAC does not approve transformational new treatments that effectively represent a cure for HCV?	Written			
SQ14-001138	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Hepatitis C / Access to Pharmaceutical Products	How do new treatments, such as Sovaldi compare in cost to the 48 week combination therapy using interferon and ribavirin and what is the cost of a 48 week treatment, including GP consultations, blood tests and so on?	Written			
SQ14-001139	10 - Sport and Recreation	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Reclink delivery of programs	Reclink National Programs have achieved significant outcomes for the amount of Federal funding involved – has there been any adverse findings or issues with Reclink's delivery of programs to the vulnerable?	Written			
SQ14-001140	10 - Sport and Recreation	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Representations regarding Reclink	What representations has the Government received to reinstate Reclink funding?	Written			
SQ14-001141	10 - Sport and Recreation	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Reclink funding recommendations	Did the Office of Sport made recommendations and representations to Minister Dutton to maintain funding for the Reclink National Program?	Written			
SQ14-001143	10 - Sport and Recreation	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Sport and Recreation	What other national organisations have the expertise, capacity and capability of effectively and efficiently providing over 100,000 participation opportunities ever year?	Written			
SQ14-001144	10 - Sport and Recreation	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Impact of Reclink funding cuts	What advice or consultation has taken place with the mental health branch of Department of Health about the impact Reclink funding cuts will have on those experiencing mental health problems?	Written			
SQ14-001145	10 - Sport and Recreation	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Reclink activities	What will happen to the Community Cup and other events Reclink run?	Written			
SQ14-001146	1 - Population Health	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Antimicrobial Resistance	a) How regularly is the antimicrobial resistance plan updated? b) How does the Government measure antibiotic use in the community? c) It was reported in the Lancet that the rate of increase of antibiotics in Australia is amongst the highest in the world – what is the actual rate of increase? d) What has been achieved by the Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care in regards to AMR's over the past 18 months? e) What happens after the 3 year program is completed and how will Australia progress in terms of surveillance programs after that.	Written			
SQ14-001151	10 - Sport and Recreation	Bilyk, Catryna	ALP	Public Relation Companies	How many programs within the Commission have appointed PR companies since the beginning of the year? And for what purpose, their context, as well.	22/10/2014 - 131			
SQ14-001152	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris, Nova	ALP	Women in Sport	You are saying that it has been rolled out for a number of years. Is it the same amount annually that was previously rolled out?	22/10/2014 - 132			
SQ14-001153	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris, Nova	ALP	Women in Sport	Are you aware of the numbers of applications that have been received? And awarded?	22/10/2014 - 132			
SQ14-001155	4 - Acute Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Hospital Funding	Is there a way that you could provide that to me in a table?	22/10/2014 - 21			
SQ14-001156	4 - Acute Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Hospital Funding	Could the committee receive a copy of the letters that the minister has sent to the states and territories on public hospital funding?	22/10/2014 - 21			
SQ14-001157	4 - Acute Care	Seselja, Zed	LP	Hospital Funding	They clearly are not getting cuts. It would be good if they could identify that. The South Australian Premier has been very outspoken. We have referenced that. He is claiming that there are cuts, but we have heard there is a 28.6 per cent increase. The states and territories are majority funders of hospitals at the moment. South Australia are claiming cuts but are getting a 28.6 per cent increase. Do we know how much South Australia is increasing hospital funding in the same period? Do we have a comparison of that? Is that available to the department?	22/10/2014 - 28			

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SQ14-001158	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Moore, Claire	ALP	Dental Budget Measures	What is the overall impact on public dental services from all the budget decisions in combination? That would probably be one to be taken on notice. It would be identification of the budget decisions that have immediate impact on dental services. Can we get some indication of what the proposed impact of that would be? The department has that information?	22/10/2014 - 72			
SQ14-001159	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Moore, Claire	ALP	Public Dental Waiting List	Do we have state breakdowns of that, Ms Anderson? You can take that on notice.	22/10/2014 - 73			
SQ14-001160	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)	Do we know how many kids? There are obviously a range. Are there a small group of people who use a significant number of item numbers? The distribution would be helpful.	22/10/2014 - 75			
SQ14-001161	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Moore, Claire	ALP	Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)	Is their availability of the ASCG classifications across the country, so we can trace which regions are being serviced most in this area?	22/10/2014 - 75			
SQ14-001162	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Reynolds, Linda	LP	Health Expenditure	Dr Bartlett: The OECD comparisons are usually done on the basis of percentage of GDP. On that basis we are about average. But one of the factors there has been that Australia's GDP growth until quite recently has been well above OECD average, which means that growth in health services as a percentage has not grown rapidly. Senator REYNOLDS: Okay. So taking that into account, we have not grown rapidly in comparison to the OECD in terms of percentage? Dr Bartlett: Our growth as a percentage of our GDP has not grown rapidly, although it increased in the most recent AIHW figures for 2012-13. It increased as a percentage of GDP—and this is from memory—from 9.1 to 9.4 per cent, but I can confirm those numbers for you.	22/10/2014 - 58			
SQ14-001163	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Moore, Claire	ALP	Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)	Do you have any information on the most common treatments received under the scheme?	22/10/2014 - 76			
SQ14-001164	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Peris, Nova	ALP	Health & Hospitals Fund (HHF) - Palmerston Hospital	Are you able to table the agreed milestones? What you are expecting for your \$46 million? Are you able to table those? Are they for the public?	22/10/2014 - 115			
SQ14-001165	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Reynolds, Linda	LP	Medicare levy	Senator REYNOLDS: Thank you. Could you just explain for me—I am new to this estimates committee—the current Medicare levy and levy surcharge and what their purposes are. Dr Bartlett: The Medicare levy is effectively a levy that was put in place when the Medicare arrangements started. It was designed initially to fund a significant part of the Commonwealth's costs in terms of the MBS. It has been changed a number of times over the years, most recently when an amount was added to cover the cost of the NDIS. The Medicare levy surcharge was introduced more recently. That was designed to encourage people to take out private health insurance. Those above an income threshold who did not take out private health insurance incurred a surcharge which they had to pay. That has also changed. There are now means testing arrangements in place and, as part of those arrangements, the amount of surcharge that you have to pay goes up with your income. Senator REYNOLDS: What proportion of the Commonwealth's current health expenditure does the surcharge cover as a proportion of expenditure on the MBS? Dr Bartlett: I have that data, but you may have to bear with me. I might actually take that on notice; otherwise I am going to be digging through figures for some time.	22/10/2014 - 59			
SQ14-001166	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Reynolds, Linda	LP	Co-payment	Senator REYNOLDS: That is fine, or if someone could get that and come back to it that is absolutely fine. Another question that relates to that is how much will the levy have to increase to fully cover the cost of the MBS? Dr Bartlett: I would have to take that on notice. I do not know the answer to that question.	22/10/2014 - 59			
SQ14-001167	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Reynolds, Linda	LP	Number of Medicare Services	Senator REYNOLDS: Thank you. Can you give me a bit of background on how many services are accessed annually and by how many Australians? Do you have those figures there? Dr Bartlett: I do not have an accurate figure on the number of Australians. I can get you those. In terms of the number of services: in 2013-14 there were—sorry I am starting to struggle with print size! Senator REYNOLDS: That is all right, I sympathise! Dr Bartlett: It is a factor of age! It is 356,135,218. Senator REYNOLDS: Can you say that again? Dr Bartlett: It is 356,135,218 MBS services in 2013-14. Senator REYNOLDS: Could you take that on notice and could you get someone, even today, to provide how many Australians have accessed that and if there are any trends in terms of averages? I imagine there would be a lot more people who access many more services than others. So if you do have those figures I am happy for you to take that on notice or to provide them later. Dr Bartlett: We have a range of figures that we can provide to you. Some of the things that we provided before have been that concession card holders are higher users of health services than non-concession-card holders. There has been an overall growth in the use of MBS services—and I can give you some figures on that, although I do not have the 2013-14; I only have them up to 2012-13. In 2012-13 there were 14.9 MBS services per capita, which was up from 14.6 the year before; 14.2 the year before that; 13.9 the year before that; 13.5 the year before that; and so on back. So you can see a steady growth in the services per capita.	22/10/2014 - 58			
SQ14-001168	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Reynolds, Linda	LP	Number of Medicare Services	CHAIR: Sorry to interrupt: is there a breakdown at all of different demographic groups in terms of their average MBS numbers? Dr Bartlett: There was an answer to a question on notice on that and if you give me a second I can probably find it. No, I may be able to put my hand on it later but I do not have it with me. We can certainly give you that, we have provided before. Senator REYNOLDS: And when you provide that—I think you said that you may have already—but could you also provide the figures broken down by concession and non-concession holders?	22/10/2014 - 58			
SQ14-001169	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Reynolds, Linda	LP	Number of Medicare Services	Senator REYNOLDS: So you have 3.1 million who had more than 10 services. Dr Bartlett: That is correct. Senator REYNOLDS: Do you have that broken down further into— Dr Bartlett: Not with me. Senator REYNOLDS: Would you mind taking that on notice? Dr Bartlett: Sure.	22/10/2014 - 58			

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SQ14-001170	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Reynolds, Linda	LP	MBS Items	Senator REYNOLDS: If you could take that on notice and if someone could come back either today or later on notice that is fine. I would like to ask you a question in relation to the MBS. Have additional services been added to the MBS in the last 12 months—added or expanded? Dr Bartlett: There is a standard process we go through that involves the addition of new items to the MBS as a result of MSAC recommendations. I know that there have been some added in the last 12 months but I would have to take that on notice and come back to you with a comprehensive list of what was there. Senator REYNOLDS: Thank you. If you could advise of additions, increases or substantial changes that would be great, thank you. In relation to the proposed co-payment, have you got any history in relation to proposals for the co-payment for the MBS itself? Is this a new concept or proposal for the department	22/10/2014 - 59			
SQ14-001171	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Co-payment	Senator XENOPHON: So, when I get blood taken out of me at a pathology centre, usually it is at a collection clinic; it is not—you are smiling, Minister. What is the breakdown of where it is easy to collect a co-payment and where it is not, where it is a nurse in a medical centre who just takes the blood and sends it off and there is no-one in an administrative sense to collect a co-payment? Dr Bartlett: I think the way I would describe it is that the smaller providers—as Mr Learmonth described them, the boutique providers—are essentially working in areas where there are significant patient billings now. That would suggest they have the means of dealing with this. Senator XENOPHON: You cannot give me a breakdown of that, can you, or an approximate breakdown? Dr Bartlett: I think I could give you an approximate breakdown, but I would have to take that on notice. Senator XENOPHON: I am very happy for you to take it on notice.	22/10/2014 - 63			
SQ14-001172	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Co-payment	Senator XENOPHON: What systems would be in place to monitor when a concessional patient reached their 10 visits? Dr Bartlett: DHS is developing a system that essentially makes that information available to— Senator XENOPHON: How close are we to that being developed—to the software being up and running? Dr Bartlett: As I understand it they are developing it. I think you would actually have to ask them to give a specific update as to where things are at the moment. I have not talked to them about it. Senator XENOPHON: I am happy if you could take that on notice.	22/10/2014 - 64			
SQ14-001173	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Co-payment	Senator XENOPHON: Finally, has any assessment been undertaken as to whether a lesser increase in the number of tests would have any impact on avoiding an adverse outcome that could have been determined by a test? Dr Bartlett: There is no way we could undertake such an assessment. I would have to say, for a start, there are a significant number of pathology tests that are essentially given by GPs to patients that are never filled. I cannot tell you what the impact of those is in terms of what is happening here. What we are anticipating here is a very small change on the margins of things. Whether or not that has any more or less of an effect on what is already happening, we could not— Senator XENOPHON: Please take on notice how this will work administratively, because that is a complaint I have had, which I believe is a legitimate concern.	22/10/2014 - 64			
SQ14-001174	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Co-payment	Dr Bartlett: Senator, I do not know about the specifics of the practice. I do not know about the places it is getting its income from; we talked at some length last estimates about AMSs and their various income sources. I do not know enough about the practice in question to offer any meaningful opinion. Senator McLUCAS: I am sure that they are using their chronic disease system as best as they can, but we are talking about people who are very vulnerable. Dr Bartlett: But, Senator, I do not know whether they have alternative funding that is also helping them; I do not know their item mix; there is a whole range of things about them that I have no idea of, so I cannot comment in any meaningful way. Senator McLUCAS: And their assessment of a 42 per cent reduction in remuneration for a short consultation: do you have any comment about that? Dr Bartlett: Senator, I could not comment on the exact percentage. But in terms of what you are describing—which is the percentage effect of the \$5 reduction in the rebate, and any low-gap incentive if that is not payable—that will obviously be higher on the lower rebate items. Senator McLUCAS: Yes. So 42 per cent is about right. Dr Bartlett: I do not know. The logic is right, but I do not know whether the actual numbers are right. I would have to take that on notice to check it. Senator McLUCAS: Okay, thank you.	22/10/2014 - 68			
SQ14-001175	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Medibank Private Trial	Senator McLUCAS: Basically, these trials employ nurses in GP practices, as well as providing a telephone concierge service with a nurse triage call, remote monitoring services and a care navigator service. Essentially, it is managing a very small cohort of people through the health system. I will ask the questions, and if you do not know the answers, Dr Bartlett, then that is fine. What is your knowledge of the way GPs, practice nurses and others who are involved in the program are remunerated? Dr Bartlett: Sorry, Senator, I can't answer that. Senator McLUCAS: You cannot answer that. Is there anyone in the department who would be aware of that? CHAIR: We are coming to private health in outcome 6. Senator McLUCAS: Yes, except it is not really about private health; it is about the impact of this program on the MBS. CHAIR: Sure. But the detail of that, I assume, is in the private health area. Senator McLUCAS: It sort of is not. Dr Bartlett: Chair, I think we would have to take the question on notice. We will have had some briefing from Medibank Private as part of starting the program. Whether it goes to the detail that the senator is asking for, I cannot say. We would have to go back and look at that. I do not know the answer. Senator McLUCAS: All right. I will put all of those questions on notice for you, Dr Bartlett; thank you. I would like to go to the Jackson review.	22/10/2014 - 68			
SQ14-001176	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	MSAC	Senator McLUCAS: When was the minister provided with the list of potential MSAC appointees? Dr Bartlett: I would have to take that on notice.	22/10/2014 - 69			
SQ14-001177	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	MSAC	Senator McLUCAS: When was Professor Ward advised of her reappointment as chair of MSAC? Dr Bartlett: Again, I would have to take that on notice and come back to you.	22/10/2014 - 69			

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SQ14-001178	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Bilyk, Catryna	ALP	Australian Hearing	Senator BILYK: The terms of reference for the scoping study identifies one of the considerations in the possible privatisation as the conflicting reporting requirements on Australian Hearing to two different parts of government. This concern seems to centre on the conflicting aims of Australian Hearing in meeting its obligations to deliver services under the Voucher program and the Community Service Obligation program under its MOU with the Office of Hearing Services, and being accountable for its financial performance to the Department of Human Services. Do you think that is correct? Do you agree with that? Ms Faichney: I would have to take that on notice. I am not aware of the details. Senator BILYK: You will take that on notice? Ms Faichney: Yes.	22/10/2014 - 81			
SQ14-001179	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Australian Hearing	Senator SMITH: But there is money partitioned inside Australian Hearing Services for NDIS? Dr Bartlett: There is money that is paid, but in terms of an actual budget, at this point, as I said, we have a hearing services program that has hundreds of thousands of clients, and we are talking at the moment about 19. So, it is not something for which we will go through an elaborate accounting process. In effect there will be a funding transfer, which will be journaled. It can be identified, but we are not going to set up a separate budget line for something of that size. It just does not make a lot of sense. Senator SIEWERT: I think Senator Smith has just traversed some of the NDIS questions I was going to ask, so I will leave any further work there. Do you have an up-to-date table of response to the Senate hearing? You know how you usually do me a table? I am seeing nods! But there is not a table update? Dr Bartlett: I think we can provide you with a table update. Senator SIEWERT: If you could provide me with a table update, that would be appreciated, because I do pay attention to those things when you do them. So, rather than traversing it now, I will just ask that you update that table for me. Dr Bartlett: Yes. Senator SIEWERT: Thank you.	22/10/2014 - 84			
SQ14-001180	6 - Private Health	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Private Health Insurance	Senator McLUCAS: When were the insurance increases announced? Dr Bartlett: 23 December, if I recollect. Senator McLUCAS: It was a couple of weeks, wasn't it? How long was the previous one the previous year? My recollection is some months—maybe three months. Dr Bartlett: The previous year, from memory, the increases were announced on 6 or 7 February. Senator McLUCAS: I thought it was March. Dr Bartlett: No, I think it was February. Senator McLUCAS: You are probably better informed than me. Dr Bartlett: I will check that, but I am pretty sure it was early February.	22/10/2014 - 121			
SQ14-001181	1 - Population Health	Wright, Penny	AG	Mental Health Research Funding	Senator WRIGHT: We will see. They may not thank you for that! Professor Anderson, I am just interested in knowing if you can give me any figures or take on notice to provide any information about the extent of funding in the NHMRC budget that is going to mental health related research. Prof. Anderson: ... I could give you a breakdown of the various areas of mental health on notice if you like. Senator WRIGHT: I would appreciate that. Thank you.	22/10/2014 - 124			
SQ14-001182	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Reynolds, Linda	LP	Costs of PBS Medicines	Do you have exact numbers for that (cost of some individual medications)?	22/10/2014 - 87			
SQ14-001183	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Health Expenditure	Senator DI NATALE: So we have seen a decrease—let us be clear about that—in the federal contribution to health spending by 2.3 per cent in 2012-13. Ms Flanagan: There are reasons for that. Senator DI NATALE: Yes and let us go to some of these reasons. Perhaps you might want to talk us through some of those. Ms Flanagan: The information I have here shows that part of that was due to the fact that—again, comparing year on year—there was prepayment of the private health-insurance premiums, which then put up the rebate in the base year that we are comparing against. This artificially increased Australian government expenditure on the PHI rebate, and then it was decreased. There would also have been issues around the national partnership agreements that I think Mr Learmonth talked about, where a number of them were coming to an end. They were time limited. There would be a range of different things when you are just comparing one year against the other. Senator DI NATALE: I think it was Dr Bartlett who mentioned the Chronic Disease Dental Scheme. Dr Bartlett: There were issues with chronic disease dental but my understanding, in this year, is that apart from the things Ms Flanagan mentioned the other issue that was important was price disclosure and pharmaceuticals. Senator DI NATALE: Yes, that is right, and the price we were paying for some drugs coming down. We are talking about 2012-13. Do you not think the Chronic Disease Dental Scheme was a factor? Dr Bartlett: I would have to check that. Senator DI NATALE: Please take that on notice.	22/10/2014 - 65			
SQ14-001184	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Payments for Wholesalers and Pharmacy Programs	The payment for wholesalers and pharmacy was forecast to be \$216 million in 2014-15, which was in the 2013-14 budget. The 2014-15 budget reveals that the payment has increased to \$406 million. Can someone explain to the Committee what happened?	22/10/2014 - 89			
SQ14-001185	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Bilyk, Catryna	ALP	Life Saving Drugs Programme Listings	How many life-saving drugs have been listed in the last five years, and at what cost?	22/10/2014 - 91			
SQ14-001186	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Di Natale, Richard	AG	PNH Soliris Patient Numbers	Why does only one person have access to the drug?	22/10/2014 - 93			
SQ14-001187	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Di Natale, Richard	AG	PBAC Chair	At what point in time, whether it was before or after the Minister had made the decision, or government had made a decision, to fund the listing, when PBAC chairs make statements on particular drugs.	22/10/2014 - 94			
SQ14-001197	1 - Population Health	Bilyk, Catryna	ALP	National Palliative Care Projects	I understand that there were applications for new funding for national palliative care projects and they closed on 6 August. What is the assessment criteria for funding for these projects? Are you able to give the committee a copy of those assessment criteria.	22/10/2014 - 122			
SQ14-001199	1 - Population Health	Seselja, Zed	LP	Drug Strategy – Hello Sunday Morning	Do we know what this represents in terms of how much funding or revenue Hello Sunday Morning gets from other sources?	22/10/2014 - 120			

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SQ14-001200	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Primary Health Networks	I understand New South Wales wanted a one-for-one establishment of PHNs. Why was that rejected?	22/10/2014 - 30			
SQ14-001201	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Commissioned Reports	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? 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. 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? 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written			
SQ14-001202	5 - Primary Health Care	Seselja, Zed	LP	Medicare Locals	Does the deed itself provide provisions for that kind of process, if someone breaches—are there provisions in the deed as to the ability of the Commonwealth to recoup or is that something that is handled in other ways?	22/10/2014 - 35			
SQ14-001203	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Reviews	1. How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including: 1. the date they were ordered 2. the date they commenced 3. the minister responsible 4. the department responsible 5. the nature of the review 6. their terms of reference 7. the scope of the review 8. who is conducting the review 9. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review 10. the expected report date 11. the budgeted, projected or expected costs 12. if the report will be tabled in parliament or made public	Written			
SQ14-001204	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Primary Health Networks	Have you had any interest from overseas health organisations?	22/10/2014 - 38			
SQ14-001205	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Primary Health Networks	Are there any other external consultancies or contracts?	22/10/2014 - 38			
SQ14-001206	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Primary Health Networks	How much has been spent on external consultants?	22/10/2014 - 38			
SQ14-001207	5 - Primary Health Care	Wright, Penny	AG	Suicide	Leaving aside that particular issue of her pre-election commitment, does the government have any intention to implement the recommendations of that report at any time and what sort of time frame might that have?	22/10/2014 - 42			
SQ14-001208	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Reviews	For any review commenced or ordered since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review? a)If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names b)If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent c)If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item d)If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement e)If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. f)If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them g)If yes, for each, who selected them h)If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, i)If yes, please detail what involvement it was ii)If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list iii)If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur iv)If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department v)If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur	Written			
SQ14-001209	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Reviews	Which reviews are on-going? a)Please list them. b)What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?	Written			
SQ14-001210	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Reviews	Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.	Written			
SQ14-001211	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Reviews	Which reviews have concluded? Please list them.	Written			
SQ14-001212	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Review	How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.	Written			
SQ14-001213	5 - Primary Health Care	Wright, Penny	AG	Eating Disorders	I am interested to know what data the department has in relation to the prevalence of deceit* eating disorders in Australia in 2014 or recently.	22/10/2014 - 43			
SQ14-001214	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Reviews	When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed	Written			
SQ14-001215	5 - Primary Health Care	Wright, Penny	AG	Eating Disorders	What is the current level of government funding allocated to address eating disorders in Australia? Could you separate that into direct and indirect funding?	22/0/2014 - 43			
SQ14-001216	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Reviews	What reviews are planned? a)When will each planned review be commenced? b)When will each of these reviews be concluded? c)When will government respond to each review? d)Will the government release each review? If so, when? If not, why not?	Written			
SQ14-001217	5 - Primary Health Care	Wright, Penny	AG	Youth Mental Health	I am interested in what consultation and work might have been done between the Department of Social Services—who have the carriage of that particular legislation, of course—and the health department in relation to those proposed changes to welfare and the impact those changes will have on people with episodic mental illness, for instance. Was there any consultation undertaken? Was there any advice sought from your department?	22/10/2014 - 43			
SQ14-001218	5 - Primary Health Care	Wright, Penny	AG	Mental Health	Was there any procedure in place whereby the Department of Health, which is the federal government department that is responsible for mental health programs and mental health data, had its advice sought—or was any modelling done—from the department of social security or the government in terms of those proposed budget measures?	22/10/2014 - 43			
SQ14-001219	5 - Primary Health Care	Wright, Penny	AG	Mental Health Policy	I am also interested in understanding what the role of the Department of Health is in terms of that work or pulling that information together and giving good advice about policy.	22/10/2014 - 43			
SQ14-001220	5 - Primary Health Care	Wright, Penny	AG	Suicide Research	I am specifically asking about research in Scandinavia and other places that have linked austerity measures to an increase in suicide rates among the population. You are not aware of anything like that, specifically, as I understand it. What about that particular issue?	22/10/2014 - 44			

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SQ14-001221	5 - Primary Health Care	Wright, Penny	AG	Suicide Research	Also, perhaps you could help me understand whether this is the sort of situation where—and forgive my ignorance of how government departments work—you would have to wait to be requested to provide that kind of input, or it is one where, if people within your department were concerned about that and it was within your bailiwick, I suppose, they could offer to provide information or policy advice to another department. How would that work?	22/10/2014 - 44			
SQ14-001222	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Senate Estimates briefing	1. How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates? 2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? 1. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office? 4. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? 1. If so, when did this occur? 2. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. 3. When were the changes made? Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.	Written			
SQ14-001223	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	NMHC Review	Let me ask the question: is the government going to publish the second interim report?	22/10/2014 - 51			
SQ14-001224	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Partners in Recovery	And now they have been delayed for another two years, just to be clear.	22/10/2014 - 55			
SQ14-001225	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	headspace	How many potential locations were in that list?	22/10/2014 - 56			
SQ14-001226	1 - Population Health	Leyonhjelm, David	DLP	Plain Packaging	The AIHW website refers to highlights from an unreleased 2013 survey, and states that daily smoking declined significantly between 2010 and 2013, from 15.1% to 12.8%. What evidence does the Department have to indicate that plain packaging influenced this decline?	Written			
SQ14-001227	4 - Acute Care	Reynolds, Linda	LP	Maternity	Has there been a proportionate shift of maternity cases from the private to the public sector in recent years, and what impact has this had on government health spending?	Written			
SQ14-001228	6 - Private Health	Reynolds, Linda	LP	Maternity	Is there an economic argument to increase Medicare rebates for private maternity care, especially if cost savings can be demonstrated?	Written			
SQ14-001230	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Di Natale, Richard	AG	Ebola	Who in Australia is involved in the training and has experience of working with Ebola?	22/10/2014 - 104			
SQ14-001231	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Highly Infectious Diseases	Is there no literature around best practice of highly infectious diseases that you could point the committee to?	22/10/2014 - 106			
SQ14-001232	5 - Primary Health Care	Wright, Penny	AG	National Mental Health Commission	National Mental Health Commission staffing, Budget advice, NMHC Review 1. Can you please provide an outline of staffing changes at the National Mental Health Commission since May 2014?	Written			
SQ14-001233	5 - Primary Health Care	Wright, Penny	AG	National Mental Health Commission	Did the National Mental Health Commission receive any requests from the government for expert mental health advice in the lead up to the 2014 Budget? a) Did the government seek expert advice from the Commission in relation to the impact of their proposed changes to policies and programs affecting young people? b) Has the Commission provided any advice to the government in relation to the effects of the Budget on people experiencing mental ill-health?	Written			
SQ14-001234	5 - Primary Health Care	Wright, Penny	AG	National Mental Health Commission	How much has the National Mental Health Commission Review cost to date? Please provide a breakdown of these costs.	Written			
SQ14-001235	5 - Primary Health Care	Wright, Penny	AG	National Mental Health Commission	Has every State Government engaged in the Review? a) If so, to what extent? b) If not, please provide any reasons given.	Written			
SQ14-001237	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Ruston, Anne	LP	National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme	a) How many applications for new industrial chemicals to be introduced into Australia relied on Animal Testing last financial year? b) How many new industrial chemicals introduced into Australia relied on animal testing last financial year? c) How many of the new industrial chemicals applications and approvals that relied on animal testing were to be ingredients in cosmetic products (as defined by the Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989)?	Written			
SQ14-001238	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Services	In the Budget Estimates I asked about whether the budget cuts for medical services, including hospital funding would affect drug treatment or rehabilitation services. I was advised that changes were still yet to be determined. Can the Department advise if it has been determined yet if any drug treatment or rehabilitation services will be affected? If so, to what extent in terms of funding and service delivery outcomes?	Written			
SQ14-001239	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Drug and Alcohol Treatment	I understand the Government is providing over \$84 million in 2013-14 and \$93 million in 2014-15 for drug and alcohol treatment through the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund and the Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program. How does the Department monitor this expenditure to ensure grant recipients are meeting desired outcomes of the programs?	Written			
SQ14-001240	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	National Drug Strategy Household Survey	In the Budget Estimates, I asked questions around the 2013 UN World Drug Report which found that drug use in Australia is rising or already at high levels in several areas, including the use of cocaine, cannabis, amphetamine-type stimulants (or ATS) and new psychoactive substances (NPS). I was advised that the 2013 National Drug Strategy Household Survey indicated that the overall use of illicit drugs including misuse of pharmaceuticals was "stable". What percentage of use is considered as "stable"? What percentages would be considered as "high" in the Survey?	Written			

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SQ14-001241	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	National Drug Strategy	Does the National Drug Strategy 2010-2015 also take into account other research and surveys such as the Australian Crime Commission's (ACC) Illicit Drug Data Report released earlier this year which provided mounting evidence that crystal meth is becoming a large-scale problem for law enforcement and health authorities in Australia?	Written			
SQ14-001242	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Methyl Amphetamine Use	How does the Department respond to comments by acting ACC head Paul Jevtovic who described crystal meth as a "national concern" and likened it to the crack cocaine scourge in the US in the 1980s? Does the Department consider methyl amphetamine use as "stable"?	Written			
SQ14-001243	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Review of the Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Treatment Services Sector	I understand the Department is currently undertaking a review of the drug and alcohol prevention and treatment services sector. When are the outcomes of this review expected to be made public?	Written			
SQ14-001244	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Methyl Amphetamine Use	Has the Department consulted with law enforcement agencies on the links between the presence of bkie gangs and high methyl amphetamine use in these areas? If so, what consultation has taken place?	Written			
SQ14-001245	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Illicit Drugs	Has the Department determined if higher levels of illicit drugs are being consumed in regional versus metropolitan areas?	Written			
SQ14-001246	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Drug Rehabilitation	Has the Department provided any advice to Government with regards to mandatory rehabilitation for drug offenders? If so, what?	Written			
SQ14-001247	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Drug-addicted Adult Children	Has the Department conducted any research to allow parents to order their drug-addicted adult children into rehabilitation? If so, what?	Written			
SQ14-001248	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Smith and Nephew Hip Replacement Devices	In the June 2013 Budget Estimates hearings I put questions on notice about Metal-on-Metal Joint Prostheses. I have again recently been contacted by a number of women who have brought to my attention shocking stories of their experiences with MoM devices, in particular the Smith and Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing devices (BHR). In response to my Questions on Notice in 2013, I was provided information on MoM devices that had been withdrawn from the market. I note the Birmingham Modular Femoral Head used in total convention hip replacements was withdrawn in September 2012. Can you advise if other Birmingham Hip Resurfacing Devices are in use? a) How many people are recipients of these? b) How many have reported adverse side effects? c) How many people have required revision in earlier than expected timeframes for similar devices?	Written			
SQ14-001249	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Xenophon, Nick	IND	MoM Joint Prostheses	In the June 2013 Budget Estimates hearings I put questions on notice about Metal-on-Metal Joint Prostheses. I have again recently been contacted by a number of women who have brought to my attention shocking stories of their experiences with MoM devices, in particular the Smith and Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing devices (BHR). Can the TGA advise of how many MoM Joint Prostheses have been withdrawn from the market since January 2013? a) When did this occur?	Written			
SQ14-001250	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Xenophon, Nick	IND	MoM Joint Prostheses	In the June 2013 Budget Estimates hearings I put questions on notice about Metal-on-Metal Joint Prostheses. I have again recently been contacted by a number of women who have brought to my attention shocking stories of their experiences with MoM devices, in particular the Smith and Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing devices (BHR). How many MoM Joint Prostheses are currently still approved?	Written			
SQ14-001251	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Xenophon, Nick	IND	MoM Devices	In the June 2013 Budget Estimates hearings I put questions on notice about Metal-on-Metal Joint Prostheses. I have again recently been contacted by a number of women who have brought to my attention shocking stories of their experiences with MoM devices, in particular the Smith and Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing devices (BHR). Have there been any changes in the TGA's approach to regulating MoM devices?	Written			
SQ14-001252	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Smith and Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing Devices	In the June 2013 Budget Estimates hearings I put questions on notice about Metal-on-Metal Joint Prostheses. I have again recently been contacted by a number of women who have brought to my attention shocking stories of their experiences with MoM devices, in particular the Smith and Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing devices (BHR). Has the TGA spoken to the manufacturer of the Smith and Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing devices with regards to any compensational support for people that have experienced adverse effects?	Written			
SQ14-001253	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Xenophon, Nick	IND	National Joint Replacement Registry Data	In the June 2013 Budget Estimates hearings I put questions on notice about Metal-on-Metal Joint Prostheses. I have again recently been contacted by a number of women who have brought to my attention shocking stories of their experiences with MoM devices, in particular the Smith and Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing devices (BHR). Has data from the National Joint Replacement Registry shown trends that the TGA is monitoring with regards to: a) Birmingham Hip Resurfacing Devices b) MoM Joint Prostheses in general	Written			
SQ14-001254	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Research into the Performance of Metal-on-Metal Joint Prostheses	In the June 2013 Budget Estimates, I asked about research into the performance of metal-on-metal joint prostheses. I was advised the TGA was following the progress of research of ASR implants being conducted by the Massachusetts General Hospital in the US. I was also advised about an Australian study being developed to investigate the health effects in patients with MoM implants. Can you provide an update on this research and advise of any new research commissioned by the Department, or new overseas research being conducted overseas?	Written			

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SQ14-001255	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Xenophon, Nick	IND	PIP Implants	I refer to concerns raised with my office regarding the apparent failure of the TGA to provide information at the Senate Inquiry into the role of the Government and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) regarding medical devices, particularly Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) breast implants. I refer to two letters provided to the Inquiry dated 2008, written by Dr Daniel Fleming, past President of the Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgeons and current member of the TGA Advisory Committee on PIP breast implants, to Australian distributor Medical Vision Australia (attached). In these letters Dr Fleming outlines his concerns about the PIP breast implant brand and allegations of Medical Vision Australia falsifying data on a PIP breast implant trial. The second letter notes Dr Fleming's resignation as the Principal Investigator of the PIP breast implant study and his advice that he would be contacting the TGA, Bellberry and other investigators to inform them of his concerns. Did Dr Fleming contact the TGA about his concerns in 2008, as stated in the letter? Did he contact the TGA later down the track? If so, what action did the TGA take when they were notified by Dr Daniel Fleming in 2008, that there were problems with PIP breast implants and allegations of fraud conducted by the Australian sponsor/distributor Medical Vision Australia?	Written			
SQ14-001256	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Xenophon, Nick	IND	PIP Breast Implants	Was the TGA aware of problems with PIP breast implants and Medical Vision Australia, including allegations of fraud, since 2008 as reported by Dr Fleming? If so, why was this information withheld from the 2012 Senate Inquiry?	Written			
SQ14-001257	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Xenophon, Nick	IND	PIP Breast Implants	In September 2004, the Medical Devices Evaluation Committee approved PIP implants to be listed on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods "subject to the provision of comprehensive annual post market reports to the TGA for a period of 7 years". Were these annual post market reports provided to the TGA as required? What action did the TGA take when receiving these reports, particularly from 2008 onwards when the TGA became aware there were allegations of fraud by Medical Vision Australia relating to PIP breast implants?	Written			
SQ14-001258	0 - Whole of Portfolio	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Mental Health Commission - staff	How many FTE staff are currently working at the Commission? How many vacancies are there currently?	Written			
SQ14-001259	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Xenophon, Nick	IND	PIP Breast Implants	In August 2009, why did the TGA approve Medical Vision Australia's application to vary the inclusion of PIP breast implants on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods from TGA certification (which was due to expire October 2009) to European certification, if the TGA were aware that there were allegations of fraud by Medical Vision Australia relating to PIP breast implants?	Written			
SQ14-001260	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Partners in Recovery	The government is deferring the establishment of the remaining 13 Partners in Recovery organisations/region for two years. Please clarify when these services will commence. (Refer to page 55 of the transcript - Mr Booth indicated he'd clarify the delays around 13 PIR regions).	Written			
SQ14-001261	0 - Whole of Portfolio	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Staffing	What is the Department of Health's targeted number of staff reductions?	Written			
SQ14-001262	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Xenophon, Nick	IND	PIP Breast Implants	Why are the results of the 2006/2007 trial sponsored by Medical Vision Australia using PIP breast implants missing from TGA's submission to the May 2012 Senate Inquiry "Chronology of Regulatory, Communication and Other Activities Undertaken regarding PIP Implants"? Why were the results of this trial and/or the allegations of fraud by Medical Vision Australia not investigated or made public?	Written			
SQ14-001263	0 - Whole of Portfolio	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Staffing	Since September last year how many sick days have been taken by departmental officers?	Written			
SQ14-001264	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Senate Inquiry into the out-of-pocket costs in Australian Healthcare	How does the Department respond to the recent senate inquiry into the out-of-pocket costs in Australian healthcare that suggested that alternative models of primary health care delivery offer the means to secure the efficiency and innovation necessary to achieve long term sustainability in the sector? Evidence suggests the potential of multidisciplinary teams to achieve cost saving and better health outcomes by focusing on prevention as well as ongoing management of chronic conditions. In the area of primary health care there are opportunities for reform in a number of areas that include examining models for remuneration of GP services as well as alternative models of primary healthcare service delivery to assess the benefit of incorporating a more prominent role for allied health professionals.	Written			
SQ14-001265	0 - Whole of Portfolio	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Staffing	What level are staff located in the Business Services Centre employed at?	Written			
SQ14-001266	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Announcement of further headspace centres	a) Regarding the announcement of the further 15 headspace centres, how many potential sites were provided to the Minister? b) Of the sites provided to the Minister that were not selected, how many were in non-Coalition electorates?	Written			
SQ14-001267	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Senate Inquiry into the out-of-pocket costs in Australian Healthcare	One of the recommendations of the inquiry was: The committee recommends that the Government review existing models for funding and delivery of primary healthcare with a view to identifying opportunities for improved service delivery and health outcomes. a) What is the Department's position on this? b) What procedures does the Department already have in place to assess existing funding models and delivery of primary healthcare? c) Does the Department provide advice to Government on opportunities for improved service delivery and health outcomes?	Written			
SQ14-001268	0 - Whole of Portfolio	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Department of Health State Offices	What is the total cost associated with operating each DoH state office in Sydney, Brisbane, Darwin, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth including (a) building leases (b) utilities (c) staffing (d) any other costs?	Written			
SQ14-001269	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Status update on headspace centres	Please provide an update on all headspace centres (by updating QoN E13-239 from Nov 2013). If the centre is not yet operational, please advise a brief status (eg. site/premise being sourced / construction underway / etc). Where known, please include the lead agency for each centre.	Written			
SQ14-001270	0 - Whole of Portfolio	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Staffing	How many staff are on extended sick leave?	Written			
SQ14-001271	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Mental Health Services Planning Framework	What is the status of the National Mental Health Services Planning Framework? Has the final report been submitted to the Commonwealth? If so, when did that occur? What communication has been had with the mental health sector about the Framework following the receipt of the final report?	Written			

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SQ14-001272	0 - Whole of Portfolio	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Medical Research Future Fund	Significant funds have been diverted from mental health programs into the Medical Research Future Fund (\$53.8m from Partners in Recovery). Is there any update on whether any funds in the Medical Research Future Fund will be directed to mental health &/or translational research?	Written			
SQ14-001273	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	The Expert Reference Group on Mental Health Reform report	The Expert Reference Group on Mental Health Reform presented its final report to the COAG Working Group on Mental Health Reform in September 2013. Has there been a response to this report by the government/Minister? If so, please provide. If not, why not? Will there be any further action on this? Is the report informing the mental health review?	Written			
SQ14-001274	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Health Workforce	In 2005 the Productivity Commission conducted a detailed study to examine issues impacting on the health workforce including the supply of, and demand for, health workforce professionals and propose solutions to ensure the continued delivery of quality healthcare over the next 10 years. It is now 2014 and 10 years has passed. Is it time to review our progress as a nation?	Written			
SQ14-001275	1 - Population Health	Bilyk, Catryna	ALP	Prostate Nurses	a) How were sites for prostate cancer specialist nurses locations determined? b) By federal electorate how many prostate cancer nurses are there? c) Was the Prostate Cancer nurse funding designed to assist close the gap between survival rates in the cities and the country?	Written			
SQ14-001276	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Health Workforce	Where are we at in facilitating a sustainable and responsive health workforce, while maintaining a commitment to high quality and safe health outcomes? a) Is our current health workforce and models of service delivery sustainable, cost-effective and able to meet the growing burden of disease in our country? I ask this question in light of the recent abolition of Health Workforce Australia, which was established upon the recommendations of the Productivity Commission.	Written			
SQ14-001277	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Payment for Wholesalers and Pharmacy Programs	What accounted for the \$406 million payment for wholesalers and pharmacy programs when it was forecast to be \$216 million in 2014-15 in the 2013-14 Budget?	Written			
SQ14-001278	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Status update of the Clubhouse in Cairns	Please provide an update on the status of this project. What funds have been provided to date for the Clubhouse? What funds are still to be provided for the Clubhouse?	Written			
SQ14-001279	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	MSAC	When was Professor Ward advised of her reappointment as chair of MSAC?	Written			
SQ14-001280	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Eating disorders - Data	1. What does the Department of Health's data indicate as the size of Australia's eating disorders prevalence? 2. Does the Department of Health only consider anorexia nervosa when it seeks information about eating disorders or do they also include bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder and atypical presentations as included in DSM5 (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition)? What is the cost of this prevalence? 3. What data does the Department rely upon to establish the level and costs of the eating disorder prevalence in Australia? 4. What has the Department done to address the serious gaps in data collection on eating disorders? 5. What does the Medicare data indicate about the prevalence and treatment costs of eating disorders? 6. Does the Department include community-based care when assessing costs of treatment? 7. Does cost of treatment include recovery support services that prevent relapse? 8. In 2012-2013 the Department identified (2012-2013 Annual Report, Outcome 11) challenges to improving mental health services and outcomes, stating that optimal service delivery require information and evidence measurement and reporting. What has the Department done since that time to address this challenge in relation to eating disorders?	Written			
SQ14-001281	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	MSAC	When is a consumer representative expected to be appointed to MSAC?	Written			
SQ14-001282	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Eating Disorders - Funding	1. Mr Booth indicated he would take on notice (refer p43 - question from Senator Wright) what the current level of government direct and indirect funding is to address eating disorder in Australia. What is the stated outcome of this funding? What is the agreed contribution to the impact of this funding on the prevalence? 2. What is the Department's intended allocation in the pending 2015-2016 budget to address the prevalence and multitude of issues related to eating disorders?	Written			
SQ14-001283	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Dental National Partnership Agreements	What is the waiting time by state for publicly funded dental care?	Written			
SQ14-001284	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Electrolyte Drinks	I understand FSANZ is currently proposing that electrolyte drinks like Gatorade and Powerade should be able to carry a broader range of health claims related to their performance and composition. a) What is the current status of the proposal? b) What additional health claims would these drinks be able to market under the changes? Can you provide any specific examples? Eg. "Improves Hydration"?	Written			
SQ14-001285	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Dental National Partnership Agreements	What is the most common treatment received under the Child Dental Benefits Scheme?	Written			
SQ14-001286	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Dental National Partnership Agreements	How many children in each state and territory have received treatment under the Child Dental Benefits Scheme?	Written			
SQ14-001287	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Electrolyte Drinks	I understand sports drinks are high in sugar, salt and kilojoules. A regular 600ml bottle of Gatorade contains 36g of sugar while a standard can of coke, at 375ml, contains 40g of sugar. How does FSANZ respond to claims by consumer groups like Choice that assert these claims will ultimately mislead consumers into believing these drinks are a healthy option when they are high in sugar? a) What scientific evidence would be required to substantiate these claims?	Written			
SQ14-001288	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Outsourcing of payment systems	What role does the Department of Health have in the market testing exercise for the commercial provision of the Medicare, PBS and Veteran's Affairs payment systems?	Written			
SQ14-001289	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Electrolyte Drinks	What consideration is given to effects on the general population versus the health claims that may only apply to a small group of athletes?	Written			

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SQ14-001290	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Electrolyte Drinks	Does the scientific evidence need to show the changes of effects on an elite athlete versus say a sedentary office worker? If not, why not?	Written			
SQ14-001291	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Outsourcing of payment systems	a) How many responses to the request for expressions of interest were received? b) What were the number, if any, of overseas companies that responded to the EOI? c) What industries and field of expertise were represented? d) What is the timetable that has been set for the progression the EOI?	Written			
SQ14-001292	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Electrolyte Drinks	Is FSANZ aware of Australian and overseas research into the effectiveness of these products in comparison to manufacturers claims? Can you provide information on studies FSANZ is monitoring?	Written			
SQ14-001293	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Electrolyte Drinks	What other types of products would be able to expand the range of health claims under the proposal?	Written			
SQ14-001294	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Outsourcing of Payment Systems	Will the market testing exercise for the commercial provision of the DHS Medicare, PBS and Veteran's Affairs payment systems be subject to any parliamentary scrutiny?	Written			
SQ14-001295	1 - Population Health	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Irradiated Foods	I refer to the FSANZ review of the Labelling Requirements on Irradiated Foods. I have previously written to the Assistant Minister for Health the Hon Fiona Nash on this issue. a) I understand there are some concerns that irradiated food can render a protein more allergenic, which could pose a safety risk for consumers. What research has FSANZ undertaken on these concerns? b) What is involved in the risk assessments for irradiated foods before they can be sold in Australia and New Zealand? c) Are there standards about the levels of irradiation treatment food can be subjected to? What are the standards? d) With no discernible signs of irradiation treatment, does this undermine the ability of consumers to make an informed decision at the counter?	Written			
SQ14-001296	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Mental Health Commission	Senator McLUCAS: The final commissioner, Nicole Gibson, was appointed when? Mr Butt: In September. Senator McLUCAS: Why did that take so long? I probably should not ask you the question. Mr Butt: No. Senator McLUCAS: Why did that take so long? Mr Bowles: I am afraid I cannot answer that question. Senator McLUCAS: Please do take it on notice. Mr Bowles: Yes.	22/10/2014 - 53			
SQ14-001297	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Eating Disorders - Gaps	It is widely regarded that prevention and early intervention is highly effective in addressing the onset of eating disorders. What has been the Department's direct investment in prevention of eating disorders? Can you identify the programs and interventions that address this opportunity - other than the NEDC?	Written			
SQ14-001298	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Eating Disorders - Comparative gaps	1. Current Government investment in addressing the seriousness of obesity is substantial. What programs or funding has the Government committed to address the cross over between obesity and eating disorders? 2. What is the government funding in terms of eating disorders prevention and its overlap or interplay with obesity prevention? Is there coordination of population health initiatives in this area?	Written			
SQ14-001299	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Mental Health Commission - CEO	a) I note that the appointment of the current CEO, Mr David Butt, occurred on 13/7/2014. However according to Question on Notice SQ14-000828 which was received on 25/7/2014, it stated the appointment of a CEO "remains under consideration." Please explain these conflicting statements. b) Is Mr Butt the permanent CEO? If not, why isn't the term Acting used to describe his position?	Written			
SQ14-001300	1 - Population Health	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Nanomaterials	In a previous question SQ14-000573, FSANZ noted that "there is no standard methodology for testing nanomaterials in food" and that the process for determining the presence and quantity of nanomaterials in food is "highly complex." a) What effect does this have on the capacity of FSANZ to track nanomaterials through the food chain? b) What effect does this have in the event that health effects are detected and nanomaterials are suspected?	Written			
SQ14-001301	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Mental Health Commission - CEO	I note that the current CEO's term expires on 31/12/2014. What work has the department undertaken in preparation for replacing/reappointing the CEO? Will the replacement/reappointed CEO be in place to commence on 1/1/2015?	Written			
SQ14-001302	1 - Population Health	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Nanomaterials	Across a variety of foods and nanomaterials, would you be able to detect any relevant nanomaterial to a legal certainty; would you be able to determine its quantity and would you have the data or testing capacity to determine whether effects seen in the community could be attributed to a particular nanomaterial? If not: doesn't the lack of capacity to respond to health effects significantly increase the risks associated with nanomaterials in foods?	Written			
SQ14-001303	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Organ and Tissue Authority	How many times have OTA staff met with (a) Department of Health (b) National Blood Authority, and (c) Department of Finance staff to discuss the proposed merger with the National Blood Authority since 4 September 2014	Written			
SQ14-001304	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Outsourcing of payment systems	"The 8 August 2014 advertisement for this process stated that "likely respondents will have considerable commercial experience in calculating entitlements, processing payments, reporting on activities and disbursements and delivery of client services focused on meeting customer expectations."" a. Does the inclusion 'client services' imply a much wider scope than just the provision of transaction services? b. When did the department start the process to market test this work? c. When was the decision made to broaden the scope to include the delivery of client services?"	Written			
SQ14-001305	1 - Population Health	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Nanomaterials	In Estimates questions taken on notice, FSANZ gave details of a survey it had conducted of food packaging companies. In that survey, businesses noted that FSANZ regulations were 'minimalistic at best' and that compliance with EU and US standards meant that compliance with Australian requirements was assumed. In light of a similar hands off approach to regulating nanomaterials in food, would you agree that FSANZ standards relating to nanomaterials in food are also minimalistic at best and essentially irrelevant as well?	Written			
SQ14-001306	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Organ and Tissue Authority	What date is OTA working to to finalise arrangements for the proposed merger with the National Blood Authority?	Written			

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SQ14-001307	1 - Population Health	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Nanomaterials	1. In a previous question (SQ14-000584), you disputed the assertion that children were the population most exposed to TiO2. That conclusion was reached in a 2012 study based on the extensive use of TiO2 in foods commonly eaten by children, such as lollies, donuts, gum and other sweets. Would you agree that children are a more vulnerable population and that risks associated with consumption of nanomaterials are likely to be higher than for adult populations? 2. In that same question you also dispute that there is 'uncertainty' regarding the safety of nano TiO2. Are you suggesting that there is certainty regarding the safety of nano TiO2? 3. In question SQ14-000579, you state that there is "no significant evidence that titanium dioxide poses a significant risk to human health and safety in the form and levels used in foods." • What are the levels of nano TiO2 used in foods? • Do you know if the effects of nano TiO2 are or could be cumulative? • Will the effects of nano TiO2 be the same in different food products? • Would you agree that nano TiO2 is more biologically active than conventionally sized TiO2? And that the amount of TiO2 may not be the issue?	Written			
SQ14-001308	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Outsourcing of payment systems	a) What are the key steps for the market testing process? b) Who has oversight of the market testing process?	Written			
SQ14-001309	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	McLucas, Jan	ALP	NICNAS	Does NICNAS anticipate working with individual member state regulators or the European Chemicals Agency in accepting international risk assessments of industrial chemicals?	Written			
SQ14-001310	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Outsourcing of Payment Systems	Has any consideration been given to the protection of the medical records of Australian citizens in this process? Provide details.	Written			
SQ14-001311	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	McLucas, Jan	ALP	NICNAS	Will chemicals approved in the EU automatically be approved in Australia, and when will this change commence?	Written			
SQ14-001312	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	McLucas, Jan	ALP	NICNAS	Does the European Chemicals Agency agency outsource assessments?	Written			
SQ14-001313	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	McLucas, Jan	ALP	NICNAS	What work has NICNAS completed to date on accepting EU chemical risk assessments?	Written			
SQ14-001314	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Moore, Claire	ALP	Medicinal Cannabis - TGA	How does Australia comply with the Single Convention on Narcotics and Drugs 1961, administered by the International Narcotics Control Board through the provision of a "separate agency" as described by Prof. Skerritt?	Written			
SQ14-001315	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Outsourcing of Payment Systems	Has the department been involved in any decision making process to determine why the DHS Medicare, PBS and Veteran's Affairs payment systems should be outsourced? Provide details.	Written			
SQ14-001316	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	After Hours Primary Health Care Review	When is the after hours primary health care review expected to be provided to the government?	Written			
SQ14-001317	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	After Hours Primary Health Care Review	What has been budgeted for the review?	Written			
SQ14-001318	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	After Hours Primary Health Care Review	What process was used to appoint Professor Jackson to conduct the Review?	Written			
SQ14-001319	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	After Hours Primary Health Care Review	What is Professor Jackson's remuneration to conduct the Review?	Written			
SQ14-001320	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	After Hours Primary Health Care Review	Has the Department engaged any external consultants or other staff to assist with the Review? If so at what cost?	Written			
SQ14-001321	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Primary Health Networks	Is it the case that North Western PHN and Eastern Melbourne PHN splits Northern Health in two? Is it the case that Northern Health's main site in Epping will be in one PHN and its Broadmeadows site another?	Written			
SQ14-001322	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Primary Health Networks	Why was the New South Wales government's request for PHNs to match LHN boundaries rejected?	Written			
SQ14-001323	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Primary Health Networks	Geographically what percentage of Western Australia does the Country WA PHN cover?	Written			
SQ14-001324	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	EPPICs	Please provide an update on the roll-out of the initial four Early Intervention & Prevention Centres (EPPICs). I understand the south-east Melbourne centre was opened in June 2013; please outline the status of the Western Sydney, Adelaide West and North Perth centres? If there are centres that are still not operational, please advise: a) Why? What is the nature of the delay? b) The expected start/opening date	Written			
SQ14-001325	8 - Health Workforce Capacity	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Medical Interns	How many International Medical Students were offered state and territory places in 2014 of which 19 accepted?	22/10/2014 - 117			
SQ14-001326	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	EPPICs	Have all locations now been confirmed for the further five EPPICs as per the election commitment? If so, please list all the locations, including the federal electorate in which they fall. Please outline the status/progress on each of these five centres. When do you expect each of them to be operational?	Written			
SQ14-001327	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	McLucas, Jan	ALP	TGA - Medical Devices	When did the public consultation occur of accepting international standards assessment, as outlined by Prof. Skerritt during estimates hearings? Were consumer groups represented? If so who was consulted?	Written			
SQ14-001328	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Centre for Excellence in Youth Mental Health	Has a funding agreement between the Department and Orygen been executed? How much of the \$4m promised funding for 2014-15 been released/spent to date?	Written			
SQ14-001329	1 - Population Health	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Nanomaterials	Your answer to 000584 suggests that the standard for intervening in the market as a result of concerns regarding the safety of food will be when there is 'significant' evidence of 'significant risk'. Would you agree with that characterisation? If yes: So, in the absence of any evidence, or evidence that is limited but concerning, intervention is unlikely? If yes again: Would you accept that this is the opposite of a precautionary approach? If no: Then what is the standard required before FSANZ will intervene? And how do you factor in the almost inevitable unknowns and uncertainties when it comes to nanomaterials in food?	Written			

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SQ14-001330	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	E-mental health	Please provide an update on the establishment of the promised new e-mental health portal to be delivered by the Young and Well CRC. How much is allocated in this financial year (2014-15) to this measure? Has a funding agreement been executed?	Written			
SQ14-001331	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	McLucas, Jan	ALP	TGA - Medical Devices	What concerns have been raised during public consultations on changes to medical device assessments? How have these concerns been addressed?	Written			
SQ14-001332	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Departmental Mental Health Staff	How many staff are currently employed in the mental health division/branches within the Department of Health? How many staff were employed in the mental health division/branches within the Department of Health as at the same time last year?	Written			
SQ14-001333	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	McLucas, Jan	ALP	TGA - Medical Devices	Will there be any cost to the TGA to adapt to changed regulations that would enable it to accept EU device approvals?	Written			
SQ14-001334	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	McLucas, Jan	ALP	TGA - Medical Devices	Is there any other suggestion that the TGA will accept risk assessments for devices approved from markets outside the EU?	Written			
SQ14-001335	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Mental Health Commissioners	When was the brief/minute regarding the appointment of Commissioners Brogden, Hickie and Patterson approved by the Minister? When was the brief/minute regarding the appointment of Nicole Gibson approved by the Minister?	Written			
SQ14-001336	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	McLucas, Jan	ALP	TGA - Medical Devices	Prof. Skerritt indicated that accepting the EU device risk assessments will be "significantly accelerating the pathway". Measured in days, what is the anticipated shortened regulatory time frame?	Written			
SQ14-001338	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	McLucas, Jan	ALP	TGA - Medical Devices	Prof. Skerritt informed the committee that there are four classifications of devices, including several sub-classifications. (a) what exactly each of the classifications and sub-classifications are; (b) what are the examples of each type of device that fits into each category and sub-category; (c) Which classifications and sub-classifications of devices will be accepted via EU risk assessments?	Written			
SQ14-001339	8 - Health Workforce Capacity	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Regional Workforce Distribution	With respect to the Australian General Practice Training Program what are the final number of applicants placed through the program by: (a) Federal Electorate; (b) ASGC-RA classification; (c) percentage of urban/rural.	Written			
SQ14-001340	1 - Population Health	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Nanomaterials	You have a general requirement that manufacturers and suppliers must provide only foods that are safe, but do you set out any pre-market requirements, such as the types of tests that need to be conducted and the kind of evidence that is required? If no: then your standard of evidence for allowing food on the market is significantly less than the standard for regulatory intervention where health concerns are raised?	Written			
SQ14-001341	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris, Nova	ALP	AFL/NRL investigation	What is the status of the AFL/NRL investigations? a. How many players across the two codes received Show Cause Notices? b. How many players have received suspensions or other sanctions? c. How do these investigations compare historically in size and scope to other ASADA investigations?	Written			
SQ14-001342	1 - Population Health	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Nanomaterials	FSANZ has said (SQ14-000573) that there is "no evidence to date" that would warrant food testing. On your website, you claim that "Any new foods manufactured using nanotechnologies that may present safety concerns will have to undergo a comprehensive scientific safety assessment before they can be legally supplied in Australia and New Zealand. a) Is this accurate? If yes: Wouldn't you agree then, that nano TiO2 'may present safety concerns'? Would you agree that there is evidence – but that you don't think it is sufficient to warrant testing, particularly in light of the costs and complexities involved? b) Would you agree that you don't know whether those nanomaterials are being used in foods available in Australia? c) Would you agree as well that you don't know whether these foods containing nanomaterials are safe for human consumption? d) So, what is the threshold that will say there is enough evidence to warrant testing or other regulatory intervention?	Written			
SQ14-001343	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris, Nova	ALP	AFL/NRL Investigation	Has the CEO, Mr McDevitt, or any ASADA officials ever met with Minister Dutton, the Ministers staff or other Abbott Government Ministers or Staff, including departmental staff, about the investigations into the NRL and AFL, or been at meetings with them where this investigation was discussed? If so, how many times?	Written			
SQ14-001344	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris, Nova	ALP	AFL/NRL Investigation	Has ASADA ever held meeting with third parties regarding this investigation where representatives Minister Dutton, the Ministers staff or other Abbott Government Ministers or Staff, including departmental staff have been present? If so, how many times and with which third parties?	Written			
SQ14-001345	1 - Population Health	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Nanomaterials	Twice you have been asked (SQ14-000086, SQ14-000585) whether it is the view of FSANZ that nanomaterials being used in food are safe. Twice you have failed to answer the question. In your most recent response (000585), you replied that you are not aware of the use of any nanomaterials in food that "are unsafe for human consumption" Not being aware of evidence that might make a food unsafe is very different from a view that nanomaterials are safe for human consumption. So, I'd like to ask again, is it the view of FSANZ that nanomaterials currently used in food are safe for human consumption? If yes, I'd like you to provide the evidence upon which you base a belief in the safety of nanomaterials in food, broken down by nanomaterial.	Written			
SQ14-001346	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris, Nova	ALP	AFL/NRL Investigation	Is there any evidence to suggest that this investigation has led to increased awareness of doping in sport amongst people involved in sport and amongst the general public? If so, what is this evidence?	Written			

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SQ14-001347	1 - Population Health	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Nanomaterials	You indicate in SQ14-000565 that it is the responsibility of manufacturers and suppliers to ensure that the food sold in Australia is safe and suitable. A recent review of environmental, health and safety research into nanomaterials by the National Research Council outlines the woeful lack of information relating to both the environmental and health impacts associated with nanomaterials. They note the lack of study of exposure pathways for food, lack of data on exposed populations, lack of data as to whether and how nanomaterials accumulate along the food chain, lack of studies of non-lethal toxicity, lack of toxicity data for a range of nanomaterials, lack of standardised testing methodologies, etc. Under these circumstances – and the NRC aren't the only ones that recognise how far environmental, health and safety research is lagging behind commercial application - how can you reasonably expect manufacturers and suppliers to determine the safety of nanomaterials for human consumption?	Written			
SQ14-001348	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Action to Reduce Indigenous Smoking Rates and Chronic Disease	What are the current uptake figures for Nicotine Replacement Therapy? Has this increased?	Written			
SQ14-001349	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris, Nova	ALP	WADA Statement on NRL	WADA released a statement on 29 September relating to the NRL sanctions, in which WADA stated concern about delays in the case since November 2013. Can you explain ASADA's role in contributing to those delays?	Written			
SQ14-001350	1 - Population Health	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Nanomaterials	In responding to question SQ14-000567, you note that amorphous silica is authorised for use in foods in Australia. You note that it has "been used safely in food for many years and is not considered to be the product of a new or novel use of nanotechnology." In SQ14-000571, SQ14-000577 and SQ14-000579 you make similar statements regarding titanium dioxide. I have several questions. a) Is it the position of FSANZ that it will not require safety testing of nanomaterials if those materials at conventional size have previously been deemed safe for human consumption? (i.e. it is not the "product of a new or novel use of nanotechnology") b) Would you agree that the behaviour of conventionally sized materials is not necessarily useful in understanding the behaviour, toxicity or reactivity of the same material at a nano scale? And that this suggests that until otherwise demonstrated all nanomaterials should be treated as novel, regardless of the status of the conventionally sized material?	Written			
SQ14-001351	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Action to Reduce Indigenous Smoking Rates and Chronic Disease	What programs are currently operational specifically in addressing, improved nutrition, increasing exercise and quitting smoking? What is the total current expenditure allocated to programs in these three areas?	Written			
SQ14-001352	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Access to Reduce Indigenous Smoking Rates and Chronic Disease	Can you provide a status update on the activities of Live Longer?	Written			
SQ14-001353	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Procedure Manuals - Ministerial	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: 2) When was the Manual last updated: 3) Who is responsible for updating the manual? 4) Who is the manual distributed to: and 5) Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the department?	Written			
SQ14-001354	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Graduate intake	1. What was the graduate intake for 2012-2013? 2. What was the graduate intake for 2013-2014? 3. What is the graduate intake for 2014-2015? 4. What will be the graduate intake for 2015-2016?	Written			
SQ14-001355	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Action to Reduce Indigenous Smoking Rates and Chronic Disease	How is the effectiveness of Local Community campaigns measured and reported on?	Written			
SQ14-001356	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Procedure Manuals - Departmental	1) Does the department have a procedure manual for communication between the department and the Minister? If yes please provide a copy; and 2) When was the manual last updated? 3) Who is responsible for updating the manual? 4) Has the Minister's office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail. 5) Who is the manual distributed to? 6) Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the Minister or the Minister's office.	Written			
SQ14-001357	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Action to Reduce Indigenous Smoking Rates and Chronic Disease	What work has the Department carried out to ensure funding applications are targeted towards the areas of highest need?	Written			
SQ14-001358	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Self Initiated Work	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)? 2) Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail: 3) When did the project commence? 4) When is it expected to conclude? 5) What will the total cost of the project be? 6) Where did the money for the project come from? 7) Where is the project based?	Written			
SQ14-001359	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Subsidising PBS Medical Co-payments	a. What are the uptake figures and participation levels in this area? b. How many prescriptions have been dispensed under this program? c. Can you give a figure of numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who have accessed prescriptions under this program this year? d. What percentage of prescriptions dispensed specifically relate to the management and reduction of chronic diseases?	Written			
SQ14-001360	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Higher Utilisation Costs for MBS and PBS	a. How many health assessments have been carried out for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders this year to date? b. Is this number continuing to increase? c. What programs are available for follow up services? d. What are the MBS follow up items currently available?	Written			
SQ14-001361	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Documents Provided to Minister	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. 2) List those documents, their schedule and their purpose (broken down by ministerial signature and office for noting documents) 3) How are they transmitted to the office? 4) What mode of delivery is used (hardcopy, email) for those documents? 5) What level officer are they provided to in the minister's office?	Written			

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SQ14-001362	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Government Advertising	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 how much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads)? a) List each item of expenditure and cost. b) List the approving officer for each item. c) Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising. 2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? a) List the total expected cost. b) List each item of expenditure and cost. c) List the approving officer for each item 3. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising.	Written			
SQ14-001363	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Supporting Primary Care Providers to Coordinate Chronic Disease Management	Does the Practices Incentives Program Indigenous Health Incentive (PIP-IHI) still exist to support accredited general practices and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health services to provide better health care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people? a. How many practices are currently registered nationally? b. How many are dedicated indigenous health services? c. How much funding has the current Government administered through the PIP-IHI? d. How many patients have registered for the PIP-IHI in the 2013-14 financial years? e. What measures have been put in place to ensure GP's and health services are making effective use of clinical information to deliver best practice in chronic disease care? f. What measures have been put in place to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people identify practices that participate in the PIP-IHI?	Written			
SQ14-001364	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Non-Conventional Therapies	1. Since 7 September 2013 are non-conventional therapies, for staff or ministerial use, able to be provided by the department/agency? (Including, but not limited to: Music Therapy, Hypnosis, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, etc) If yes: a) What is the process by which these therapies can be approved? b) Who are they available to? c) Please detail the reasons the therapies able to be provided (e.g. Work Place Agreement, recommended by a report to the department, etc)? 2. Has the department/agency paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff? If yes: a) What therapies have been provided? b) What were they used to treat? c) What was the cost of the therapy?	Written			
SQ14-001365	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Supporting Primary Care Providers to Coordinate Disease Management - Care Coordination and Supplementary Services	a. How many FTE Care Coordinators are employed to care for those with chronic diseases? b. How many care Coordination services have been provided from the beginning of this year to date? c. Does the program still include assistance for medical aides including assisted breathing equipment and dose administration aides? If not, why not? d. Can you please provide the number of FTE National Coordinators, project officers and administrative staff that are currently operational in this area? e. What are the funding allocations for Improving Indigenous Access to Mainstream Primary Care programs? f. Are children under the age of 15 eligible for financial assistance in this area? g. What work has been carried out in recent times to increase and build community and clinical understanding of the program? h. Has eligibility for this program being expanded since its creation?	Written			
SQ14-001366	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Staffing and Staffing Transfers	1. How many people does your department employ? 2. What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level? 3. What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level? 4. What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013? 5. Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to? 6. How many of these people are employed in Canberra? 7. How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election? 8. How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013? 9. How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election? 10. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their age. 11. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their wage. Please provide the figure for before their transfer and after their transfer. 12. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender. 13. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide the area of the department they worked in. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer. 14. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide a description of their position. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer. 15. For every transferred employee please provide and explanation for their transfer? 16. For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer? 17. Please provide all relevant dates.	Written			
SQ14-001367	1 - Population Health	Carr, Kim	ALP	Medical Research Future Fund	In May 2014 the Government announced the creation of a Medical Research Future Fund of up to \$20 billion and has stated that by increasing investment in research, the Fund will help tackle cancer and other diseases. a) How will the Government ensure that medical discoveries are translated into improved treatment outcomes for Australian cancer patients? b) What mechanisms are being created to improve outcomes for Australian cancer patients in the interim?	Written			
SQ14-001368	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Helping Indigenous People Self Manage their Risk of Chronic Disease	a. What programs are currently available to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living with chronic diseases to manage their health conditions and slow disease progression? b. How much funding has been provided to specifically address self-help measures?	Written			
SQ14-001369	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Helping Indigenous People Self-Manage their of Chronic Disease	Can you provide a status update of the chronic disease self-managements support training program?	Written			

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SQ14-001370	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Redundancies	1. How many positions have been made redundant in your Department since the 2013 federal election? a) How many of these positions were ongoing? b) How many of these positions were non-ongoing? c) How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election? a) How many of these employees were ongoing? b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election? a) How many of these employees were ongoing? b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election? a) How many of these employees were ongoing? b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election? a) How many of these employees were ongoing? b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 6. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please provide: a) Provide a dollar figure of their pay out, their age, gender and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing), responsibilities and where they were located. b) Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc). c) Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy. d) Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position. e) Please provide all relevant dates. 7. For all employees who were redeployed please provide: a) Their age, gender and a description of their position prior to and after redeployment, including the wages of these positions, the APS level of these positions, the contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) and where they were located. b) Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment. c) Please provide the reason for that redeployment. d) Please provide all relevant dates. 8. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant? a) How many of these employees were ongoing? b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 9. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant? a) How many of these employees were ongoing? b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 10. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide: a) Their age, gender, the dollar figure of their pay out and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) responsibilities and where they were located. b) Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc). c) Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy. d) Please provide the reason for that redundancy. e) Please provide all relevant dates.	Written			
SQ14-001371	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)	1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department. 2. Please list their starting and expiration dates. 3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.	Written			
SQ14-001372	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Helping Indigenous People Self-Manage their risk of Chronic Disease	What were the findings of the Institute of Urban Indigenous Health pilot Work it out healthy lifestyle support program? Have these been implemented?	Written			
SQ14-001373	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Helping Indigenous People Self-manage their risk of Chronic Disease	How many hours of Chronic Disease Self-Management support have been provided this year to how many patients?	Written			
SQ14-001374	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Helping Indigenous People Self-manage their risk of Chronic Disease	What work is being undertaken by the Department and associated stakeholders to raise awareness of self-management programs?	Written			
SQ14-001375	8 - Health Workforce Capacity	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Workforce Support, Education and Training	a. How much money has been committed to the Medical Outreach – Indigenous Chronic Disease Program? b. What is the intent of this program? c. How many patients have been treated under this program in the 2013-2014 year? d. How many locations have been covered in the 2013 – 2014 period? e. How many host organisations are currently operational?	Written			
SQ14-001376	8 - Health Workforce Capacity	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Workforce Support, Education and Training	a. How fund funding has been allocated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Workers? b. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Workers have been provided with orientation and training this year? c. What is the current number of nursing scholarships available under the package? d. What percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Workers have received individualised training this year to date?	Written			
SQ14-001377	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disease Fund	Could you please provide an update on the current status of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disease Fund as a whole?	Written			

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SQ14-001378	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Hiring	1. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts? 2. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts? 3. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election? 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval? 5. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission? a) For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 6. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission? a) For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 7. How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval? a) For every unapproved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of the unapproved extension, the reasons why the extension was granted, whether the extension was submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval, and the reasons why the extension was granted without the approval of the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 8. How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election? a) For every expired non-ongoing contract please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the reason why an extension was not sought, as well as all relevant dates. 9. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election? 10. How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election? 11. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? a) For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application. 12. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission? a) For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application. 13. How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission? a) For every non-ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates. 14. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election? 15. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election? 16. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? a) For every approved new engagement of an ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application. 17. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission? a) For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application. 18. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission? a) For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.	Written			
SQ14-001379	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Carr, Kim	ALP	Cancer Medicines	What steps is the Government taking to improve access to available cancer medicines for all Australian patients?	Written			
SQ14-001380	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Contracts for Temporary Staff	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 how much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff? 2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed? 3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed? 4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff? 5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?	Written			
SQ14-001381	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Workforce Support, Education and Training	How many professional development scholarships are currently available for enrolled nurses, registered nurses and midwives working in indigenous health?	Written			
SQ14-001382	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Market Research	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 list any market research conducted by the department/agency: a) List the total cost of this research. b) List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program. c) Who conducted the research? d) How were they identified? e) Where was the research conducted? f) In what way was the research conducted? g) Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? h) How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? i) How was the firm or individual that conducted the review selected? j) What input did the Minister have? k) How was it approved? l) Were other firms or individuals considered? If yes, please detail.	Written			
SQ14-001383	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Carr, Kim	ALP	Access to Cancer Medicines	What is the Government doing to improve access to medicines for patients with rare and less common cancers? Is the Government considering a mechanism whereby cancer patients, including those with rare and less common cancers can, at the request of their physician, quickly access treatments that are already listed on the PBS for other cancers?	Written			
SQ14-001384	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Workforce Support, Education and Training	What campaigns are currently active in encouraging career seekers to indigenous health jobs?	Written			
SQ14-001386	1 - Population Health	Carr, Kim	ALP	Cancer Treatments	With more innovation in cancer treatments and the increasing ability to tailor treatments to individual patients, how does the Government plan to ensure that these personalised treatments are efficiently reviewed through the co-dependant technology process so that patients have early access to them?	Written			
SQ14-001387	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Workforce Support, Education and Training	Please provide an update on the Health Heroes campaign.	Written			
SQ14-001388	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disease Fund	How many Department of Health staff working on Indigenous Chronic Disease are regionally based? Where are the bases?	Written			
SQ14-001389	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Advertising	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 how much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising? Including through the use of agencies. 2. Please detail each advertising campaign including its cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, Ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in commissioning. 3. Provide copies of approvals, including but not limited to, approvals made by the Prime Minister or his delegate, the Minister of their delegate or the department or their delegate.	Written			
SQ14-001390	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disease Fund	Does a national program advisory group exist for the Indigenous Chronic Disease Fund? Who does the membership comprise of?	Written			
SQ14-001391	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Departmental Staff Misconduct	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct. 2. Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff? a) If yes, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level. b) If yes, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? c) If yes, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? d) If yes, were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail.	Written			

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SQ14-001392	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Action to Reduce Indigenous Smoking Rates & Chronic Disease	a)Is the intent of the fund still aimed at reducing the risk factors in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by providing tobacco campaign activities, a tobacco action workforce, a health promotion workforce, healthy lifestyle programs and increasing access to smoking cessation services? b)What funding has been allocated to each of these three functions? c)Have there been programs cut in any of these areas? If so, what are they and why?	Written			
SQ14-001393	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Media Monitoring	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 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? a)Which agency or agencies provided these services? b)What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? c)Itemise these expenses. 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? a)Which agency or agencies provided these services? b)What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? c)Itemise these expenses.	Written			
SQ14-001394	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Media Training	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 in relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information: a)Total spending on these services. b)An itemised cost breakdown of these services. c)The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification. d)The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification. e)The names of all service providers engaged. f)The location that this training was provided. 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide: a)The name and nature of the service purchased. b)Whether the service is one-on-one or group based. c)The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). d)The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). e)The total amount spent on the service. f)A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises please provide: a)The location used. b)The number of employees who took part on each occasion. c)The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). d)Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location.	Written			
SQ14-001395	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Communications Staff	1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a)How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b)How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c)How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location d)How many are graphic designers? e)How many are media managers? f)How many organise events?	Written			
SQ14-001396	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Action to Reduce Indigenous Smoking Rates & Chronic Disease	Is the National Tobacco Coordinator currently operational? What is the positions current focus and activities?	Written			
SQ14-001397	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Executive coaching and leadership training	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 please provide the following information in relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency: a)Total spending on these services b)The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c)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) i.The names of all service providers engaged for each service purchased form a provider listed under (d), please provide. ii.The name and nature of the service purchased. iii.Whether the service is one-on-one or group based. iv.The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification. v.The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). vi.The total amount spent on the service. vii.A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). d)Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i.The location used. ii.The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). iii.The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). iv.Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location. e)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? f)For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.	Written			
SQ14-001398	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Action to Reduce Indigenous Smoking Rates & Chronic Disease	Is the Breaking the chain campaign still operating across television, radio and in print, how long will these campaigns continue to run for?	Written			
SQ14-001399	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Staffing Profile	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)	Written			
SQ14-001400	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Action to Reduce Indigenous Smoking Rates and Chronic Disease	Can the department provide an update on the activities of the Tackling Smoking and Healthy Lifestyle teams? How many regions do these teams operate in?	Written			

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SQ14-001401	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Staffing reductions	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 how many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred? a) What was the reason for these reductions? b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. c) 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. d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. f) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff? g) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff? h) What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position i) How do the packages differ from the default public service package? j) How is the department/agency funding the packages?	Written			
SQ14-001402		McLucas, Jan	ALP	National Action to Reduce Indigenous Smoking Rates and Chronic Disease	What individualised support is there for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders currently to help quit smoking?	Written			
SQ14-001403	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Wine Coolers/Fridges	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 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? a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these items c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, where were these purchased e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f) If so, what is the current location for these items? g) If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?	Written			
SQ14-001404	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Staffing Recruitment	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 how many ongoing staff have been recruited? a) What classification are these staff? b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff? c) How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written			
SQ14-001405	1 - Population Health	Moore, Claire	ALP	Breast Cancer	"Recent media focus on the links behind abortion and cancer has generated some discussion and contact with my office. Cancer Australia's website does not have any links from the organisation or the Minister on this issue. Has any information on this public link been sought by: a. the Minister b. the media c. parliamentarians.	Written			
SQ14-001406	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Printing	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 how many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed? a) How many of these printed documents were also published online? b) Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs? c) If so, what companies were used? d) How were they selected? e) What was the total cost of this printing by item?	Written			
SQ14-001407	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements	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 contract. When was it formed or created? 2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created? 4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction? 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? 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? 8. If no consultation has occurred, why not? 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?	Written			
SQ14-001408	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Moore, Claire	ALP	Breast Cancer	"Cancer Australia's website lists position statements described as "statements address significant clinical issues, emerging issues in cancer control and issues of ongoing interest using the best available evidence." a. Has there been any consideration of a position statement on the alleged link between abortion and breast cancer? b. What would stimulate a decision on this issue? "	Written			
SQ14-001409	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Workplace Assessments	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 how much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments? a) List each item of expenditure and cost. 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? b) If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes.	Written			
SQ14-001410	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Prequalified, Multi-use list tenders	1. Does the Department/Agency have existing prequalified or multi-use list panels for tenders? 2. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency? 3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels? 4. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels? 5. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise in any of the firms on your panel? 6. Have the Minister or Ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels? 7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?	Written			

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SQ14-001411	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Ministerial Motor Vehicle	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 has the Minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so: a) What is the make and model? b) How much did it cost? c) When was it provided? d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. 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. 2. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.	Written			
SQ14-001412	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Ministerial Staff Vehicles (non-MoPS)	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so: a) What is the make and model? b) How much did it cost? c) When was it provided? d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 2. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. a) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. b) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. i. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. c) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.	Written			
SQ14-001413	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Provision of Equipment - Ministerial	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 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? a) Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or Minister classification. 2. 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: a) What is provided? b) The purchase cost. c) The ongoing cost. d) 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). e) A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.	Written			
SQ14-001414	1 - Population Health	Moore, Claire	ALP	Podcasts	"Cancer Australia produces a range of podcasts, some in different languages. Can you provide data on: a. The usage of the podcasts b. The process for determining the need for production in different languages c. The costs of production. "	Written			
SQ14-001415	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Functions	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include: a) The guest list of each function. b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function. c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function. d) A list of drinks consumed at the function. 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.	Written			
SQ14-001416	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Ministerial Staff Vehicles	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so: a) What is the make and model? b) How much did it cost? c) When was it provided? d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 2. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. a) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. b) 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. c) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.	Written			
SQ14-001417	1 - Population Health	Moore, Claire	ALP	Research	"Can you provide an update on the qualitative and quantitative research on the impact of stigma and nihilism associated with lung cancer to improve treatment and support for those affected by lung cancer. a. Is this work public? b. Are there similar research plans for other cancer types?"	Written			
SQ14-001418	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Departmental Rebranding	1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so: a) Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. b) Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: i. Signage. ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of). iii. Logos iv. Consultancy v. Any relevant IT changes. vi. Office reconfiguration. c) How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department? 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.	Written			

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SQ14-001419	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Building Lease Costs	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 what has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department? a) Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: i. Date the lease agreement is active from. ii. Date the lease agreement ends. iii. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? iv. Location of the building (City and state). v. Cost of the lease. vi. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. b) Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by: i. Date from which the lease agreement was active. ii. Date the lease agreement ended. iii. Why was the lease not renewed? iv. Location of the building (City and state). v. Cost of the lease. vi. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. c) Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by: i. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. ii. Date the lease agreement is expected to end. iii. Expected location of the building (City and state). iv. Expected cost of the lease. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? v. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. d) For each building owned or leased by the department: i. What is the current occupancy rate for the building? ii. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.	Written			
SQ14-001420	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Boards	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 for each board in the portfolio or agencies: a) How often has each board met, break down by board name; b) What travel expenses have been incurred; c) What has been the average attendance at board meetings; d) List each member's attendance at meetings; e) How does the board deal with conflict of interest; f) What conflicts of interest have been registered; g) What remuneration has been provided to board members; h) How does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? i) Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members? j) Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings k) What have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list.	Written			
SQ14-001421	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Multiple tenders	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 list any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times: a) Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? b) Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? c) Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?	Written			
SQ14-001422	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Lobbyist Register Meetings	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 list all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register a) List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting. 2. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. a) List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting	Written			
SQ14-001423	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Land Costs	1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 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) 3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. a) What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)? b) What is the value of the items identified in (3)? c) What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)? 4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 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). 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?	Written			
SQ14-001424	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Departmental Upgrades	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities? a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these changes c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, who conducted the works? e) If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works f) If so, when are the works expected to be completed?	Written			
SQ14-001425	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Shared Resources	1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments? 2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services? 3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?	Written			

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SQ14-001426	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Credit Cards	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card. 2. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused? 3. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored? 4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so: a)Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. 5. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 6. How any credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so, a)Please list by classification. b)Have there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office? c)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.	Written			
SQ14-001427	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Contracts under \$10,000	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into that are worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000.	Written			
SQ14-001428	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Electronic Equipment	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office. a)List the items b)List the items location or normal location 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 d)List the total cost of the items e)List an itemised cost breakdown of these items f)List the date they were provided to the office g)Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department	Written			
SQ14-001429	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Media Subscriptions - Television	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 what pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? a)Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel. b)What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c)What is provided to the Minister or their office? d)What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?	Written			
SQ14-001430	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Media Subscriptions - Newspapers	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 what newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? a)Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b)What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c)What is provided to the Minister or their office? d)What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?	Written			
SQ14-001431	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Hire Cars	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 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. 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs? 3. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister’s office?	Written			
SQ14-001432	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Office Plants	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants? a) If so, list these a) If so, list the total cost for these items b) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure c) If so, where were these purchased d) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased e) If so, what is the current location for these items?	Written			
SQ14-001433	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Freedom of Information Requests	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 how many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received? a)Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents? b)Of those assessed as deliberative documents: i.For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest? ii.For how many has a redacted document been provided?	Written			
SQ14-001434	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Disability Access	1. Please provide a list of all premises owned, leased or otherwise operated by the department / agency which do not yet comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (through The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010). For each, please provide: a)The year in which it was purchased / leased / rented (and if lease / rental agreement, when it expires). b)What plans are in place to make the premises compliant with the act. c)When these plans will commence and when they are expected to be complete. d)Has the minister or the minister’s office been informed of these plans? Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) between the minister’s office and the department regarding this issue. e)What is the expected cost of making the premises compliant? Please break down the costs. f)Have any plans to make any premises compliant been cancelled, put on hold or delayed since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail, including the reasons for which they were cancelled, put on hold or delayed and how the decision was reached. 2. Have any complaints been lodged with regard to the premises not being compliant? If yes, please detail.	Written			
SQ14-001435	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Office Recreational Facilities	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 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)? a) If so, list these. b) If so, list the total cost for these items. c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, where were these purchased? e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased. f) If so, what is the current location for these items? g) If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?	Written			
SQ14-001436	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Legal Costs	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 list all legal costs incurred by the department or agency. a)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. b)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). 2. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice	Written			

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SQ14-001437	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Media Subscriptions - Publications	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 what publications does your department/agency purchase? a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each. b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?	Written			
SQ14-001438	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Freedom of Information - Staffing Resources	1. Since 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests?	Written			
SQ14-001439	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Consultancies	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 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. 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. 3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? List each, including name, cost and purpose. If so, why?	Written			
SQ14-001440	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Report Printing	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 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? a) If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal.	Written			
SQ14-001441	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Freedom of Information Assessed	1. Since 18 September 2013 how many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt? a) Of those, how many were: i. Released in full ii. Released in part iii. Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest iv. Other (please specify)	Written			
SQ14-001442	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Vending Machines	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities? a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these items c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, where were these purchased e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f) If so, what is the current location for these items? g) If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?	Written			
SQ14-001443	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Freedom of Information - Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister	1. Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? a) If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information: i. The Department or Agency which was consulted; ii. The document; iii. The purpose of the consultation; iv. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; v. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension 2. Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister's office about Freedom of Information requests it has received? a) If yes, provide a table setting out the following information: i. The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted; ii. The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted; iii. The purpose of the consultation; iv. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; v. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension vi. Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office.	Written			
SQ14-001444	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Appointments	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 please detail any board appointments made from to date. a) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? b) 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? i. If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board. 2. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.	Written			
SQ14-001445	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Provision of Equipment - Departmental	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 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: a) What has been provided? b) The purchase cost. c) The ongoing cost. d) 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). e) A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.	Written			
SQ14-001446	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Existing Resources Program	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 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'? a) List each. b) List the staffing assigned to each task. c) What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project? 2. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?	Written			

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SQ14-001447	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Travel Costs - Ministerial	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 please detail all travel conducted by the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary. a) List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; b) List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and; c) List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary. 2. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	Written			
SQ14-001448	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Travel Costs - Departmental	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 is the Minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel? a) If so, under what policy? b) Provide a copy of that policy. c) When was this policy implemented? d) List all occurrences of travel that this has occurred under. e) Detail the process. f) When is the Minister notified, when is approved provided? 2. 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). 3. 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. a) What date was the minister or their office was notified of the travel? b) What date did the minister or their office approve the travel? 4. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	Written			
SQ14-001449	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Freedom of Information Disclosure Log	1. For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency: a) Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)? b) Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)? c) Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify). 2. If the Department or Agency has moved from a system of meetings its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information: a) The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision; b) The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website; c) The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by [date]? d) What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision? e) What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task? 3. Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)? a) If so, please provide the following information in a table: i. On how many occasions charges have been imposed; ii. The amount charged for each document iii. The total amount charged; iv. What is the highest charge that has been imposed.	Written			
SQ14-001450	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Freedom of Information Statistics	1. How many FOI requests were received between 7 September 2013 to date. 2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act? 3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act? 4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act? 5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time?	Written			
SQ14-001451	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Statutory Review Provisions	1. Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please provide: a) What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not? b) Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the review c) When did/will this work begin? d) When is/was the review due to commence? e) What is the expected report date? f) Who is the minister responsible for the review g) What department is responsible for the review h) List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. i) List the terms of reference. j) What is the scope of the review? k) Who is conducting the review? How were they selected? What are the legislated obligations for the selection of the person to conduct the review? l) What is the budgeted, projected or expected cost of the review? m) When was the Minister briefed on this matter? n) What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? o) List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review Will the report will be tabled in Parliament or made public. If so, when?	Written			
SQ14-001452	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Sunset Provisions	1. Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide: a) What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not? b) Has any consideration been given to delaying or alerting the sunset provisions? c) Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the sunset provisions becoming active d) When did/will this work begin? e) When is/was the review due to commence. f) What is the expected report date. g) Who is the minister responsible for the review h) What department is responsible for the review? i) List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. j) List the terms of reference. k) What is the scope of the review? l) Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligations for the selection of the person to conduct the review? m) What is the budgeted, projected or expected cost of the review? n) When was the Minister briefed on this matter? o) What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? p) List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review. 2. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?	Written			

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SQ14-001453	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Government Payments of Accounts	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others? 2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days? 3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days? 4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days? 5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? 6. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days? 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? 8. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written			
SQ14-001454	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Pathology and Diagnostic Imaging Services	a) Is the Department aware that there are small independent pathology practices still operating in Australia which do both histology and clinical pathology (blood tests) and provide the full pathology service? The majority of the non-histology tests, which are the overwhelming majority of pathology tests performed (blood tests, microbiology) are bulk billed (no accounts) and at least 50 percent of these patients do not go to collection centres and interface with laboratory staff. Therefore, an increase in accounts for at least 7 dollars will have to be sent to patients not used to receiving accounts for pathology. b) What is the likelihood that patients will pay? Does the Department believe this is an efficient way to collect the 7 dollar co-payment? c) Does the Department consider the extra 2 dollars above the 5 dollar fee reduction i.e. the 7 dollar co-payment will cover the costs of sending out accounts and collecting a fee at collection centres where money is not normally collected?	Written			
SQ14-001455	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Meeting Costs	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 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. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Estimates, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 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. 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.	Written			
SQ14-001456	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Stationery Requirements	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 how much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date? a) Detail the items provided to the minister's office. b) Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office. 2. How much has been spent on departmental stationery requirements to date. 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.	Written			
SQ14-001457	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Coffee Machines	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any coffee machines for staff usage? a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased? b) Why were coffee machines purchased? c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? e) Who has access? f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?	Written			
SQ14-001458	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Corporate Cars	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 how many cars are owned by each department/agency? a) Where are the cars located? b) What are the cars used for? c) What is the cost of each car during the specified period? d) How far did each car travel during the specified period? 2. How many cars are leased by each department/agency? a) Where are the cars located? b) What are the cars used for? c) What is the cost of each car during the specified period? d) How far did each car travel during the specified period?	Written			
SQ14-001459	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Taxi Costs	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 how much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? a) Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for taxi costs? c) How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?	Written			
SQ14-001460	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Red tape reduction	1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? a) What is the progress of that red tape reduction target b) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? c) How have they been recruited? d) What process was used for their appointment? e) What is the total cost of this unit? f) What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit. g) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? h) 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. 2. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?	Written			

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SQ14-001461	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Grants Guidelines	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 what guidelines are in place to administer grants? a) How are grants applied for? b) Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail. c) Can these restrictions be waived? If yes, please detail the process for waiving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waived. d) What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant? e) Who is involved in this selection process? f) Does the Minister or the Minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail. g) 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.	Written			
SQ14-001462	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Grants issued	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 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. 2. 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.	Written			
SQ14-001463	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Waters, Larissa	AG	The National Assessment of Chemicals Associated with CSG Extraction	Further to QoN SQ14-000623 of Budget Estimates 2014, regarding the National Assessment of Chemicals associated with CSG extraction, and noting that the previous response was less than informative, please advise: a) Is this review simply a desktop review of existing, publicly available data, or is any new research or investigative work is being undertaken? Please provide information. b) Whether the final report clearly outline ongoing information gaps regarding chemicals associated with CSG extraction, and identify further areas for research? c) What are the Terms of Reference for this assessment? d) When is the planned release date for this assessment?	Written			
SQ14-001464	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Waters, Larissa	AG	The National Assessment of Chemicals Associated with CSG Extraction	With regard to SQ14-000624 of Budget Estimates 2014, regarding the National Assessment of Chemicals associated with CSG extraction, the questions asked in the previous QoN were procedural in nature, and as such should be able to be answered prior to the final conclusion of the assessment. Please provide an updated response to these questions in relation to the voluntary industry survey involves asking CSG companies what chemicals they're using. a) How many CSG companies have been surveyed? b) Have all of them been cooperative, and forthcoming with information you need? c) Have there been any claims of commercial in confidence made? d) If so, how many? e) Is the Department confident it is received accurate information, and that there is no risk of any information being withheld? f) Why is the Department unable to require CSG companies to provide the information required for this assessment, but merely ask for the companies' voluntary cooperation, given you are doing a health risk assessment of the industry?	Written			
SQ14-001465	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Waters, Larissa	AG	The National Assessment of Chemicals Associated with CSG Extraction	Further to SQ14-000625 of Budget Estimates 2014: a) Please advise what is involved in a "preliminary" assessment of environmental risks of contaminants that may be mobilised by CSG activity, and what more would be involved in a more comprehensive assessment. b) Will the final assessment report advise for which contaminants there was sufficient available data to undertake a preliminary environmental risk assessment, and for which contaminants insufficient data was available to support such an assessment?	Written			
SQ14-001466	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Waters, Larissa	AG	The National Assessment of Chemicals Associated with CSG Extraction	Please provide an updated response to Estimates Question on Notice SQ14-00632 of Budget Estimates 2014, noting that this question was about a preliminary procedural matter relating to the scope of the National Assessment of Chemicals associated with CSG extraction, namely: how has the term "shallow groundwater" been defined for the purpose of undertaking this assessment?	Written			
SQ14-001467	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Waters, Larissa	AG	The National Assessment of Chemicals Associated with CSG Extraction	Please provide an updated response to Estimates Question on Notice SQ14-000633 of Budget Estimates 2014, noting that this question was about a preliminary procedural matter relating to the scope of the National Assessment of Chemicals associated with CSG extraction, namely: will the assessment exclude some groundwater systems that are in regular use by communities such as bore water?	Written			
SQ14-001468	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Waters, Larissa	AG	The National Assessment of Chemicals Associated with CSG Extraction	Further to the Department's response to Estimates Question on Notice SQ14-000628 of Budget Estimates 2014, please advise: a) How it is consistent the Department has a statement on its website that "small amounts" of chemicals injected underground during fracking remain underground, and yet in the Department's response to this Question, the Department was unable to provide information substantiating that statement, stating that this matter is still being investigated. b) Does the Department have any credible information on the volume or weight of chemicals injected underground each time a CSG well is fracked? Please provide details, and sources for this information. c) Can the Department advise how many CSG wells have been approved for development in Australia to date, and the cumulative amount of chemicals that will be injected underground as part of these approved fracking activities?	Written			
SQ14-001469	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Waters, Larissa	AG	The National Assessment of Chemicals Associated with CSG Extraction	In response to Estimates Question on Notice SQ14-000627 of Budget Estimates 2014, the Department advised that published, peer reviewed information on the likely growth of fracture underground over time, as a result of CSG activity, was available to the Australian Government when the initial CSG projects were first approved. Please provide a list of all the sources of "published, peer reviewed information" to which this response refers.	Written			

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SQ14-001470	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Waters, Larissa	AG	Fracking Chemicals	a) In response to a QoN asked by Sen Waters, 'published peer reviewed info' on how fracking will work in Australia (aquifer connectivity etc) – was available at time CSG projects were approved. That's good news - please provide a detailed list of these publications. b) Has the Department ever undertaken a cost assessment of what it would cost businesses or governments to undo the environmental or health impacts of a CSG project, particularly caused by contamination from fracking chemicals, that the Department has approved or may, whether this impact was caused by normal practises, or by an accident? c) Has the Department conducted a risk-based assessment of what might go wrong, considering the large outstanding uncertainties about this industry? d) What kinds of findings have you made? How do you manage uncertainty in these assessments? e) Is the Department aware of anyone within Government who are modelling these kinds of costs? Who?	Written			
SQ14-001471	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Domain Usage	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website? 1. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? 3. Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail.	Written			
SQ14-001472	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Ministerial Website	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website? 1. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? 3. Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail.	Written			
SQ14-001473	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Computers	1. 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 2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location 3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs	Written			
SQ14-001474	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Unallocated Equipment	1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff 2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.	Written			
SQ14-001475	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Cloud Services and Storage	1. Is the department using or planning to use cloud digital services (e.g. storage, computer software access etc)? If yes: 2. What date did/will cloud services be deployed in the department? 3. Please provide a list of all cloud services in use or being considered for use. 4. How much do these services cost? Please break down by service. 5. How much cloud storage (in gigabytes) is available for departmental use? What percentage of the available total is in use? 6. How much does this cloud storage cost per month? 7. What security arrangements are in place to protect cloud based services and storage? 8. Have any security analysts been employed / contracted to advise on the implementation and upkeep of these security arrangements? 9. What has been the cost of security for the cloud? Please provide a breakdown	Written			
SQ14-001476	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Savings and Efficiency Measures	Since the Appropriate Bills 2014 were passed by the parliament: 1. How many measures, savings tasks or efficiency measures contained in the Appropriations bills have not been actioned or have had no guidance instructions issued? 2. For each measure or task identified in question 1: 1. What is the timeframe for implementation? 2. Who is the responsible agency for actioning these measures, guidelines or tasks? 3. When was the Minister last briefed on this item? Was this briefing requested by the minister or initiated by the department? 4. What action has the minister asked be done on this policy?	Written			
SQ14-001477	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Media Subscriptions - Magazines	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?	Written			
SQ14-001478	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	G20 - expenses	Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups) events, including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security. For each item, please provide: 1. The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to. 2. The location of the event. 3. The date of the event. 4. The name and ABN of the service provider. 5. Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process. 6. The total value of the contract/invoice. 7. The date the contract was executed by the Department. 8. The number of attendees at the event, if applicable. 9. Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail. 10. Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail. Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted.	Written			

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SQ14-001479	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	G20- Brisbane	1. Which ministers from the portfolio attended the G20 conference in Brisbane? For each attending minister, please answer the following: 2. How long will the minister be in Brisbane for? 3. Please provide a copy of the minister's program and a list of any meetings that are scheduled. 4. Did the minister requested any briefing material from the department in relation to the G20? Please provide a list of the briefing titles. 5. How many ministerial staff will attended with the minister? 6. How many departmental staff attended the G20? 7. For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on airfares to and from Brisbane? 8. For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on accommodation in Brisbane? 9. For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on other associated expenses? Please detail. 10. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material for the G20? Please detail. 11. Will the department be preparing a report following the G20? If yes: 1. What will be the scope of the report? 2. When will it be complete? 3. Will it be available to the public?	Written			
SQ14-001480	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Ministerial staff turnover	1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary 2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification 3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification 4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification 5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment	Written			
SQ14-001481	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Ministerial staff code	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? 1. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level 2. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? 3. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? 2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? 1. If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? 2. How long have they worked for the Minister? 3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? 1. If not, on what date did they comply? 4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? 1. If so, on what date were those disclosure made? 5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee 6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment 7. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level	Written			
SQ14-001482	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Fee for services	Since September 7, 2013: 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: 2. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers. 3. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service). 4. The date the fee came into place. 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. 6. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place? 7. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)? 8. What justification is there for the fee? 9. Best	Written			
SQ14-001483	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Merchandise or promotional material	Since 7 September 2013: 1. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material? 2. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic puporse (note that puporse) 3. List the cost for each item 4. List the quantity of each item 5. Who suggested these material be created? 6. Who approved its creation? 7. Provide copies of authorisation 8. When was the Minister informed of the material being created? 9. Who created the material? 10. How was that person selected? 11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?	Written			
SQ14-001484	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig, Joe	ALP	Hospitality and Entertainment	1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 what has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?	Written			
SQ14-001485	0 - Whole of Portfolio	McLucas, Jan	ALP	Primary Health Networks Media Release	What date was the media release titled 'Primary Health Networks to Drive Better Primary Health Care' posted on the Department of Health's website?	22/10/2014 - 85			

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SQ14-001486	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	McLucas, Jan	ALP	AUSMAT Deployment	Minister, do you know if the Minister understands that it will take two weeks to action a deployment request:		22/10/2014 - 15-16		
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