

Supplementary Estimates 2016-17 Social Services portfolio index of questions on notice

PDMS QoN No.	Outcome	Senator	Broad Topic	QUESTION	Hansard Ref
SQ16-000282	2 - Families	Di Natale	Multicultural & Settlement Policy	Please provide details of the public consultation process that the Government will deploy for its new Multicultural Policy, including time frames and consultation mechanisms	Written
SQ16-000283	2 - Families	Di Natale	Multicultural & Settlement Policy	Please outline, through a report or other mechanism on the status of the Government's multicultural policy, how much the government spends on multiculturalism?	Written
SQ16-000284	2 - Families	Di Natale	Multicultural & Settlement Policy	Please outline, through an evaluation or other process, how successful the previous government's multicultural policy has been?	Written
SQ16-000285	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	Housing & Analysis	What is the latest estimate of the rate of home ownership (owned outright or paying off) in Australia?	Written
SQ16-000286	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	Housing & Analysis	What is the trend in the rate of home ownership over the past decade?	Written
SQ16-000287	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	Housing & Analysis	Among which age cohorts is the rate of home ownership declining the fastest?	Written
SQ16-000288	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	Housing & Analysis	What is the latest estimate of the proportion of households in private rental accommodation? a) Short term rentals (1-4 years) b) Medium term rentals (5-10 years) c) Long term rentals (over 10 years)	Written
SQ16-000289	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	Housing & Analysis	What is the latest estimate of the proportion of households in private rentals which are suffering housing stress?	Written
SQ16-000290	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	Housing & Analysis	What is the trend in terms of social housing supply as a proportion of total housing supply and in absolute numbers in each category of social housing? a) Public housing? b) Community housing? c) Affordable Housing? d) State Owned and Managed Indigenous Housing?	Written
SQ16-000291	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	Housing & Analysis	What is the latest estimate of the shortage of affordable rental housing?	Written
SQ16-000292	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	Housing & Analysis	What is the trend in relation to the shortage of affordable rental housing over the past five years?	Written
SQ16-000295	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	NRAS	How many dwellings remain to be built and/or are under construction for NRAS rounds that have been assessed and announced?	Written
SQ16-000296	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	NRAS	How many NRAS dwellings will have been constructed by the time all the assessed and announced rounds are completed?	Written
SQ16-000297	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	NRAS	When is all NRAS construction activity expected to be complete?	Written
SQ16-000298	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	NRAS	By the time NRAS is completed, what will be the total program cost?	Written

SQ16-000299	0 - Cross	Gallacher	Credit Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What types of credit and transaction cards (including Cabcharge Fastcard and eTickets) does your department issue? 2. What was the total expenditure for each type of card over the last 3 financial years? 3. Can you break down the expenditure into categories? 4. What is the highest and lowest credit limit for each type of card? 5. How many times in the last 5 years has the credit limit been reviewed? 6. What are Credit Cards used for? 7. What are the Governance/probity rules for employees to follow? 8. Are cash advances allowed? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Can you list the total amount of cash advances from credit and other transaction cards over the last 3 years? b) Can you provide details on the 10 largest cash advances in your department and provide particulars such as how much was accessed? c) Who approves cash advances in your department in the event of paying suppliers 9. Who reviews transactions in regards to all cards? 10. Who provides assurance to the Minister in respect to probity governance and fraud control? 	Written
SQ16-000300	2 - Families	Collins	Multicultural & Settlement Policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the budget for multicultural policy and programs? 2. What is the breakdown of programs? 3. Is the budget for these programs increasing or decreasing? By how much? Can the department provide a budget for programs for the previous 5 years and the forward estimates? 4. How much has been spent in current programs and how much is remaining in programs and in the overall budget? 5. Who are grants targeted towards? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many are targeted to individuals b. How many are targeted to groups c. How many are targeted to activities. 6. How many communities (ethnicities) are engaged in government programs. 7. Can the Minister provide the Committee with information on all current grant programs including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When it (the program) was initiated b. How it was designed c. What consultation has occurred regarding the program development d. What it replaced (if anything) e. How many applications and inquiries it receives f. How many grants are provided g. How grants are assessed h. How the programs are reviewed 8. What administration of programs is required? What contractual arrangements are made? 9. How many staff are involved in grants management? 10. Is this number increasing or decreasing? 	Written

SQ16-000301	2 - Families	Collins	Multicultural & Settlement Policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Minister or his office sought advice from his department on part 18C of the racial discrimination act? 2. [if so] When was it sought? Who requested it? 3. Has the Minister received any correspondence on 18C? 4. Has the department provided any advice to the Minister or his office on 18C or related issues? 5. Has the department received any letters on 18C? how many support changes? How many do not support changes? 6. Any advice provided to the Minister on 18C issues, when, why, requested by who 7. Department submissions to proposed amendment processes, any briefing on it. 8. Has the Minister or his office sought advice from his department on part 18D of the racial discrimination act? 9. [if so] When was it sought? Who requested it? 10. Has the Minister received any correspondence on 18D? 11. Has the department provided any advice to the Minister or his office on 18D or related issues? 12. Has the department received any letters on 18D? 13. Any advice provided to the Minister on 18D issues, when, why, requested by who 	Written
SQ16-000302	0 - Cross	Bilyk	Ministerial, Parliamentary & Exec Support	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 January 2016, can the following please be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) List of functions; b) List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs; e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; g) Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and h) Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written
SQ16-000303	0 - Cross	Bilyk	Property, Environment, Procurement & Security	Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, been upgraded since 1 January 2016? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided?	Written
SQ16-000304	0 - Cross	Bilyk	Property, Environment, Procurement & Security	<p>Have the facilities of any of the Department's premises been upgraded since 1 January 2016, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new furniture, fridges, coffee machines, audio visual facilities or any other equipment including kitchen equipment and utensils?</p> <p>If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?</p>	Written
SQ16-000307	0 - Cross	Bilyk	Significant Appointments/Vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Written
SQ16-000308	0 - Cross	Bilyk	Communication & Media	How much has the Department spent on media monitoring since 1 January 2016? Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts please be provided?	Written

SQ16-000309	0 - Cross	Bilyk	Communication & Media	How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 January 2016? Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided?	Written
SQ16-000310	1 - Social Security	Bilyk	Policy & Evaluation	With reference to Contract Notice ID CN3381756 published on the Austender website ("Graphic design"): a) What goods or services were procured under this contract? b) Was it promotional material? c) If so, precisely what promotional material was procured under this contract? Can an itemised list of each item showing relevant costs please be provided? d) Is it possible to provide photographs or illustrations of each item? e) Can samples please be provided? Was it graphic design services? f) Was it graphic design services? g) To what did the graphic design relate? h) Can a copy or sample of the work please be provided? i) Who approved this expenditure? j) Was the Minister for Social Services' office briefed on this goods or services procured under this contract? If so, on what date(s)?	Written
SQ16-000311	1 - Social Security	Bilyk	Policy & Evaluation	With reference to Contract Notice ID CN3381317 published on the Austender website ("Visual art services"): a) What goods or services were procured under this contract? b) Was it promotional material? c) If so, precisely what promotional material was procured under this contract? Can an itemised list of each item showing relevant costs please be provided? d) Is it possible to provide photographs or illustrations of each item? e) Can samples please be provided? f) Was it artwork or design services? g) To what did the artwork or design relate? h) Can a copy or sample of the work please be provided? i) Who approved this expenditure? j) Was the Minister for Social Services' office briefed on this goods or services procured under this contract? If so, on what date(s)?	Written
SQ16-000312	1 - Social Security	Bilyk	Policy & Evaluation	With reference to Contract Notice ID CN3381965 published on the Austender website ("Visual art services"): a) What goods or services were procured under this contract? b) Was it promotional material? c) If so, precisely what promotional material was procured under this contract? Can an itemised list of each item showing relevant costs please be provided? d) Is it possible to provide photographs or illustrations of each item? e) Can samples please be provided? f) Was it artwork or design services? g) To what did the artwork or design relate? h) Can a copy or sample of the work please be provided? i) Who approved this expenditure? j) Was the Minister for Social Services' office briefed on this goods or services procured under this contract? If so, on what date(s)?	Written

SQ16-000313	0 - Cross	Siewert	Program Funding	<p>Can the Department advise which funding programs are due to cease in June 2017?</p> <p>a) When will a decision be made on whether these programs will be funded beyond June 2017?</p> <p>b) What advice has been provided to those providers/clients likely to be impacted by cessation of any services?</p> <p>c) Has any evaluation been done on the programs and services due to cease as to their effectiveness/success?</p> <p>d) What bearing does the evaluation of programs have on the decision on whether to continue funding?</p>	Written
SQ16-000314	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Try, Test and Learn Fund	<p>Please advise where and when consultations for the development of the Try, Test and Learn Fund are going to take place?</p> <p>a) Please advise how the invitation list for these consultations was developed?</p> <p>b) Will there be open invite consultations?</p> <p>c) If so, when and where will they be held?</p> <p>d) When and where will the outcomes of the consultations be available?</p>	Written
SQ16-000315	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Try, Test and Learn Fund	<p>Have any people on income support payments been consulted about the new investment approach?</p> <p>a) If so, how many, when, where and how?</p>	Written
SQ16-000316	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Try, Test and Learn Fund	<p>Is there an intention to consult people on income support payments about the Try, Test and Learn Fund?</p>	Written
SQ16-000317	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Try, Test and Learn Fund	<p>Has any evaluation regarding young carers included the cost of informal care provided by this group?</p> <p>a) Has the Government factored the cost of replacement care into the costs associated with the new investment approach?</p> <p>b) Has the additional care and support some young carers provide to younger siblings been considered?</p> <p>c) If so, how?</p> <p>d) If not, why not?</p>	Written
SQ16-000318	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Defined Benefits Income	<p>Why was pre-30 June 1983 service given as the sole justification for the 10% Cap measure in relation to defined benefits pensions if the Department held no data on affected retirees' pre-30 June 1983 service?</p> <p>a) If pre-30 June 1983 service was the sole issue, why did the Department apply a blanket administrative measure like the 10% Cap which also affected retirees with no pre-30 June 1983 service?</p> <p>b) To protect invalidity retirees, why did the legislation not have a sunset clause to exempt persons born after 1965, because such persons would be too young to have had any significant pre-1 July 1983 service?</p> <p>c) Why were defined benefit retirees with other tax-free components of their defined benefit pensions not offered the same grandfathering provisions as account-based pensioners have been up to 1 January 2015?</p> <p>d) Did the Department advise Minister Morrison of the likely effect of the 10% Cap measure on poorer defined benefit retirees?</p> <p>e) What could be done now to ameliorate the effects of the measure on poorer retirees?</p>	Written
SQ16-000319	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Policy & Evaluation	<p>Has the Government considered conducting an impact evaluation of the DSP reviews so that the data collected can be used for an impact analysis or a randomised controlled trial?</p>	Written
SQ16-000320	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Policy & Evaluation	<p>Is the Government monitoring how many people moved off DSP onto Newstart have found work?</p> <p>a) If so, how many have?</p> <p>b) If not, why not?</p>	Written

SQ16-000321	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Policy & Evaluation	Is the Government monitoring how many people moved off DSP onto Newstart now have medical exemptions from mutual obligation requirements? a) If so, how many have exemptions? b) If not, why not?	Written
SQ16-000322	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Age, Disability & Carer Payments Policy	In relation to the proposed cessation of the Pensioner Education Supplement and the Education Entry Payment, has the Department considered that these payments assist carers to learn and prepare for the workforce, for when their care relationship comes to an end?	Written
SQ16-000323	1 - Social Security	Watt	Family Tax Benefit	1. How many families (with income of less than \$80,000) will be affected by the phasing out of the FTB-A supplement, by electorate and state? a) How many of these families receive the maximum rate of FTB-A, by state and electorate? 2. How many families will be affected by the phasing out of the FTB-B supplement, by state and electorate? a) What is the average income of these families, overall and by state and electorate? 3. How many families will lose both the FTB-A and B supplements, by state and electorate? a) What is the average income of these families, overall and by state and electorate? b) How many of these families receive the maximum rate of FTB-A? What is the average amount lost per family, across all families affected by the cuts to FTB-A and B supplements?	Written
SQ16-000324	1 - Social Security	Watt	Family Tax Benefit	a) How many sole parents with children over 13 will be affected by the changes to the rate of FTB-B by state and electorate? b) How many sole parents whose youngest child is aged 17-19 will lose FTB-B entirely by state and electorate?	Written
SQ16-000325	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Family & Students Payments Policy	How many people will no longer be eligible for the FTB-A supplement under the Omnibus Bill that recently passed the Parliament? a) How many children will be affected? b) Why was \$80,000 chosen as the limit? c) Has the Government modelled the impact on effective marginal tax rates and potential work disincentives? d) If so, please provide. e) If not, why not?	Written
SQ16-000326	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Family & Students Payments Policy	Under the proposed four week wait for income support for young people, how many young people does the Department estimate will need to access emergency relief as a result of the measure? a) How many young people does the Department estimate will be assessed as 'vulnerable' as a result of becoming homeless or being threatened with eviction and consequently exempted from this measure each year for the next three years? b) What are the expected savings in Rent Assistance per year, over the next 3 years as a result of this proposed measure? c) Can the Department advise of countries that apply similar measures for young people under 25? d) What has the OECD advised on the four week waiting period for those under 25?	Written

SQ16-000327	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Welfare Card	<p>In relation to the Cashless Welfare Card, how many people are subject to the trial in Ceduna, and how many are subject to the trial in the East Kimberley?</p> <p>a) How many of the participants at each trial site are Aboriginal?</p> <p>b) Please provide a breakdown by main payment type, and the number of voluntary participants.</p> <p>c) To date, how many applications for exemption have been made in Ceduna, and how many have been made in the East Kimberley?</p> <p>d) How many and what percentage of these requests have been granted, rejected and appealed?</p> <p>e) To date, how many applications have been made for varying the limit on cash?</p> <p>f) How many and what percentage of requests for access to increased cash payments have been granted, rejected, and appealed?</p> <p>g) Please provide ratio and numbers and percentages granted against each ratio, for example 50:50, 60:40, 70:30.</p> <p>h) How many participants have required replacement of cards that have been lost, stolen or damaged?</p> <p>i) What has been the average time taken to replace cards?</p>	Written
SQ16-000328	1 - Social Security	Watt	Family Tax Benefit	<p>a) Has the Department modelled the combined distributional impact of the Government's cuts to FTB and the child care package? If so could you please provide this?</p> <p>b) How many families are estimated to be worse off when both child care and family payments changes are taken into account?</p> <p>c) How many of these families receive the maximum rate of FTB-A?</p>	Written
SQ16-000329	2 - Families	Siewert	Program Funding	<p>In this year's budget, the Department of Agriculture ceased funding a highly successful community mental health and family and relationship counselling services program in drought affected communities, which was administered by the Department of Social Services. Can the Department advise what alternative measures have been put in place, given many rural communities are facing challenging times and clinical mental health services are problematic in rural communities?</p>	Written
SQ16-000330	2 - Families	Siewert	Third Action Plan	<p>The last Commonwealth budget outlined a pledge of \$100 million for much needed initiatives under the 3rd Action Plan, 2016-2019 of the National Action Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and Children, 2010-2022. How much of this will be targeted towards funded programs to meet the specific needs of women from multicultural backgrounds?</p>	Written
SQ16-000331	2 - Families	Siewert	Settlement & Multicultural Programmes	<p>As part of the New York Summit in September this year, Australia announced its commitment to an ongoing humanitarian intake of 18,750 people. Given this, what additional and also ongoing funding investments will be provided to settlement organisations to meet the needs of people within an increased humanitarian program?</p>	Written
SQ16-000332	2 - Families	Siewert	Online Advertising for Adoption	<p>Is the Department aware of an organisation advertising children online for adoption in NSW?</p> <p>a) What action is the Department taking in relation to this?</p>	Written

SQ16-000333	0 - Cross	Watt	Program Detail	<p>Please provide an itemised table detailing the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies within it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The total funding allocated for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 b) The number of organisations funded under the program in each in those years, the name of each organisation funded and the dollar value of that funding c) The number of individuals projected to be serviced or services to be delivered through each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15; d) The total funding actually expended on each in 2015-16 and 2014-15; e) The number of individuals actually serviced or services actually delivered through each in 2015-16 and 2014-15; f) The aggregate staff budget for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 broken down by i) permanent APS staff and ii) contractors. g) The number of permanent APS staff responsible for delivering each in 2016-17; 2015-16 and 2014-15, the classification of these staff and their geographic location; h) The dollar value of external advice contracted to support each in 2016-17, as well as the number of contractors engaged, the APS-equivalent classification these contractors were engaged at and their geographic location. 	Written
SQ16-000334	0 - Cross	Watt	Evaluation and Program Analysis	<p>For every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies within it please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared by external advisers in the last five years; b) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared within the department in the last five years. 	Written
SQ16-000335	2 - Families	Urquhart	Food Relief	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The response to QoNs SQ16-000156 states there are national contracts of \$250,000 for SecondBite and \$750,000 for FoodBank for Food Relief. These figures don't line up with the numbers in your Departmental Grants report. Can you clarify these figures at all and explain the different figures? 2. The same response also stated there is no breakdown of how much is spent in each state and region. Can you advise what requirements or guidelines these grants have in relation to the allocation of food aid for different states? 3. Are there any requirements for food aid organisations to provide services to isolated or remote communities in these national contracts? In a Tasmanian context, I'm specifically thinking about somewhere like the West Coast where there is significant disadvantage, but they are hours away from the nearest food relief organisational base in Devonport. 4. Can you tell me if there is any other way to determine where the money went? Are organisations required to report on how they spent government funds? If not, how can you ensure that the spending is meeting the needs of individual states and that needy regions aren't missing out? 	Written
SQ16-000336	0 - Cross	Pratt	Community Sector Funding Certainty	<p>Many community sector organisations have their funding contracts end in June 2017. Service providers, including Financial Counselling organisations, have raised concerns that waiting until the budget in May 2017 for funding certainty is problematic for them in terms of staffing and service provision. In light of this, will the government make a commitment to funding for these organisations prior to the May budget? And if so, when?</p>	Written

SQ16-000337	0 - Cross	McAllister	Staffing	Please provide a breakdown of staffing levels as at 30 June 2016, nationally and for each state and territory, by the following categories: a) Full time equivalent (FTE); b) Head count; c) Gender; d) Ongoing; e) non-ongoing; and f) classification level.	Written
SQ16-000338	1 - Social Security	Watt	Energy Supplement	a) What is the total number of people who will be affected by the abolition of the energy supplement? b) How many Age Pension recipients are estimated to lose access to the energy supplement per year as a result of the cut? c) How many Disability Support Pension recipients are estimated to lose access to the energy supplement per year as a result of the cut? d) How many Newstart recipients are estimated to lose access to the energy supplement per year as a result of the cut? e) How many Parenting Payment Single recipients are estimated to lose access to the energy supplement per year as a result of the cut? f) How many Carer Payment recipients are estimated to lose access to the energy supplement per year as a result of the cut? g) How many Youth Allowance recipients are estimated to lose access to the energy supplement per year as a result of the cut? h) Are you able to provide the number of recipients of pensions and allowances estimated to be impacted per year, by payment type, state and electorate? i) What is the average income of these recipients by payment type? j) What is the average income of Newstart recipients by household type?	Written
SQ16-000339	1 - Social Security	Watt	Pensioner Education Supplement	Please provide the number of people in receipt of the pensioner education supplement by electorate and by state. a) What is the average income of recipients of the pensioner education supplement?	Written
SQ16-000340	1 - Social Security	Watt	Education Entry Payment	Please provide the number of people in receipt of the education entry payments by electorate and by state. a) What is the average income of people in receipt of the education entry payments?	Written
SQ16-000341	1 - Social Security	Watt	Pauses on indexation of means test thresholds	How many people will be impacted by the pauses on indexation of income free areas and means test thresholds contained in the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2016 by electorate, state and payment type? a) What is the average amount by which people will be worse off by electorate, State and payment type?	Written
SQ16-000342	0 - Cross	McAllister	Staffing	How many engagements occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; and d) Non-ongoing staff	Written

SQ16-000343	0 - Cross	McAllister	Staffing	How many separations occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; d) Non-ongoing staff; and e) Reason for separation.	Written
SQ16-000344	1 - Social Security	Watt	Pension Assests Test Changes	Could you please provide: a) The number of pensioners worse off as a result of the assets test changes by electorate and state. b) The average amount by which these pensioners are worse off. c) The number of pensioners who will lose their pension entirely, by electorate and state. d) The average amount by which these pensioners are worse off. e) The number of pensioners who will be worse off by pension type. f) A detailed comparison of the benefits and concessions available with the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card and the Health Care Care by State?	Written
SQ16-000345	0 - Cross	McAllister	Contracts and Consultancies	What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year.	Written
SQ16-000346	0 - Cross	McAllister	Contracts and Consultancies	For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The project or engagement; b) The value of the contract; c) The name of each firm or contractor engaged; and d) The purpose of the contract.	Written
SQ16-000347	1 - Social Security	Watt	Pension Portability Changes	If you have updated estimates on the number of pensioners are who will be impacted by this measure could you please provide it by State and Electorate?	Written
SQ16-000348	0 - Cross	McAllister	Contracts and Consultancies	For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The names of each firm or contractor engaged; and b) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant.	Written
SQ16-000349	0 - Cross	McAllister	Contracts and Consultancies	For the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) How many staff were employed through labour hire arrangements; b) Total expenditure on labour hire staff; c) The contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply these staff; d) Total payments to each of the organisations that provided staff through either a labour hire arrangement or other contractual arrangement; and e) The nature of the work performed by labour hire staff.	Written
SQ16-000350	1 - Social Security	Watt	New Start	Please provide the number of young people estimated to be impacted by the one month wait measure by electorate, by state.	Written
SQ16-000351	1 - Social Security	Watt	New Start	Please provide the number of young people who will eligible for Youth Allowance rather than Newstart as a result of the changes, by electorate, by state.	Written

SQ16-000352	1 - Social Security	Watt	Legislation Amendment	<p>a) How many students will now automatically receive health care cards, by payment type, state and electorate?</p> <p>b) What is the average income of an independent Youth Allowance/Austudy recipient?</p> <p>c) How many independent Youth Allowance/Austudy recipients have partners also in receipt of income support?</p> <p>d) Please provide the number of independent Youth Allowance/Austudy recipients by electorate, by state.</p> <p>e) Please provide the number of dependent Youth Allowance recipients by electorate, by state.</p>	Written
SQ16-000353	2 - Families	Watt	Paid Parental Leave	<p>a) What are the revised numbers of people that will have their PPL cut or reduced each year as a result of the changes? What is their median income?</p> <p>b) How many of these will lose PPL? What is their median income?</p> <p>c) How many will have their PPL reduced? What is their median income?</p> <p>d) What is the latest number of claimants who have claimed the scheme since it was introduced, by State and electorate?</p> <p>e) How many people claimed PPL in 2015-16 by state and electorate?</p>	Written
SQ16-000354	3 - Disability	Brown	National Disability Advocacy Program	<p>1. In regard to the review of the National Disability Advocacy Program:</p> <p>a) Please provide an update on the outcomes of the NDAP review including the submission process.</p> <p>b) Please provide a detailed summary of the consultations that have been undertaken as part of this review, include who was consulted, and when, how and where they were consulted and any costs the Department incurred associated with the consultation?</p> <p>c) Has the Minister and/or Assistant Minister been briefed on the outcomes of the review and consultation process?</p> <p>d) If so, when was this information provided to the Minister/Assistant Minister's office?</p> <p>e) Will a report on the review be made public?</p> <p>f) If a briefing had not been provided to the Minister/Assistant Minister, what is the timeline on providing this information to the Minister/Assistant Minister?</p> <p>g) What are the next steps in the review process?</p> <p>h) How has the Department been communicating information about the review and the related processes to the sector?</p> <p>i) Is the review taking into consideration the changing role and demand for advocacy in the context of the NDIS rollout?</p> <p>2. In relation to the 12 month funding extension for NDAP service providers:</p> <p>a) When were the previous funding agreements due to end?</p> <p>b) When were the providers informed of the decision to provide the funding extension?</p> <p>c) Did all the service providers have their funding extended? If not, how many providers were not extended, where were they funded to provide services, why was an extension not given and will or has an alternate provider been funded?</p> <p>d) Did this funding extension include indexation?</p>	Written

SQ16-000355	3 - Disability	Brown	Disability Employment Services Programme	<p>1. Can you provide an update on the outcomes of the Second Round of consultations on the National Disability Employment Framework?</p> <p>2. When did the Department provide advice to the Minister and/or Assistant Minister on the outcome of the consultation rounds?</p> <p>3. Has the Department provided a draft Framework to the Minister/Assistant Minister's office yet?</p> <p>4. Will any further consultations rounds be undertaken? If so:</p> <p>a) What is the timeline for the consultation?</p> <p>b) Will it be open or invite only?</p> <p>5. The Issues Paper, released to inform the first round of consultations, gave the "first half of 2016" as the timing for the "Development of a new disability employment framework" and the discussion paper for the second consultation gave the "Beginning of 2016" as the timing of analysis and presentation of options to Government. Given that it is now late 2016 and well past this time, can you outline what delays or obstacles, aside from the caretaker period, have deferred the completion of the Framework?</p> <p>6. The Department's website indicates that the Framework will be published this year. Is it still the intention to release a finalised Framework this year?</p> <p>7. What is the current status of funding for the various government funded disability employment supports and services?</p> <p>a) Do any of these programmes have funding agreements that are due to finish this calendar year? Or this financial year?</p> <p>b) Is there any plan to provide funding extensions to allow for the implementation of the new Framework? If so, for which programs, for how long and what would be the quantum of funding?</p> <p>c) Have possible funding extension been discussed with the sector/service providers?</p> <p>8. Will the new Framework be progressed under the Second Implementation Plan of the National Disability Strategy?</p>	Written
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SQ16-000357	3 - Disability	Brown	Carer Support Services	<p>1. Can you provide an update on the development of the Integrated Plan for Carer Support Services, has the advisory group delivered their final Service Concept and proposed service delivery model to Government?</p> <p>a) If so, when was this provided to the Government?</p> <p>b) If not, when is it expected to be delivered?</p> <p>2. When did work on the development of the Integrated Plan for Carer Support Services commence?</p> <p>3. What was the timeframe for the development of the Plan?</p> <p>4. Please provide a detailed summary of consultations undertaken to date to inform the development of the Plan including dates, locations, parties involved and a breakdown the costs incurred by the Department?</p> <p>5. What will be the process to take this work forward?</p> <p>a) What is the expected implementation timeframe?</p> <p>b) Is there any budgetary allocation for the implementation of the Plan?</p> <p>6. In the interim what is the current status of funding for all the Carer Support Programmes funded by the Department of Social Services? Do any of these programmes have funding agreements that are due to finish this calendar year? Or this financial year? If so for each programme please provide:</p> <p>a) the name of each funded service provider</p> <p>b) the length of the current funding agreements</p> <p>c) the funding amount for each service</p> <p>d) the funding location for each service</p> <p>e) the total quantum of funding for each programme</p> <p>7. In relation to the Carer Support Programmes funded by the Department of Social Services which are listed in the Annex of the draft Service Concept, could you provide a table outlining the funding allocation over each of the out years and confirm how long agreements are in place for each of the programmes?</p>	Written
SQ16-000358	3 - Disability	Brown	Carer Gateway Service	<p>1. Provide a breakdown of calls to the Carer Gateway hotline, including by state/territory, call wait times and length of call?</p> <p>2. Provide analytics from the Carer Gateway website including number of visits to the website, most visited page, length of time spent on the site?</p> <p>3. What is the funding allocation for the Carer Gateway Service over each of the out years?</p> <p>4. Has any feedback been provided through the websites feedback portal? If so, how much has related to the website and how much has not related to the website? Can you provide examples of the other issues that feedback is provided on?</p>	Written

SQ16-000359	3 - Disability	Brown	National Disability Strategy	<p>1. What consultation has been undertaken with stakeholders in the development of the Implementation Plan?</p> <p>a) Were there any open consultations or were they by invite only?</p> <p>b) Did you engage directly with people with disability, their families and carers?</p> <p>c) Please provide a list of all stakeholder consultations including dates, attendees and any costs incurred by the Department.</p> <p>2. The Australian Government response to the recommendations of Australia's Second Universal Periodic Review states that the finalised Second Implementation Plan for the National Disability Strategy would include the development of an Action Plan to improve outcomes for Indigenous Australians with a disability:</p> <p>a) Has this Action Plan been developed simultaneously with the Second Implementation Plan?</p> <p>b) What consultation has been undertaken with stakeholders in the development of the Action Plan?</p> <p>c) Were there any open consultations or were they by invite only? Did the Department engage directly with Indigenous people with disability, their families carers?</p> <p>d) Please provide a list of all stakeholder consultations including dates, attendees and any costs incurred by the Department.</p> <p>e) Is there a budget allocation for this Action Plan?</p> <p>3. Are there going to be any other Action Plans for specific groups or populations? For example will there be an Action Plan to improve outcomes for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Australians with disability?</p> <p>4. Given the significant delay in the development and release of the Second Actin Plan, has any consideration been given to revisiting the implementation timeline, including the development and release of the Third Action Implementation?</p> <p>5. 2014 Progress Report to the Council of Australian Governments notes that it includes feedback from people with disability, through their representative organisations, on the first phase of the strategy's implementation. Other than this has there been any formal evaluation or review of the first implementation plan?</p> <p>a) If so, was this conducted by the Department or by an external consultant?</p> <p>b) Is there a report on the evaluation/review? If so, could you please provide copies to the Committee?</p> <p>6. When is the next Progress Report to the Council of Australian Governments due? Will these reports to COAG continue on as two yearly reports under the Second Implementation or will other reporting arrangements be established?</p> <p>7. Has a communication strategy been developed raise awareness about the National Disability Strategy and Second Implementation Plan?</p> <p>a) Can you provide details of specific communication activities planned?</p> <p>b) Is there any funding associated with this work?</p>	Written
SQ16-000360	2 - Families	Pratt	Strengthening Communities Program	The redesign of the strengthening communities program includes a cut of \$8 million in funding. Which areas of the program will be impacted by this cut?	Written
SQ16-000361	2 - Families	Pratt	Strengthening Communities Program	At the Budget Estimates hearing on 6 May 2016 the Department could not say when or if the recommendations for volunteer grants had gone to Minister Porter. On 14 September, the department advised that recommendations had gone to him on 4 May. When did Minister Porter make his decision as to which applications were successful and not successful?	Written
SQ16-000362	2 - Families	Pratt	Strengthening Communities Program	The DSS Grants Report of 30 September 2016 has the effective date for volunteer grants as 2 May, however the department advised in estimates in May 2016, the recommendations weren't made to Minister Porter until 4 May. What is the effective date for volunteer grants 2015-16?	Written

SQ16-000363	2 - Families	Pratt	Third Action Plan	In Senate Estimates earlier this year the Government said that funding for 1800RESPECT in 2018-19 will be confirmed under the Third Action Plan. In supplementary budget estimates in October, the department advised that this plan would be released on 28 October. Can you now advise what funding will be allocated for 1800RESPECT in 2018-19 under the Third Action Plan?	Written
SQ16-000364	2 - Families	Pratt	Third Action Plan	Has the Government completed the evaluation of the National Plan's Second Action Plan?	Written
SQ16-000365	3 - Disability	Brown	Disability & Carers Policy	<p>1. In relation to questioning on the National Carer Strategy, Mr Christian stated that "the [Integrated Carer Plan] will be the key mechanisms for reforms to supports for carers going forward" and then went on to say the "[The Carer Gateway Advisory Group] have been working on the possible reforms to the way in which carers supports are provided to replace the carer strategy." (HANSARD Proof, 20 October 2016, p74) Given this evidence, is it correct to conclude that there is currently have no overarching national carer policy?</p> <p>2. Noting that the draft Service Concept for the Integrated Carer Support Services specifically states that it "identifies a set of carer-specific supports" (version 2, Page 5), is it envisage that it would encompass mainstream supports as well as carer supports services?</p> <p>3. When was the Department first advised that the National Carer Strategy was not Government policy?</p>	Written
SQ16-000366	2 - Families	Pratt	Third Action Plan	If the evaluation of the Second Action plan has been completed, when did the evaluation report to Government?	Written
SQ16-000367	2 - Families	Pratt	Third Action Plan	Has evaluation of the Second Action plan been publically released? If not, when will it be released?	Written
SQ16-000368	3 - Disability	Brown	Disability & Carers Policy	<p>1. Does the Department have information on how many agencies are compliant with their obligations under the Carer Recognition Act 2010 Part 3 s7(1)-(2)? If so, how many agencies are compliant?</p> <p>2. Can you provide concrete examples of actions taken by agencies to meet these obligations?</p> <p>3. How many agencies are currently classified as Public Service Care Agencies for the purposes of the Carers Recognition Act 2010?</p> <p>4. Of these Public Service Care Agencies how many are compliant with their obligations under the Carer Recognition Act 2010 Part 3 s8(1)-(3)?</p> <p>5. Can you provide concrete examples of actions taken by Public Service Care Agencies to meet these obligations?</p> <p>6. Are the obligations on Associated Providers incorporated into the Department of Social Services funding agreements?</p> <p>7. Since 1 July 2015 the Department provided advice on the obligations under the legislation to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies Public Service Care Agencies Associated Providers <p>(If yes please indicate the number of instances)</p>	Written
SQ16-000369	0 - Cross	Brown	Staffing	<p>1. How many DSS staff identify as having a disability (please provide as a number and percentage of overall staffing)? Please provide a breakdown by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Location Classification Gender 	Written
SQ16-000370	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	Can the department provide an outline of the services that have been impacted by this budget cut since 2014-15?	Written

SQ16-000371	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	Has the department conducted any analysis as to the impact of these cuts on the community sector and service provision? If so, what was the outcome of that analysis? What has been done to address issues raised in that analysis?	Written
SQ16-000372	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	What analysis of community needs does DSS take in determining funding priorities in relation to grant applications so as to avoid service gaps?	Written
SQ16-000373	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	The NOUS Process Review into the 2014-15 DSS grants process stated that funding applications totalled \$3.9 billion, while only \$800 million in funding was available. What was this figure for 2015-16?	Written
SQ16-000374	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	Is there a standard/typical contract period for grants?	Written
SQ16-000375	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	Since the 2014-15 grants process, have there been circumstances where a service provider has had a gap in funding between a previous contract ending and a new contract beginning? How many times has this occurred?	Written
SQ16-000376	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	What steps does the DSS take to ensure contract renewal processes to not impact on service provision?	Written
SQ16-000377	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	How many grant contracts have been entered into over the 2015-16 budget period?	Written
SQ16-000378	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	Of the grant contracts entered into over the 2015-16 budget period, how many could be characterised as renewal of existing service providers?	Written
SQ16-000379	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	Of the grant contracts entered into over the 2015-16 budget period, how many could be characterised as new service providers?	Written
SQ16-000380	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	Of the grant contracts entered into over the 2015-16 budget period that are considered renewals of existing grant contracts, how many service providers had grant funding renewed more than three months prior to existing funding ending?	Written
SQ16-000381	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	Of the grant contracts entered into over the 2015-16 budget period that are considered renewals of existing grant contracts, how many service providers had grant funding renewed 2-3 months prior to existing funding ending?	Written
SQ16-000382	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	Of the grant contracts entered into over the 2015-16 budget period that are considered renewals of existing grant contracts, how many service providers had grant funding renewed between 1-2 months prior to existing funding ending?	Written
SQ16-000383	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	Of the grant contracts entered into over the 2015-16 budget period that are considered renewals of existing grant contracts, how many service providers had grant funding renewed less than one month prior to existing funding ending?	Written
SQ16-000384	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	Of the grant contracts entered into over the 2015-16 budget period, how many service providers had new funding contracts post-expiry of existing funding?	Written
SQ16-000385	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	How many grant contracts are expected to be entered into over the 2016-17 budget period?	Written
SQ16-000386	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	In the 2014-15 budget, the government announced changes to the Department of Social Services' grants tendering processes, 'The New Way of Working for Grants', which amounted to a \$240 million cut over four years, with further cuts of \$30 million in the 14-15 forward estimates. These changes have caused contention in the community sector. Have there been any further cuts to this program since the 2014-15 budget?	Written
SQ16-000387	0 - Cross	Pratt	Grants	The 2015 Community Affairs References Committee report into the 2014-15 grants process, as well as numerous community sector organisations, have made recommendations for 5 year grant contracts. Will the DSS be acting on these recommendations and implementing 5 year grant contracts? Why or why not?	Written
SQ16-000388	3 - Disability	Siewert	Disability & Carers Policy	How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families accessed Better Start funding for children with disabilities during the 5 years of operation? a) Please provide a state and territory breakdown.	Written

SQ16-000389	3 - Disability	Siewert	Disability & Carers Policy	Of these families accessing the scheme, what was the average draw down on funds and how does this dollar amount compare against non-Aboriginal families using Better Start?	Written
SQ16-000390	3 - Disability	Siewert	Disability & Carers Policy	How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families accessed Better Start in regional and remote areas? a) How did this compare against non-Aboriginal families accessing the program?	Written
SQ16-000391	3 - Disability	Siewert	Disability & Carers Policy	What was the overall average funding accessed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families using Better Start compared to non-Aboriginal families?	Written
SQ16-000392	3 - Disability	Siewert	Disability & Carers Policy	How are people with moderate and severe intellectual disability represented on boards and representative bodies involved in DSS and NDIS programs?	Written
SQ16-000393	3 - Disability	Siewert	Disability & Carers Policy	In 2014, during the Victorian State election and in the 2016 Federal election government service provision in Victoria under the Department of Health and Human Services failed to ensure eligible individuals were engaged and delivered their supports to enable them to participate in electoral processes. What safeguard is the Department going to introduce to ensure delivery of supports including engagement to enable citizens to comply with Commonwealth law?	Written
SQ16-000394	3 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS Policy	How many young people in aged care are scheduled to transition into the NDIS between now and 30 June 2017?	Written
SQ16-000395	3 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS Funding	How much money has been provided since July 2013 via DSS and NDIS funding programs to the service provider sector (supply side) for NDIS readiness in the lead up to and early implementation of the NDIS? a) How much has gone specifically to the community/consumer sector (demand side) for the same purpose?	Written
SQ16-000396	3 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS Funding	The provider sector has recently been given a \$5m fund for workforce development – what was the rationale for taking this fund outside of Government?	Written
SQ16-000398	3 - Disability	Siewert	Sector Capacity and Development	There are a number of areas that have implications for demand sector capacity and development. These include the National Disability Advocacy Program, demand sector peak body funding, the ILC, and the implementation of the National Disability Strategy. What conversations have happened between the NDIA and DSS on these matters, so that there is a coordinated and systematic approach that ensures Australia has a robust and potent demand sector?	Written
SQ16-000400	3 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS Policy	Do the terms of the bilateral agreements for the NDIS between each state and territory and the Government outline exactly what each state and territory and Government will be funding?	Written
SQ16-000401	3 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS Policy	Recognising there is a standard clause in each NDIS bilateral agreement along the lines that states/territories must continue the same level of mental health service provision, what beyond that is outlined formally to ensure the commitment by the Government of 'no disadvantage' is a reality?	Written
SQ16-000402	3 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS Funding	Is the Government keeping track of, either through the NDIA or the various Departments involved, what is happening where a state decides to withdraw funding, as has occurred with some mental health or psychosocial services in Victoria, and there is also a ceasing or phasing out of federal funding (such as funding for Mental Health Respite Carer Support and PHaMs)?	Written
SQ16-000403	3 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS Policy	Are there gaps occurring where a program ends but a person doesn't yet have an NDIS package? a) How do you propose managing these likely situations?	Written
SQ16-000404	3 - Disability	Siewert	Disability & Carers Policy	What role will the Commonwealth Government play in situations where a state is unable to give service providers or the mental health sector any information about what services or level of funding they will continue to give to services?	Written
SQ16-000406	3 - Disability	Siewert	Disability & Carers Policy	Is the Department considering continuing to provide federally funded services for those not eligible for the NDIS?	Written

SQ16-000408	3 - Disability	Siewert	Disability & Carers Policy	Can the Department please outline the process and timeline for the review of funding for the peak disability groups? a) When will a decision be made on continued funding for these groups? b) What level of funding will be made available for individual advocacy beyond June 2017?	Written
SQ16-000410	3 - Disability	Brown	NDIS	What is the current balance of the NDIS Sector Development Fund?	Written
SQ16-000411	3 - Disability	Brown	NDIS	What grants have been awarded through the NDIS Sector Development Fund since inception to now? Please provide: a) Detail of the project funded by the grant, including the outcome area under which it was funded b) The organisation delivering the project grant c) The dollar value of the grant and duration of the project	Written
SQ16-000412	3 - Disability	Brown	NDIS	Which organisations were invited to bid for the \$5 million Innovative Workforce Fund Management grant through the NDIS Sector Development Fund, which was recently awarded to National Disability Services (NDS)?	Written
SQ16-000413	3 - Disability	Brown	National Disability Research and Development	What are the detail of the projects that have been funded through the National Disability Research and Development Agenda?	Written
SQ16-000415	3 - Disability	Brown	NDIS	There are numerous reports that many people are getting their mobility allowance cut as soon as they are deemed eligible for the NDIS but before their plans are in place. For example, DARE Disability in NSW has reported approximately 25 cases of people with profound disability in this situation. This has resulted in many people that are now not in receipt for any money for their ongoing transport costs during that period. What will be done to address this?	Written
SQ16-000416	3 - Disability	Brown	NDIS	Can the Department provide an update on the work it is undertaking on people who are not eligible for the NDIS? DO the Department of Health and the Department of Social Services have a plan to address this issue? Can the Department confirm it is working on its own interim plan that ensures people who are not eligible for the NDIS will not be left without services? Can the Department detail the number of people who will not be eligible for the NDIS across each state and territory? Can the Department detail the number of people who currently access services under Day-to-Day Living and Partners in Recovery programs by state and territory? Has the Department undertaken any assessment or analysis to establish the number of people that will not be eligible for the NDIS? Has the Department ever given any advise to the Health Minister about the numbers of people that will not be eligible for the NDIS?	Written
SQ16-000417	3 - Disability	Bilyk	National Disability Strategy	There is bipartisan commitment to the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and the government has also recently made renewed commitments a National Disability Strategy. 1. Will the second implementation plan under the National Disability Strategy link to the APS Disability Employment Strategy?	Written
SQ16-000418	2 - Families	Pratt	Children's Policy	In regard to the decline in funding over the forward estimates, budget-based funding (BBF) for childcare move to employment and the number of services drawing from grant programs within both portfolios, have you considered the impact of the cuts to that family and children's area, particularly when combined with the changes to the BBF program? Can I clarify whether the budget-based funding program in child care existed under that families and children's section that we have just been referring to?	Hansard - page 10
SQ16-000419	1 - Social Security	Watt	Family & Students Payments Policy	Has the Department provided the Minister with any advice or data analysis that states more than 50% of Newstart recipients have income from rental properties, dividends or interest?	Hansard - page 12

SQ16-000420	1 - Social Security	Dastyari	Welfare Payments Reform	The \$33 envelope as it was announced in the budget and the breakdown of what that \$33 million is being spent on, what has already been committed and what is in the contract phrase? Also, what has been spent, what remains and what still is to be allocated.	Hansard - page 14
SQ16-000421	1 - Social Security	Watt	Family & Students Payments Policy	Please provide any figures that show a breakdown of how much the overall increase to people receiving Newstart allowance is attributable to the different factors contributing to the increase. Can you do what you can to track some of these factors and what that means in numerical or percentage terms. How much of that increase from 450,000 to 750,000 can be explained by population growth over that 11 year period?	Hansard - pages 20 & 22
SQ16-000422	1 - Social Security	Watt	Pension Assests Test Changes	Please send through analysis that shows a sizeable proportion of pensioners maintain or increase their asset balances in the last five years on age pension.	Hansard - page 39
SQ16-000423	1 - Social Security	Watt	Pension Assests Test Changes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have there been any conversations with any state or territory government about whether they will still grant pensioner rates on things like utilities and public transport to seniors who receive the Health Care Card? 2. Is DSS aware whether states and territories have agreed to continue granting these concessions? 3. Has there been any work done to determine how much worse people will be if they lose state and territory concessions? 4. Is any work being done by the department to ensure that community organisation who currently extend pension rates or concessions to pensioners will continue to receive those concession if they lose their pension and get a Health Care Card? 	Hansard - pages 41-42
SQ16-000424	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Family Tax Benefit	Have people been notified about the change that went through with the omnibus amendment about the 80,000 cut-off for the supplement?	Hansard - page 43
SQ16-000425	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Welfare Payments Reform	What proportion of income support payments for people in special circumstances are for those experiencing domestic violence?	Hansard - page 44
SQ16-000426	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Income Support Payments	Do you have an understanding of the number of young people that are living away from home [linked to proposal to delay young people going onto income support for 4 weeks]. If they are not getting income support are they getting rent assistance? Please provide the number of young people that may be living away from home.	Hansard - page 45
SQ16-000427	3 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS	Could the Department provide the number of people receiving Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs), the number of people who applied for the NDIS, and the number of people who were eligible for the NDIS?	Hansard - page 62
SQ16-000428	3 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS	Could the Department provide the number of people receiving Mental Health Respite: Carer Support (MHR:CS), the number of people who applied for the NDIS, and the number of people who were eligible for the NDIS?	Hansard - page 62
SQ16-000429	3 - Disability	Brown	NDIS	Given that there has been some comment in the newspapers, if there is no agreement, is there any chance that the government will just continue to negotiation about [NDIA] board appointments?	Hansard - page 68
SQ16-000430	3 - Disability	Watt	NDIS	Is it appropriate to appoint someone as the chair of this [NDIA] board who doesn't have experience in the disability sector?	Hansard - page 68
SQ16-000431	3 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS	During the whole process of fixing the MyPortal issues were there any privacy breaches? If there was, how many and in which areas did they occur?	Hansard - page 69

SQ16-000432	3 - Disability	Reynolds	Young People in Nursing Homes	<p>State breakdown of young people in nursing homes.</p> <p>a) How many young people in nursing homes (6,240 people) have become NDIS participants? How many in the NDIS trial sites at the moment are scheduled to become participants but have not yet? Are you aware of people who are going through the process or should be who have not been?</p> <p>b) Map cohort against the bilateral agreements to see how many people there are and, therefore, what time they are likely to enter the scheme.</p> <p>c) How many years are you looking at some of them staying in aged care until those transitional arrangements kick into place?</p> <p>d) Is there some way we could look into fast tracking this cohort?</p> <p>e) In terms of what it would take under the bilateral arrangements, what would need to occur and any other advice you have on removing young people from nursing homes.</p>	Hansard - page 72
SQ16-000433	3 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS Funding	How much funding has been provided over the history of when the process first started with the sector development and things?	Hansard - page 72
SQ16-000434	2 - Families	McCarthy	Cashless Welfare Card	Has ORIMA worked with Aboriginal communities before? Would like further information on cultural respect and appropriateness, who ORIMA is and what they have done.	Hansard - page 78
SQ16-000435	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Welfare Card	Can you provide a copy of the questionnaires being used with stakeholders and participants as part of the CDC evaluation?	Hansard - page 79
SQ16-000436	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Welfare Card	When will the first wave report be released? (taken on notice by Senator Seselja)	Hansard - page 80
SQ16-000437	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Welfare Card	Can you table the results so far that both Mr Forrest and the minister have been quoting?	Hansard - page 80
SQ16-000438	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Welfare Card	How many reports have you had from Indue that there is unusual activity?	Hansard - page 81
SQ16-000439	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Welfare Card	What are the rules Indue uses to identify where customers and merchants attempt to evade or manipulate the card?	Hansard - page 83
SQ16-000440	AIFS	Waters	Research on the experience of children whose families go through the family law system	Can you please provide information on the report, commissioned by the AGD, on the experience of children whose families go through the family law system?	Hansard - page 85
SQ16-000441	AIFS	Waters	Women's Legal Services Australia (WLSA) Safety First in Family Law 5-point plan	Do you have a view on the recommendations from the Women's Legal Service on their Safety First in Family Law five-point plan? Does the government have a position in relation to the Women's Legal Services' Safety First in Family Law plan?	Hansard - page 87
SQ16-000442	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	Rent Assistance	You say more and more people are edging up to get maximum Commonwealth rent assistance. Could you provide details on how that is operating, what the factors are that are driving people up to get maximum Commonwealth rent assistance and what are the short and long term budget implications of the drivers of increased CRA expenditure? Why are people becoming entitled to it?	Hansard - page 91
SQ16-000443	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	Housing & Analysis	<p>a) How many times has the Housing Affordability Working Group met formally?</p> <p>b) Can you give me details of who has attended [these meetings] from the department?</p> <p>c) Also when the meetings have been held and what outcomes have been achieved from the department's involvement in those meetings?</p>	Hansard - pages 93 and 94

SQ16-000444	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Cameron	Housing & Analysis	Can you provide me with details of when that [Housing Chief Executives Group] has met, what the key issues are that you have been looking at and what outcomes you [the Department] have achieved by your involvement in that group?	Hansard - page 95
SQ16-000445	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Welfare Card	What 'confidential report' is the Australian article 'welfare shake-up looms as grog violence eases, says report' 13 September 2016 referring to?	Hansard - page 96
SQ16-000446	2 - Families	Collins	Settlement Grants	Can you please provide a list of providers receiving settlement grants?	Hansard - page 99
SQ16-000447	2 - Families	Collins	Settlement & Multicultural Programmes	I am interested in how I would see what organisations are receiving funds for the festivals and for the community capacity building. If you could provide on notice a list of organisations for the last two years that would be helpful.	Hansard - page 101
SQ16-000448	2 - Families	Collins	Volunteer Grants	Can you please provide the last two years of data for volunteer grants?	Hansard - page 102
SQ16-000449	2 - Families	Collins	Commissioning Model	In regard to the link to the commissioning model for volunteering grants, interested in understanding how this model works and what past experience there has been with its application.	Hansard - page 102
SQ16-000450	2 - Families	Collins	HSS and CCS Programs	[In relation to HSS and CCS programs.] I understand that you have accepted the recommendations from the Ernst and Young evaluation. I do not think they specifically recommended you do it as a two-step process, but I am told that seems to be how it is being conducted. Could you describe what that process is and where we are up to?	Hansard - page 102
SQ16-000451	2 - Families	Collins	Multicultural & Settlement Programs	Across different agencies there is always a need to push to make sure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culturally linguistically diverse communities are included. Even recently with the Health department's national minimum data set it appears that there has been no data requirement for language or ethnicity. Are you looking at that issue? Is it something that you could take up to ensure that we do include those issues in those sorts of datasets?	Hansard - page 103
SQ16-000452	1 - Social Security	Watt	Income Support Payments	As a proportion of the working age population overall in Australia, what has been the trend in the receipt of any income support payments over the last decade?	Hansard - page 22
SQ16-000453	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Newstart	We were given figures in 19 October Hansard - maybe they were combining some from the department of employment - that medical exemptions had gone up from 20 per cent to 25 per cent. Why are their figures 20 per cent and yours - for example, the temporary medical is 11 percent?	Hansard - page 27
SQ16-000454	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Newstart	In regard to the table that you circulated on Newstart, which is helpful in terms of the earnings and other income by age. Are there any figures available on what the average other income is?	Hansard - page 28
SQ16-000455	1 - Social Security	Brown	Mutual Obligation	Please provide advice on the number of people who currently, as the minister said in his Press Club speech, have no mutual obligation?	Hansard - page 35
SQ16-000456	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Newstart	Of those who had been reviewed on DSP who had moved to Newstart, can you identify how many, if any, of them has a subsequent partial capacity to work and how many, if any, of them had a subsequent exemption from the activity test or JobSearch due to a temporary incapacity to work?	Hansard - page 35
SQ16-000457	1 - Social Security	Watt	Health Card	What is the breakdown of people receiving the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card and the Health Care Card?	Hansard - pages 40-41
SQ16-000459	2 - Families	Kakoschke-Moore	Cashless Welfare Card	Is there a source document with the statistics being quoted?	Hansard - page 97
SQ16-000460	4 - Housing and Homelessness	Siewert	Rent Assistance	For those who receive RA (singles, couples, singles with children, couples with children, and total) please provide the average rents paid.	Written

SQ16-000461	2 - Families	Siewert	Cashless Welfare Card	<p>What baseline data did the Government collect to evaluate the Healthy Welfare Card trials in Ceduna and Kununurra?</p> <p>a) When will the reports on the trials of the Healthy Welfare Card be made public?</p> <p>b) What consultations took place before the trials began?</p> <p>c) How many people were consulted?</p> <p>d) How were consultations advertised?</p> <p>e) How are the evaluations distinguishing between the effect of additional support services being supplied in these communities and the effect of the Healthy Welfare Card?</p>	Written	
SQ16-000462	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Newstart/Youth Allowance Recipients	<p>In 2015-16, please advise the average number of Newstart Allowance (NSA) and Youth Allowance (YA) (Other) recipients respectively who were:</p> <p>a) Receiving income support continuously for less than three months; three to six months; six to 12 months; 12 months to 2 years; 2 years to 5 years, and over 5 years</p> <p>b) In respect of each of these groups, what was the average probability that they were off income support one year later?</p>	Written	
SQ16-000463	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Newstart/Youth Allowance Recipients - carers	<p>Please provide the number of NSA and YA (Other) recipients who were single principal carers of dependent children in each quarter of 2015 and 2016 to date.</p> <p>a) Among those in receipt of these payments in 2015, what proportion still received them one year later (to date)?</p> <p>b) Please include a breakdown of the destinations of those who were not on NSA or YA (Other) one year later.</p>	Written	
SQ16-000464	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Newstart/Youth Allowance Recipients - percentages	<p>Please provide a breakdown of the number and percentage of Newstart Allowance recipients (singles, couples, singles with children, couples with children, and total) who receive:</p> <p>a) Newstart only</p> <p>b) Newstart plus Rent Assistance (RA) only (and the average \$ amounts of each received)</p> <p>c) Newstart plus Family Tax Benefits (FTB) only (and the average \$ amounts of each received)</p> <p>d) Newstart plus RA and FTB (and the average \$ amounts of each received)</p> <p>e) Newstart plus any other supplementary payments without RA or FTB (and the names of the payments and average total \$ amounts of 'other supplementary payments' received)</p> <p>f) Newstart plus any other supplementary payments with RA only (and the names of the payments and average total \$ amounts of 'other supplementary payments', and average RA received)</p> <p>g) Newstart plus any other supplementary payments with FTB only (and the names of the payments and average total \$ amounts of 'other supplementary payments', and average FTB received)</p> <p>h) Newstart plus any other supplementary payments with RA and FTB (and the names of the payments and average total \$ amounts of 'other supplementary payments', and average FTB received and average RA received)</p> <p>[These categories should add up to 100% of all NSA recipients]</p>	Written	
SQ16-000465	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Newstart Recipients Receiving Income	<p>The number of Newstart recipients who in the latest fortnight available received income from the following categories (broken down by category):</p> <p>a) Rent</p> <p>b) Dividends</p> <p>c) Interest</p>	Written	

SQ16-000466	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Newstart Recipients Receiving Income	The average income earned by Newstart recipients in the latest fortnight available for each of the following categories: a) Rent b) Dividends c) Interest	Written
SQ16-000468	3 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS Policy	What safeguard will the Department introduce if the Australian Electoral Commission doesn't, to ensure capacity and eligibility, of people living with disability under the NDIS to effectively ensure that those who are eligible citizens are resourced with appropriate supports to enrol and vote, and those who are assessed as not being eligible are appropriately registered with the electoral authority?	Written
SQ16-000472	3 - Disability	Brown	NDIS Portal	What date was the department first advised about the potential problems with the portal?	Hansard - page 56
SQ16-000473	3 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS Policy	Could you provide the numbers of people who have mental illness, where we are at and the number of people that are already on it?	Hansard - page 61
SQ16-000474	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Newstart Supplements	Please provide a full list of supplements that are available.	Hansard - page 11
SQ16-000475	3 - Disability	Brown	National Disability and Carers Advisory Council	You have a draft terms of reference for the National Disability and Carers Advisory Council. Can I get a copy of that?	Hansard - page 74
NDIA SQ16-000038	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	The NDIS has a minimum level of hearing loss required before one can access the program. Did the NDIA consult with OHS in regards to setting the level for accessing its service?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000039	NDIA	Siewert	NDIS Policy	Is OHS or NDIA considering introducing a minimum level for any of its client groups under its plans for the program after these current rounds of consultations have been conducted? a) If so, at what levels of impairment is OHS considering introducing - if no specific number has been determined, what is the range of impairment under discussion? b) What, if any, restrictions or similar barriers will be introduced with regards to children accessing NDIA/OHS financial support for hearing services such as their current access to Australian Hearing Services?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000040	NDIA	Siewert	NDIS Policy	Has OHS/NDIA considered the possibility of supporting a modified form of market contestability in hearing services?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000041	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	Is there a 'joint team' of OHS and NDIA that is co-located and working on the difficulties and challenges arising as hearing services are transitioned to the new arrangements? a) If yes, how do consumers contact this joint team to discuss issues and problems that appear to be falling in the gaps, such as delays in accessing services or delays in funding etc.? b) What phone number do people ring to discuss these kinds of strategic problems? c) What is the name of the person or the position that they should contact? d) If there is no such number or person, how do OHS/NDIA expect to be able to modify their programs in response to real time challenges?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000042	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	Does OHS/NDIA agree that the service delivery needs of people with impaired hearing are different to people who require for example, support in personal care or transport? a) How do they see these needs differ? b) If you agree that the needs are different and the processes are different, why is it then that you do not have trial sites specifically for hearing services, especially in rural areas?	Written

NDIA SQ16-000043	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	What specific planning has been done to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities so they can access NDIS in a culturally safe way? a) Will any of these funds be affected by the cashless welfare card roll-out in the trial site areas?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000044	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	The Senate Committee Report into residential care options for young people with complex support needs recommended that the Department of Health provide the NDIA with information on the diagnosis; length of time spent in the aged care system; and the factors that need to be addressed for the person to move out of the aged care facility. Is the NDIA receiving this information from the Department of Health?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000045	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	How many young people in aged care have become NDIS participants? a) How does this compare with the estimated number of young people in aged care in the sites where the NDIS is rolled out? b) How many young people in aged care are there in NDIS sites who were scheduled to become a participant but have not yet become a participant? c) What are the reasons for these young people not yet becoming an NDIS participant?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000046	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	What is the NDIA doing to make sure all young people in aged care become NDIS participants?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000047	NDIA	Siewert	NDIS Policy	Can the NDIA, the Department of Social Services or the Department of Health provide quarterly reporting on the number of young people in aged care who have been: a) scheduled to phase in b) have a funded NDIS plan in place c) are scheduled to phase in but have not yet got an NDIS plan in place	Written
NDIA SQ16-000048	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	A project funded by the NDIA to connect young people in aged care into the NDIS has reportedly found that 98% of the young people in aged care it has worked with are eligible for the NDIS. Will the NDIA and Department consider making being in aged care a listed program where these young people would be assumed to have a disability (as occurs for BetterStart and Australian Disability Enterprises) rather than making young people in aged care prove their disability?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000049	NDIA	Siewert	NDIS Policy	How do NDIS providers determine the questions they ask before entering someone's home? a) Has there been an occasion where someone has been asked 'are you violent'? b) How do they manage OH&S obligations while being sensitive to disability needs?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000050	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	Is the NDIA aware that small business providers in Victoria are required to pay for audits to be registered? a) Why are small business providers in Victoria required to pay for such audits when those in other states apparently aren't required? b) Has the NDIA looked into this matter? c) Has the NDIA received complaints about this matter? d) Is the NDIA aware if this issue has affected the number of providers registered with the NDIA in Victoria? e) Does the NDIA consider this is unfair to smaller provider businesses? f) Why doesn't the NDIA take a standard approach to registration across the country?	Written

NDIA SQ16-000051	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	<p>The NDIA's decision paper on housing funding ('SDA funding') stated that the funding for housing would begin on 1 July 2016. How many participants currently have SDA payments in their plans?</p> <p>a) How many new housing properties for people with disability have been created by the NDIS since it began on 1 July 2013?</p> <p>b) The Productivity Commission's report included enough funding for housing payments to provide for all young people in residential aged care. Can the government confirm that all young people in aged care will get an SDA housing payment to enable them to leave aged care?</p> <p>c) What are the Government's plans to make sure that NDIS participants living in regional and remote areas will get access to housing, given that housing providers may find the SDA policy too risky to build any new accommodation?</p> <p>d) Will all NDIA participants get choice and control over their SDA housing payments?</p> <p>e) Will NDIS participants who live in state government run or funded group homes have the choice of changing providers if they wish to?</p> <p>f) Can the Government guarantee that any deals done with State Governments to make housing "in-kind" will still give participants full choice to change their housing and support provider?</p>	Written
NDIA SQ16-000052	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	<p>Has the NDIA requested service providers share identifiable information on individuals with them without the consent of the individuals concerned before these individuals have applied for the NDIS?</p> <p>a) If yes, has the NDIA sought advice as to the interpretation of <i>section 55 of the NDIS Act 2013</i>?</p>	Written
NDIA SQ16-000053	NDIA	Brown	National Disability Insurance Agency	<p>Have there been any instances of the MyPlace Portal inaccurately reflecting the services provided by different services providers? What steps are being taken to ensure the information presented to participants about service providers is accurate?</p>	Written
NDIA SQ16-000054	NDIA	Brown	National Disability Insurance Agency	<p>How was the pricing structure determined? What is the review process for the pricing structure?</p>	Written
NDIA SQ16-000055	NDIA	Brown	National Disability Insurance Agency	<p>How many service providers were affected by the issues with the MyPlace Portal?</p>	Written
NDIA SQ16-000056	NDIA	Brown	National Disability Insurance Agency	<p>How many participants were affected by the issues with the MyPlace Portal?</p>	Written
NDIA SQ16-000057	NDIA	Brown	National Disability Insurance Agency	<p>How many payments were delayed to either service providers or participants?</p>	Written
NDIA SQ16-000058	NDIA	Brown	National Disability Insurance Agency	<p>How many plans have now been completed and approved by the Agency?</p>	Written
NDIA SQ16-000059	NDIA	Brown	National Disability Insurance Agency	<p>How many complaints have been received by the agency [NDIS] since July 1, 2016?</p>	Written
NDIA SQ16-000060	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	<p>Has the Government withdrawn the provision of Advance Payments to those self-managing their NDIS packages?</p> <p>a) Why was this change made?</p> <p>b) Was there consultation with the disability and carer sectors and what assessment was there of the impacts it would cause to people with disability, their carers and families?</p> <p>c) Can you identify how many people have been unable to access services or supports or exercise consumer choice because they can't afford the upfront payments required as a result of this operational change, especially in circumstances where the NDIA payments system has not been working properly?</p> <p>d) Have you received complaints about this issue?</p> <p>e) If so, how many?</p> <p>f) What are you doing to address the situation?</p>	Written

NDIA SQ16-000061	NDIA	Brown	National Disability Insurance Agency	How much money has now been expended on the IT system and the myplace portal?	Hansard - page 50
NDIA SQ16-000062	NDIA	Brown	National Disability Insurance Agency	So, you are telling the committee that throughout this issue the self-managed participants still had a confidence rating of 95 per cent? How many people are we talking about?	Hansard - page 51
NDIA SQ16-000063	NDIA	Brown	National Disability Insurance Agency	I understand that, but most of the systems I have ever used actually indicate which way to put it in. Mr Bowen, how many service providers were affected by the portal issue? (Relates to the above question)	Hansard - page 52
NDIA SQ16-000064	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	Number of younger people in residential caged care in the NDIS trial sites and how many of those we have successfully got out of residential care?	Hansard - page 69
NDIA SQ16-000065	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	How do you handle the aged care co-payments, such as accommodation bonds and accommodation daily charges and other things? How do they get through?	Hansard - page 70
NDIA SQ16-000066	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	Are there any legislative anomalies between the NDIS and Aged Care acts regarding payments, assessments, standards and so on that you have identified?	Hansard - page 70
NDIA SQ16-000067	NDIA	Reynolds	National Disability Insurance Agency	I am sorry, but I have just been in another committee so please just let me know if I have crossed over any questions that Senator Siewert has already asked. Last time we talked about this in estimates you were getting a definitive number of young people in nursing homes through cross-referencing of data. Have you got the recent figures? It is not necessarily the ones who are on the NDIS, because I will come to that, but how many you are aware of on ACAT packages? I do not want you to read through them now, but have you got the state breakdown that you can table and provide?	Hansard - page 71
NDIA SQ16-000068	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	Will the NDIS replace all the support services currently provided by the MJD Foundation to people living with MJD? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given that the NDIS is based on individuals contracting with service providers to access individualised services, how will the NDIS meet the complex needs of remote people with disability living in regions where service providers are not in place? • Is the Department confident that the NDIS as currently designed will be able to adequately support and service people living with MJD and their families in remote communities? • If so, please explain the basis for that confidence. 	Written
NDIA SQ16-000072	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	What steps are being taken to ensure that financial abuses do not occur through the National Disability Insurance Scheme, as it's rolled out?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000073	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	The pricing structures for mental health services is a significant issue with regards to the NDIS, in terms of paying and keeping qualified staff and recognising there is a different level of knowledge and skill for mental health. What is the Government proposing to address this, for example will you establish separate pricing structures for mental health; will you delay the full transition of mental health into the NDIS until this is addressed or there is better data/information available?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000074	NDIA	Brown	National Disability Insurance Agency	Are there any provisions being considered to provide extra support for local MPs or providers/participants in the form of a permanent hotline?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000075	NDIA	Brown	National Disability Insurance Agency	What other funding grants, not captured through the NDIS Sector Development Fund, have been awarded over the last 3 years in relation to NDIS initiatives relating to workforce development?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000076	NDIA	Siewert	National Disability Insurance Agency	There appears to be a clear investment approach for service providers on the supply side of the new disability market. Do you have a clear investment plan to build the demand side of the market? a) If so, over and above individual budget components, what is it?	Written
NDIA SQ16-000077	NDIA	Brown	National Disability Insurance Agency	In regard to acquittals for emergency payments, how much time did providers spend with you?	Hansard - page 55