

**ENVIRONMENT COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 AND 30 OCTOBER 2014**

**ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO**

<b>QoN No.</b>	<b>Program: Division or Agency</b>	<b>Senator</b>	<b>Broad Topic</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Hansard Page or Written</b>
1	1.1 BCD	Waters	Threatened species	<p>I understand Minister Hunt has made a commitment to halt loss of native mammal species by 2020:  <a href="http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/oct/16/australia-pledges-to-halt-loss-of-native-mammal-species-by-2020">http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/oct/16/australia-pledges-to-halt-loss-of-native-mammal-species-by-2020</a></p> <p>a. Has he committed any extra funding to wildlife matters, since as the Minister admits, our track record has been very poor?</p> <p>b. Has the Department offered any advice about how much it would cost to achieve that target?</p> <p>c. Do you know how many native species we might expect to lose before that date (2020)?</p>	Written
2	1.1: BCD	Singh	12 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties	<p>There were 20 000 participants at COP 12, two working groups on the plenary floor and countless side meetings and friends of the chair sessions. What influence was Australian able to exercise?</p> <p>a. Who attended the high-level segment on behalf of Australia?</p>	Written
3	1.1: BCD	Singh	12 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties – department's delegation	<p>What was the size of the Department's Delegation to the 12th Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity that has just finished in Korea?</p> <p>a. How does that compare to the Department's delegations to the 11th COP in India in 2012 and the 10th COP in Japan in 2010?</p>	Written
4	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	20 Million Trees - consultation	<p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Who were the consultations with around that?</p> <p><b>Mr Sullivan:</b> In terms of the specifics, I would have to take that on notice. I think I have talked previously about who we have consulted around 20 Million Trees. I am happy to take that back with me. It may not be a complete list because obviously we also consulted not only directly but also in the margins of the National Landcare Program roadshow. That</p>	127

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				involved meetings in over 19 centres with over 600 people. The 20 Million Trees component of that was an active part of the consultation process.	
5	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Landcare grants round	<p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> ..... You told me that there were 670 applications. Did I get that number correct?</p> <p><b>Ms Campbell:</b> Approximately.</p> <p><b>Mr Sullivan:</b> As Ms Campbell said, that is approximate because there may have been a couple of late applications.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> How much are the total applications worth?</p> <p><b>Ms Campbell:</b> We do not have that information. Applications have only just closed.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> So are you able to take that on notice and, once you have worked that out, give us the information?</p> <p><b>Ms Campbell:</b> Yes.</p>	123
6	1.1: BCD	Singh	Acquisition or creation of protected areas programmes	Does the Department currently have any programs that support the acquisition or creation of protected areas, as was historically the case with the National Reserve System Program and the previous government's Biodiversity Fund?	Written
7	1.1: BCD	Singh	Christmas Island cat eradication programme	<p>What input did the Department have into the design of the Government's recently announced cat eradication program?</p> <p>a. Is the amount of funding Parks Australia will be providing to the cat eradication program new money?</p> <p>b. If not, where is it coming from?</p>	Written
8	1.1: BCD	Singh	Conference of the Parties – Meetings of the Parties	Was the Department represented at the first Conference of the Parties-Meetings of the Parties (COP-MOP) to the Nagoya Protocol, given it came into effect on October 12 2014, and the Department has been an active and influential participant in its negotiation over the past decade?	Written

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9	1.1: BCD	Singh	Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Target 11	Is the Department able to provide an update on how the Government is tracking in meeting its obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Target 11 which relates to the establishment and expansion of a system of well-connected and representative protected areas?	Written
10	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Cumberland Conservation Reference Group	<p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> What sort of people and expertise are on the reference group?</p> <p><b>Ms Fraser:</b> There are a broad range of stakeholders on the reference group from the department, which chairs the reference group, to a range of conservation interests with long-term interests in the Cumberland Conservation Corridor. I can look up the exact names of these groups for you if you like.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> I am happy if you provide the names on notice—that would be great.</p> <p><b>Ms Fraser:</b> Sure, I can do that.</p>	126
11	1.1: BCD	Waters	Draft Reef 2050 Plan – Water Quality	<p>If we do need to cut run off of dissolved inorganic nitrogen by 70-80%, and the current target is 50%, and we've only managed 10% so far, has GBRMPA made any estimates of the funding required to achieve the "no detrimental impact" target?</p> <p>a. What was GBRMPA's estimate of the level of investment required to achieve the above target?</p>	Written
12	1.1: BCD	Waters	Draft Reef 2050 Plan – Water Quality	<p>The current targets in the draft Reef 2050 Plan (WQT1 and 2) are defined as applying to "priority areas" – for instance a 20% reduction in sediment loads and particulate nutrients in priority areas on 2009 levels by 2018. Does that mean that loads are allowed to go up outside priority areas?</p> <p>a. Does it mean that the Reef wide the reduction might actually be lower than 20%?</p>	Written

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13	1.1: BCD	Waters	GBR Strategic Assessment	<p>The GBR Strategic Assessment rated underwater noise pollution as a growing and high risk to the reef and species living there and both that assessment and the subsequent Reef 2050 plan includes as an action (BA13) to “develop a guideline on assessing and managing underwater noise on species”. Similarly the recently released North East Shipping Management Plan has an action for “GBRMPA and AMSA to keep under review opportunities to conduct research into noise monitoring tools and methods and implications for ship noise mitigation strategies”. Does the Department have a role in that program of work? In particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is taking responsibility for this, given the parties nominated are GBRMPA, Australian Government and Queensland Government?</li> <li>What is the Department’s role?</li> <li>Has budget been allocated for this task?</li> <li>What is the FTE of staff time dedicated to this in 2014-15?</li> <li>What is the timeline for finalising the guideline?</li> <li>When is a draft expected?</li> <li>Will the draft be open for public submissions?</li> <li>Which stakeholders have been consulted?</li> <li>Which stakeholders will be consulted?</li> </ol>	Written
14	1.1: BCD	Siewert	Green Army	How many young people have been employed for the Green Army?	Written
15	1.1: BCD	Singh	Green Army – applications referencing protection of	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Could you take on notice to provide the committee with a list of those 40.</p> <p><b>Mr Andrews:</b> Sure. I can give that to you. If you are interested, I can give you a bit of an overview of a few of them.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> No, that is fine. I am happy—</p>	124

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			threatened species	<b>Mr Sullivan:</b> I can give you a breakdown rather than specific— <b>Senator SINGH:</b> I would just like to have the list of 40 tabled. <b>Mr Sullivan:</b> Okay.	
16	1.1: BCD	Siewert	Landcare programme - allocations	<b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Because I only have a short amount of time, could I ask you to give us on notice the hard allocations and the notional allocations? <b>Mr Sullivan:</b> To make sure we give you the right information, you want those for the forward estimates period? <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Yes, please—year by year over the forward estimates. Thank you	118
17	1.1: BCD	Singh	National Reserve System	Please provide details on how many properties and how many hectares have been added to the National Reserve System this year? a. Have all these properties been gazetted?	Written
18	1.1: BCD	Singh	National Reserve System	Please provide an update on the strategies the Department will pursue, in the absence of any formal funding program for acquisitions and covenants, to ensure that Australia delivers on its commitment for a comprehensive, adequate and representative reserve system?	Written
19	1.1: BCD	Singh	National Reserve System - funding	Does the Department have adequate funds to maintain the ongoing acquisition program?	Written
20	1.1: BCD	Singh	National Threatened Species Summit 2015	In recent media the Minister has described a National Threatened Species Summit and a National Threatened Species and Feral Animals Summit to be held in 2015. Will the summit focus on a. the broad range of threats to Australia's threatened species, including habitat destruction and climate change, as well as feral animals, or	Written

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				b. will the summit be limited to mitigating the impact of feral animals on threatened species?	
21	1.1: BCD	Singh	Reef 2050 long-term sustainability plan consultation period	<p><b>Ms Lane:</b> That is right. It closed on 27 October.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> In summary, what has been the nature of those submissions?</p> <p><b>Ms Lane:</b> I would have to take the detail of the comments within the submissions on notice, because we are still working through a process of analysing them. I can say that there were almost 7,000 submissions—a number of those were emails, a number were responses to a survey form that we had developed, and a number were detailed submissions. I cannot really go into the detail as yet on the nature of the comments coming through in those submissions. There will be a consultation report made publicly available.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Were some of them campaign submissions?</p> <p>Ms Lane: That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> If you could take that on notice, that would be great, including the numbers and sources of the campaign submissions.</p> <p><b>Ms Lane:</b> I am happy to do that.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> I can probably give you an answer to that now, if you like. The total of campaign-type submissions was 6,827—6,767 were linked to the WWF campaign; 54 to the Cairns and Far North Environment Centre; six to an organisation called Bony Fish, which is not one I am familiar with; 41 online surveys; and a further 77 emails of which 56 were lengthy submissions, 16 were short submissions and there were still some expected late lengthy submissions at the time of reporting. Ms Lane's bigger number of 7,000 might have taken into account some of those late ones.</p>	30/10/14 8

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22	1.1: BCD	Singh	Reef 2050 Plan – financial sustainability	What will guarantee the financial sustainability of the Reef 2050 plan for the 26 years between 2024 and 2050?	Written
23	1.1: BCD	Singh	Reef Trust	How will the Government mitigate the risk that its decisions to approve developments will not be influenced by the cash it could demand and then use to hide its unwillingness to provide adequate funding to protect the Great Barrier Reef?	Written
24	1.1: BCD	Singh	Reef Trust	Can the Department confirm that the Minister will have responsibility for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. environmental approvals,</li> <li>b. setting the offset conditions for those approvals, and</li> <li>c. setting the amount of offset funds to be paid into the Trust?</li> </ul>	Written
25	1.1: BCD	Waters	Reef Trust	Please provide an updated response to QoN 6 of Budget Estimates 2014 , regarding the Reef Trust (reference - <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/~media/Committees/ec_ctte/estimates/bud_1415/Environment/answers/qon6.pdf">www.aph.gov.au/~media/Committees/ec_ctte/estimates/bud_1415/Environment/answers/qon6.pdf</a> )	Written
26	1.1: BCD	Singh	Reef Trust – additional funding	Does the Government plan to put any additional money into the trust?	Written
27	1.1: BCD	Singh	Reef Trust - funding	When does the Department expect the Trust to be in a position to accept extra funding? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What happens if the money runs out before the Trust is shut down in 2024?</li> </ul>	Written
28	1.1: BCD	Waters	Reef Trust - funding	I understand that \$40 million for the government's new Reef Trust was taken out of the Australian Government Reef program. It was announced as a five year program out to financial year 17-18. Can you please	Written

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				confirm that funding has been allocated to the Reef program into financial years 16-17 and 17-18?	
29	1.1: BCD	Singh	Reef Trust - governance	With regards to governance, is it fair to say that the Trust is not independent of either the Australian or Queensland Governments?	Written
30	1.1: BCD	Singh	Reef Trust - investors	Have any private investors or philanthropic organisations, invested in, or expressed any interest in, investing in the Reef Trust to date?	Written
31	1.1: BCD	Singh	Reef Trust - offsets	Can the Department update us whether the details have been worked out of how the offsets for the Reef Trust funds payments will be calculated? If so, how are offsets calculated? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How are the implementation arrangements coming along for that?</li> <li>b. Have details been finalised of how the offsets will be delivered? Who will deliver the offsets?</li> <li>c. Will responsibility to deliver the offsets rest with the Commonwealth Government, the Queensland Government or the proponent?</li> </ul>	Written
32	1.1: BCD	Singh	Reef Trust - offsets	How much investment in the Reef does the Government hope to replace with offsets money?	Written
33	1.1: BCD	Singh	Reef Trust – private companies funding	How much added funding to date has been pooled in the trust from private companies as part of mandatory environmental offsets? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Has the Trust accepted any offsets money yet?</li> </ul>	Written
34	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Reef Trust investment	<b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Have any private investors or philanthropic organisations invested in, or expressed any interest in investing in, the Reef Trust to date? <b>Ms Lane:</b> There have not yet been any philanthropic donations to the Reef Trust as yet, but there is growing interest amongst stakeholders	30/10/14 8



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				<p>about the trust and what it will do—in the contexts of both offsets and potential future philanthropic donations.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Are you able to tell us who they are?</p> <p><b>Ms Lane:</b> I can take that on notice.</p>	
35	1.1: BCD	Rice	Threatened Species – Leadbeater’s possum	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> I did ask about the listing process at a previous hearing, so I will not continue, given the limited time, with any more questions regarding that. The only question I would like to last ask is: Minister Hunt, prior to the last hearing a few weeks ago, set out his vision to reverse the decline in Australian species, pledging to end the loss of native mammal species by 2020, and indicated a new initiative to help the endangered Leadbeater's possum; what is the nature of the initiative?</p> <p><b>Mr Andrews:</b> Okay. Senator, I am not aware that Minister Hunt has made a specific commitment to the Leadbeater's possum. He gave a speech where he made a commitment to turning around Australia's unacceptable rate of extinction and made some particular commitments in relation to mammals. There are 63 threatened mammals, I believe, and 59 of the trajectories are going down or are flatlining rather than going up, and Minister Hunt made a commitment to turn around at least 20 of those trajectories by 2020. He did not make a specific commitment to the Leadbeater's possum but he mentioned feral cats in his speech and he also made a commitment to hosting a summit—for the Commonwealth government to host a summit on the issue.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Okay. I was led to believe he had indicated a specific initiative. So no-one knows of any specific initiative?</p> <p><b>Senator Birmingham:</b> Do you have a particular quote or comment from the minister, Senator?</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> I do not, unfortunately. I was told that he indicated a new</p>	30/10/14 5

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				<p>initiative to help the endangered Leadbeater's possum.</p> <p><b>Senator Birmingham:</b> We will certainly take it on notice to see if there is anything we can add to the information that the Threatened Species Commissioner has already provided.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Thank you.</p>	
36	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Threatened species – was potentially answered	<p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Over four years, yes. Are you also able to clarify how you will ensure that those funds are allocated to priority activities identified in the threatened species or ecological community recovery plans?</p> <p><b>Mr Andrews:</b> Unless somebody thinks differently, I think it probably is. I am very happy to answer that question, because as the Threatened Species Commissioner I want to make sure that we get maximum return from every dollar.</p> <p>So far, I have received over 50 proposals without even formally asking for them. They all have merit. That reinforces the need for a prioritisation approach, which is part of my terms of reference for year 2.....</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Thanks very much. You started to answer the second question that I asked about the identification of priorities for nationally listed threatened species. I have another four questions, but I think I will put them on notice because we have some other things that we need to move on to.</p>	30/10/14 4
37	1.1: BCD	Singh	Threatened Species Commissioner – priority actions	Has the Threatened Species Commissioner identified the highest priority actions to secure the survival of prioritised species for the next 100 years?	Written

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38	1.1: BCD	Waters	Threatened species protection	In July the TSC was announced and said he would look into what he could do to save Leadbeater's possum. <a href="http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/breakfast/new-threatened-species-commissioner-has-2-billion-war-chest/5567966">http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/breakfast/new-threatened-species-commissioner-has-2-billion-war-chest/5567966</a>  Could you provide an update on what measures you have taken or intend to take to secure the future for the Leadbeater's possum in Victoria?	Written
39	1.1: BCD	Singh	Wildlife Corridors Strategy	Labor, when in Government released the Wildlife Corridors Strategy. Are you able to advise of the status of this strategy in the context of the Government's current funding programs?	Written
40	1.1: WHMD	Singh	Commonwealth Marine Reserves – Fishing Adjustment Assistance	To the Department's knowledge, prior to the scrapping of the five management plans, how many commercial fishing businesses across the country exited the industry or restructured or reduced their operations in the expectation of receiving the promised Fisheries Adjustment assistance from the Government? a. How many commercial fishing businesses exited the industry? b. Where are those businesses located?	Written
41	1.1: WHMD	Singh	Commonwealth Marine Reserves – Fishing Adjustment Assistance	What assistance will those businesses who restructured their operations to remain viable receive from the Government until the Fisheries Adjustment Package is delivered?	Written
42	1.1: WHMD	Urquhart	Fisheries Adjustment Package	How and when were affected commercial businesses consulted with, if at all, prior to the postponement of the Fisheries Adjustment Package?	Written
43	1.2: Science	Whish-	CSIRO Report – An	<b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Can I ask the department about a CSIRO	47

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		Wilson	updated synthesis of the impacts of ocean acidification on marine biodiversity	<p>collaborative report entitled An updated synthesis of the impacts of ocean acidification on marine biodiversity. It provides evidence that the rate of ocean acidification is accelerating and puts potential evaluations on risks to fisheries. I just wanted to know if you were aware of that report and if you had had any briefings on the impacts on fisheries and ecosystems and any flow-on effects on various industries and communities.</p> <p><b>Mr Johnson:</b> I am aware that there has been research on ocean acidification under the Australian Climate Change Science Programme. I am not familiar with the exact paper that you referred to by CSIRO. There has been a range of work undertaken, and I am not sure whether that is one of the reports that has come out that we are familiar with or not. I would be happy to take it on notice to get back to you.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> If you could, because it was only released in the last couple of weeks. It has got some modelling around flow-on effects to various industries and food security. I would be interested to know on notice.</p>	
44	1.2: WHMD	Whish-Wilson	Dolphin hunt at Taiji	<p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> I would like to ask some questions on whaling. I would like to thank the department for the responses to my last questions on notice, as mentioned by Senator Birmingham. The two questions I asked on notice were as follows. First, whether we had invited the Japanese to participate in our Southern Ocean non-lethal whaling program? Your response was that that invitation would be done through the IWC, at the recent meeting. I also asked whether Minister Hunt had made any representations to the Japanese government relating to the dolphin hunt and slaughter at Taiji. You said in questions on notice that you strongly advocate for the protection of cetaceans and you will raise the issue of Taiji at the IWC meeting. I want to check whether you raised</p>	44

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				<p>the issues at the IWC meeting and what the responses were from the Japanese.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> In relation to the first question I am aware that Minister Hunt did invite the Japanese formally to be part of the Southern Ocean research program. So I know that that did occur. In relation to the second question, unfortunately none of the three people at the table were at that meeting in Slovenia recently, but we had very fulsome reports back from the meeting. In relation to the second question, I will throw to Ms Schweizer.</p> <p><b>Ms Schweizer:</b> The reporting back—and I have confirmed this with one of the officers who was there—Minister Hunt himself did not raise the Taiji dolphin hunts in the short meeting he had with Commissioner Morishita. They did talk about Southern Ocean research whaling. I have not been able to ascertain whether any of the other officers would have raised it but it would seem to be unlikely.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> And if that was the case would you be able to let me know on notice?</p>	
45	1.2: WHMD	Whish-Wilson	Whale sharks	<p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Just out of interest, although the name 'whale shark' has the word 'whale' in it, they are probably not classified as whales, but has the Department done any work on whale sharks and whale shark conservation in north-west Australia?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> I am not aware of any, but that does not mean it has not happened. I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> What other departments should I ask that question to? Would it be—</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> This is probably the right department to ask. It would then be a matter of whether this had emerged or biocatch had emerged</p>	48

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				<p>as an issue in any Commonwealth fisheries, which could be a matter for Agriculture. But I am not aware that biocatch is such an issue for whale sharks.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> No, I was more interested in the migratory nature of the sharks, because I have just come back from Indonesia, where unfortunately one was caught and sold at the fish market when I was there, and I just wanted to know if we have been doing any study or research in that area.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> I am not aware of any. Are they CITES listed? They may be CITES listed, in which case we could pick this up in one of the later sessions, if you like.</p>	
46	1.4: WHMD	Waters	Cape York World Heritage Nomination	What will the consultation process with industry in relation to the nomination involve?	Written
47	1.4: WHMD	Waters	Cape York World Heritage Nomination	How does the Department intend to get the “consent” of the Cape York community? Will this involve a plebiscite/ vote in the general community, or consulting relevant mayors, or taking the word from a local MP or..?	Written
48	1.4: WHMD	Singh	Christmas Island Biodiversity Conservation Plan	<p>Can you indicate the major themes emerging from the public consultation on the Christmas Island Biodiversity Conservation Plan?</p> <p>a. What are the next steps for the plan?</p> <p>b. When is the plan expected to be implemented?</p>	Written
49	1.4: WHMD	Singh	Christmas Island Biodiversity Conservation Plan	This plan will serve as the recovery plan for 17 species listed as critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act), including the Christmas Island Pipistrelle and the Christmas Island Forest Skink – species which, as of 2009 and this year respectively, are believed to be extinct. Will the plan be updated to reflect the new reality?	Written

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				a. What is the next most threatened terrestrial species on the Island?	
50	1.4: WHMD	Waters	Discussions with state-owned bank in Frankfurt	<p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Did the minister seek for the bank to invest in projects in the Great Barrier Reef or coastline?</p> <p><b>Dr Dripps:</b> We can take that on notice if you would like. It was an informal dinner with about 10 or 12 people at it, so I was not part of every conversation that occurred.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Okay, thanks very much</p>	107
51	1.4: WHMD	Waters	Heritage funding	<p>I refer to QoN 50 from Budget estimates 2014, where the Department outlined where the \$8.5 million reduction in funding to Program 1.4 (which includes heritage) will come from.</p> <p>Has the Department finished business planning for this FY yet? Can you now advise what changes to the Department's activities will result from the \$5.606 million, the 'proportion of the overall reduction in the Department's 14/15 appropriation', cut from this outcome?</p> <p>a. Can you please explain exactly what "own source revenue", referred to in the QoN above, means, and what the components of this reduction is?</p>	Written
52	1.4: WHMD	Singh	Heritage strategy	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> But I am asking about these submissions, not old submissions. I am asking about these submissions that were made in that eight-week period, the 117 submissions. Why are they not publicly available now? Why do we have to wait until the minister has ticked off the draft strategy to have access to the public submissions?</p> <p><b>Mr Oxley:</b> I may need to be corrected or come back and correct myself, but my understanding was that when we kicked off the consultation process I think we may have neglected to indicate that the submissions would be made public and, therefore, we would need to go back to each</p>	101

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				<p>of the submitters to seek their okay. I am just seeking some guidance from Mr Routh as to whether my recollection is right or whether I have just—</p> <p><b>Mr Routh:</b> We will need to double-check, but I think we did ask them on the submitting form to indicate that.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> That is the usual process, that you ask them on the submitting form whether they want their submission to remain private, or not. Obviously it is you, as the department, who decide when you are going to release the submissions publicly, usually on your website—just like we do as a Senate committee. I am asking: why have you chosen not to release these submissions?</p> <p><b>Mr Oxley:</b> We will take that on notice. I cannot give you a considered answer now.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Okay, we will take it on notice.</p>	
53	1.4: WHMD	Waters	Minister Hunt overseas trip in September 2014	<p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> On that Croatia-Serbia-Germany trip, how many departmental or ministerial staff travelled with the minister?</p> <p><b>Dr Dripps:</b> There was one departmental staff and one ministerial staff.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Could you take on notice the itinerary and the full cost of the trip.</p> <p><b>Dr Dripps:</b> Certainly.</p>	104
54	1.4: WHMD	Urquhart	National Heritage Listing	Please provide information regarding properties currently being considered for National Heritage Listing.	Written
55	1.4: WHMD	Rhiannon	Parramatta Female Factory – National Heritage List	<p>In May this year I was advised that the Nominators for the Parramatta Female Factory to the National Heritage List accepted the invitation to have the nomination reconsidered in the next round of applications.</p> <p>a. What are the key dates for the next round of nominations?</p>	Written



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				b. What feedback has been provided to the nominators about how the nomination met or did not meet the criteria?	
56	1.4: WHMD	Waters	Ship strikes	<p>The North East Shipping Management Plan was released earlier this month. In that plan, to address concerns over the threat of ship strikes on whales and other marine life the plan lists as an action “The Department of Environment to finalise the National Ship Strike Strategy with relevant government and non-government stakeholders”.</p> <p>1. What progress is being made with the ship strike strategy, in particular,</p> <p>a. Is there a draft strategy?</p> <p>b. What is the timeline for finalising the strategy?</p>	Written
57	1.4: WHMD	Rice	The Action Plan for Australian Mammals	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> What is your view regarding the need for a recovery team for this species?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> There has been a recovery team for the Leadbeater's possum for some period. That has been slightly in hiatus while the Victorian government has undertaken its reassessment of its management arrangements for that species and it recently released an action statement. We have a recovery plan for the species that we are looking to review and the Victorian government is committed to participating with us in that review in coming months.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Is there a time line for that review?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I could not tell you the time line for it.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Could you get back to us on the time line and take it on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Absolutely; I will take it on notice.</p>	100
58	1.4: WHMD	Urquhart	UNESCO funding	<b>Senator URQUHART:</b> I want to go back to a question about the World Heritage. The documents that were tabled this morning included	102

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				<p>\$150,000 for UNESCO. I might have to refer this question to you, Dr de Brouwer. It states in that documentation that a one-off grant was for World Heritage. Can you tell us exactly what that was for?</p> <p><b>Dr de Brouwer:</b> We might have to take that one on notice. I am sorry.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> So you do not know what the \$150,000 for UNESCO was for?</p> <p><b>Dr Dripps:</b> Thank you for the question, Senator. We do, from time to time, place funds in trust with UNESCO for relevant World Heritage projects. What we would have to take on notice is precisely which projects that funding was to be allocated for.</p>	
59	1.4: WHMD	Siewert	Western Australia Aboriginal Heritage Act - review	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> So you have not had any discussions; you have just kept track of what they are proposing?</p> <p><b>Mr Routh:</b> I think we may have had some discussions with some of the officials from WA, from Indigenous affairs.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Have any community members raised concerns with you about what is happening at a West Australian level?</p> <p><b>Mr Routh:</b> I am not aware of community members raising them directly.</p> <p><b>Mr Oxley:</b> It is always possible that there has been correspondence to the minister, so possibly from that vehicle. But I am otherwise not aware of any.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Could you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Oxley:</b> Certainly.</p>	107
60	1.4: WHMD	Urquhart	World Heritage Committee outcomes	<p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Were there any outcomes as a result of that or were they just discussions?</p> <p><b>Dr Dripps:</b> There were a number of discussions that took place. There were discussions about management of particular sites. There were discussions about cultural exchanges that might be undertaken between</p>	103

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				the different countries. We can take the detail of that on notice.	
61	1.4: WHMH	Waters	QLD shark nets – whale entanglements	This year’s humpback whale migration season on the east coast has seen an increase in the number of entanglements in shark nets, including the rescue of a baby humpback off the Cooloola Coast in Queensland. Whales aren’t the only non-target species entangled. Has the department had any discussions with the Queensland government about the possibility of removing nets, at the very least, during the whale migration season as happens in NSW?	Written
62	1.5 EACD	Waters	Reef Plan 2050 and WHC recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why does the draft Reef 2050 Plan not specifically address or adopt the wording that the WH Committee specifically requested from Australia in its various decisions; for example: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. “Identify planned and potential future developments that could impact the OUV” (decision WHC 35 COM 7B.10 (Clause 3) – there seems no spatial indication of where developments might occur, but more importantly where they should not occur</li> <li>b. “Ensure that development is not permitted if it would impact individually or cumulatively on the OUV of the property” (decision WHC 36 COM 7B.8 (Clause 5);</li> <li>c. “Ensure ... developments within Port Developments areas do not impact individually or cumulatively on the OUV of the property” (decision WHC 38 COM 7B.63 (Clause 8b);</li> <li>d. “Develop and adopt clearly defined and scientifically-justified targets for improving its State of Conservation” (decision WHC 36 COM 7B.8 (Clause 8) – while there are many targets in the draft plan, many of them are not clearly defined, and none seems to be scientifically-justified (if so, who were the scientists?)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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				2. In relation to 1(a) above, are there any plans to identify no go zones for development in the future?	
63	1.5: EACD	Waters	A person's environmental history	What is the Department's understanding of s136(4) of the EPBC Act in relation to the environmental history of members of corporate groups? In particular, is the environmental history of another member of a corporate group a relevant consideration under 136(4) if that other member was not a parent body as defined in s136(4)(c) but rather had a different relationship to the body corporate proposing to take a controlled action? For example, would the environmental history an overseas subsidiary of the same parent company as the body corporate proposing to take a controlled action be a relevant consideration under s136(4) in the Department's understanding?	Written
64	1.5: EACD	Waters	A person's environmental history	The Department's policy on a person's environmental history ( <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/57853bb3-a51b-4aed-8565-f603fa1868d2/files/epbc-act-policy-environmental-history.pdf">http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/57853bb3-a51b-4aed-8565-f603fa1868d2/files/epbc-act-policy-environmental-history.pdf</a> ) states that "The provisions of Chapter 4 of the EPBC Act that allow a person's environmental history to be taken into account are expressed broadly." Does this statement override the apparently narrower wording of s136 which seems to restrict consideration of a corporate group's environmental history to the environmental history of one body corporate and its parent company?	Written
65	1.5: EACD	Waters	A person's environmental history	The Department's policy on a person's environmental history ( <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/57853bb3-a51b-4aed-8565-f603fa1868d2/files/epbc-act-policy-environmental-history.pdf">http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/57853bb3-a51b-4aed-8565-f603fa1868d2/files/epbc-act-policy-environmental-history.pdf</a> ) states that information relevant to a person's environmental history may include "records of State, Territory or Commonwealth court or tribunal proceedings against the person involving compliance with environmental	Written

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				<p>laws.” It also states “The provisions do not limit the information relevant to a person’s environmental history to the person’s past environmental criminal convictions or civil penalties awarded against them.” Does the Department ever consider records of court or tribunal proceedings or non-compliance with environmental laws from other countries?</p> <p>a. Does the Department consider that EPBC Act s136(4) prevents the Department from considering such international information?</p> <p>b. Please provide a list of referrals for which such international information has been considered. If the above is not possible, please specify how many referrals in the last 5 years have involved consideration of such information.</p>	
66	1.5: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point	<p>When did the Department finalise its advice to the Minister in relation to the decision to require assessment on preliminary documents for the Abbot Point onshore dumping referrals (EPBC referrals 2014/7355 and 2014/7356)?</p> <p>a. Did the Department meet with the Queensland government before finalising that advice?</p>	Written
67	1.5: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point	<p>Did the Department meet with any of the possible users of the port including the proponents of the Galilee Basin coal mines? Please detail these meetings including dates, parties present and matters raised.</p>	Written
68	1.5: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point	<p>How many times did the Department meet with the Queensland government?</p>	Written
69	1.5: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point	<p>Did GBRMPA provide advice or input in relation to the decision to assess those referrals on preliminary documents?</p>	Written
70	1.5: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point	<p>Did GBRMPA provide any general advice in relation to the importance of the Caley Valley wetlands to the GBR to the decision maker or to the Minister?</p>	Written

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71	1.5: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point - Adani	<p>The Indian company Adani was given two EPBC approvals by Minister Hunt – the Abbot Point T0 Coal port construction and operation (EPBC 2011/6194, approved 10 December 2013) and the Carmichael coal mine (EPBC 2013/6885, approved 23 September 2014).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the Department aware of the multiple adverse findings against Adani and related companies in India, in particular the following established by established by an Indian Ministry of Environment and Forests investigative committee – (Ministry of Environment and Forests (April 2013) Report of the Committee for Inspection of M/s Adani Port and SEZ Ltd. Mundra, Gujarat. Ministry of Environment and Forests p76:  <a href="http://moef.nic.in/sites/default/files/adani-report-290413.pdf">http://moef.nic.in/sites/default/files/adani-report-290413.pdf</a> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Destruction of mangroves in a dedicated conservation area</li> <li>b. Reclamation using dredged material carried out on mangrove areas at the site</li> <li>c. Obstruction of tidal flows to mangroves by pipelines and reclamation.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Further to the above, is the Department aware of findings by the same Committee that Adani was “less than serious” about mitigation and monitoring non-compliance with a range of environmental conditions including those relating to fly ash pollution, salinity intrusion in groundwater and effluent temperature?</li> <li>3. Further to the above, is the Department aware of findings by the same Committee, and by the Gujarat High Court relating to illegal construction of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An intake channel for the its power plant at Mundra (Gujarat</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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				<p>High Court (2012) Order for Civil Application - For Direction No. 3370 of 2011; Gujarat High Court (2011) Order for Special Civil Application No. 11023 of 2010 with Civil Application No. 3370 of 2011.)</p> <p>b. Infrastructure inside the Mundra Special Economic Zone (Gujarat High Court (2012) Judgement of Writ Petition (PIL) No. 194 of 2011)</p> <p>4. Further to the above, is the Department aware of a current court case in the Gujarat High Court relating to allegedly illegal construction of employee accommodation on pastoral land near Siracha village? (High Court of Gujarat Writ Petition (PIL) No. 137 of 2013; 'PIL accuses Adani SEZ of land grab, HC issues notices' 21 June 2013, The Indian Express. Available from <a href="http://www.indianexpress.com/news/pil-accuses-adani-sez-of-land-grab-hc-issues-notices/1131956/">http://www.indianexpress.com/news/pil-accuses-adani-sez-of-land-grab-hc-issues-notices/1131956/</a>)</p>	
72	1.5: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point - Adani	<p>Were any of the above findings or ongoing proceedings taken into account by the Department or the Minister in making the decisions in relation to EPBC referrals 2011/6194 and 2013/6885?</p> <p>a. Please detail which were taken into account and which were not.</p> <p>b. If any were not taken into account, please outline the reasons why they were not.</p>	Written
73	1.5: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point - Adani	<p>Did the Department undertake any independent investigations to determine whether Adani was a suitable person to hold an environmental authority under EPBC referrals 2011/6194 and 2013/6885?</p> <p>a. Please provide the details of any such investigation including correspondence with international entities (including dates, parties addressed, matters raised), meetings (including dates, parties</p>	Written

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				present, matters raised) and any travel by Departmental personnel.	
74	1.5: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point - Adani	<p>Did Minister Hunt request any information on the matter of Adani's suitability to be granted an approval EPBC referrals 2011/6194 and 2013/6885?</p> <p>a. Did the Department ever brief Minister Hunt, either in person, over the phone, or in writing, on the matter of Adani's suitability to be granted an approval EPBC referrals 2011/6194 and 2013/6885? Please provide details including dates and any parties present if in person or over the phone).</p> <p>b. Was the matter of Adani's suitability to be granted an approval included in the brief to Minister Hunt in relation to EPBC referrals 2011/6194 and 2013/6885?</p>	Written
75	1.5: EACD	Waters	ANAO Audit of Compliance and Enforcement of the EPBC Act	Can the Department provide an update on the National Environmental Significance Threat and Risk Assessment model that it stated was launched in July 2014 in its response to the ANAO audit?	Written
76	1.5: EACD	Waters	ANAO Audit of Compliance and Enforcement of the EPBC Act	Will any information about the design of this model or outcomes be made publicly available, in line with the audits recommendations? Does the department intend to improve public access to monitoring data in line with the audit's commentary?	Written
77	1.5: EACD	Waters	ANAO Audit of Compliance and Enforcement of the EPBC Act	Can the Department outline what other actions it has put in place in response to the audit's recommendations?	Written



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78	1.5: EACD	Waters	ANAO Report Managing Compliance with EPBC Act 1999	The ANAO report highlights serious shortcomings in the Department's EPBC compliance work over the EPBC Act's 14 years of operation [eg that the Department has failed to "establish an effective compliance intelligence capability to collect, store and analyse compliance intelligence" ; and "identify an appropriate set of MNES risk factors (such as the compliance history of proponents) against which approved controlled actions can be assessed and ranked."] The ANAO found particularly in the older approvals they reviewed, that conditions were often ambiguous and difficult to enforce, is the Department doing anything to review all the old decisions, to locate all such conditions to see if they need tightening?	Written
79	1.5: EACD	Waters	ANAO Report Managing Compliance with EPBC Act 1999	The Department has the ability to redraft these to make them more enforceable where the proponent agrees, or there's been non-compliance. What process does the Department follow if you find a condition has been poorly drafted so that it's impossible to actually find anyone non-compliant? Does that mean the only way to tighten conditions is with the proponent's agreement?	Written
80	1.5: EACD	Waters	ANAO Report Managing Compliance with EPBC Act 1999	The ANAO found that for most approved controlled actions, the department has not actively monitored proponents' compliance with their approval conditions (p.21). Will the Department be setting KPIs or targets for percentages of projects subject to spot on-the-ground audits rather than just desktop reviews?	Written
81	1.5: EACD	Waters	ANAO Report Managing Compliance with EPBC Act 1999	In the Department's response, the Department states it has implemented a risk-based case-prioritisation model to focus monitoring and investigations on highest-risk cases. What are the criteria used in this assessment? Does political risk or likely media interest or likely public response, form any part of this assessment, or any subsequent decision	Written

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				on how to focus monitoring or investigations?	
82	1.5: EACD	Waters	ANAO Report Managing Compliance with EPBC Act 1999	<p>The Department's response also states that has since 2012 you have directed 15 proponents to undertake "independent audits" of their actions. Can you confirm that the usual practice for these so-called independent audits, are that they are commissioned by the proponent, conducted by an auditor of the proponent's choice, and paid for by the proponent?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why doesn't the Department engage the independent auditors directly?</li> <li>Isn't the risk that proponents are "buying" an audit that says what they would like it to say, a risk you should be managing?</li> <li>Has the Department ever refused the proponent's choice of auditor?</li> <li>Please provide a list of the 15 projects that were subject to an independent audit since 2012. For each, please advise who the auditors were, and whether the audit was made publicly available (and if so, where).</li> </ol>	Written
83	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort	<p>In relation to the Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort in Yorkey's Knob can the department confirm;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project is being planned to cover 340 hectares.</li> <li>Phase 1 starting in 2016 will include 3000 rooms with a further 7,500 rooms on completion.</li> <li>Phase 1 will include about 3750 construction jobs with employment for 20,000 resort employees on completion.</li> <li>The site includes 53 hectares of natural vegetation but no mangroves will be removed.</li> <li>Construction will result in a reduction of pollutant run off of 140 tons per year.</li> </ol>	Written

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84	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort	Regarding AQUIS Great Barrier Reef Resort, can the Department list the number and type of permits the proponents have applied for? a. Can the Department confirm which of these permits would be assessed and potentially approved by the Queensland Environment Department under the Commonwealth Government's proposed bilateral agreements with the Queensland Government?	Written
85	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort	The proponent's Environment Impact Statement suggests at completion of this development, water quality of the land-based run-off will have improved. Can the Department please provide any evidence of this suggestion?	Written
86	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort	Can the Department outline any potential impacts to the adjacent mangrove populations from this development?	Written
87	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort	Can the Department outline any potential impacts to existing fauna populations from this development?	Written
88	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort	Has the Government been briefed by, or briefed, the following organisations on the Aquis proposal a. Aquis or its representatives b. Queensland Government c. Cairns Regional Council d. Any other government or non-government body e. Any elected officials (federal, state, local)	Written
89	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort	What information has the Government received in relation to the Aquis project from the following? If information has been received, I request copies of all briefings and correspondence.	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Aquis or its representatives</li> <li>b. Queensland Government</li> <li>c. Cairns Regional Council</li> <li>d. Any other government or non-government body</li> </ul>	
90	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort	<p>Which division/branch of the Department is responsible for the Aquis project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many staff are allocated</li> <li>b. What do they do</li> <li>c. What are their roles</li> <li>d. How much of their time do they spend on this</li> <li>e. Has the Dept got the resources to do the work needed on this project (go to Abbott cuts)</li> </ul>	Written
91	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort	<p>Is the Department working with other Departments on this proposal?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If yes, which ones, what processes are in place for contact, how is it going to work?</li> <li>b. If no, why not?</li> </ul>	Written
92	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort	<p>Is the Department aware of any environmental concerns relating to the proposal? If so, I request copies of all briefings and correspondence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What documents</li> <li>b. Who raised them</li> <li>c. What date</li> <li>d. What was the nature of the concerns</li> <li>e. What processes are in place for consultation and to address these concerns</li> </ul>	Written
93	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort	<p>Has the Department met with the Queensland Government regarding the proposal? If so, I request copies of copies of agendas, minutes, briefing notes and correspondence, including:</p>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Date</li> <li>b. Time</li> <li>c. Location</li> <li>d. Attendees</li> <li>e. Issues discussed</li> <li>f. Forward plan for consultation</li> </ul>	
94	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort	<p>Has the Department met with Mr Fung or Aquis representatives? If so, I request copies of copies of agendas, minutes, briefing notes and correspondence, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Date</li> <li>b. Time</li> <li>c. Location</li> <li>d. Attendees</li> <li>e. Issues discussed</li> <li>f. Any future plans to meet</li> </ul>	Written
95	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort - approvals	What approvals would Aquis need to proceed under the Abbott Government's one stop shop approach?	Written
96	1.5: EACD	Ludlam	Commonwealth assessment Point Peron	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Why was there not considered to be potential for impact on the marine environment that might have then impacted on that species? That is what I am trying to get us to.</p> <p><b>Mr Knudson:</b> Given that the decision that you are referring to would predate Dr Banks's time in this role, I think it is probably best that we take that on notice and come back to you with a more complete answer.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Thank you. I think you are well aware of what I am after. On what basis of evidence of any kind did you determine that that</p>	90

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				penguin would not be included in the assessment? That would be greatly appreciated.	
97	1.5: EACD	Waters	CSG bore well integrity	On what basis did the Department approve so many CSG projects without waiting until this information was available so you could make an informed decision when possible bore failure would impact MNES and Australian farming communities?	Written
98	1.5: EACD	Waters	Draft Reef 2050 Plan – Water Quality	<p>“Priority areas” aren’t defined anywhere in the 2013 Plan, or the Reef 2050 Plan. Can you please explain what exactly they are?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do they refer to a 2012 publication by Jon Brodie and Jane Waterhouse et al.?</li> <li>It is my understanding that that publication simply ranked areas in order or priority rather than identifying a specific set of areas and excluding others. Is that correct?</li> <li>Please provide a list of priority areas as defined.</li> <li>Has their exact geographical extent been identified?</li> </ol>	Written
99	1.5: EACD	Water	Environmental offsets	<p>The recent Senate inquiry into offsets made 21 recommendations to fix the existing EPBC offset policy. When do you expect a government response to that inquiry?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is work already underway on that response?</li> <li>When did work commence?</li> <li>How many FTE is currently committed to the response?</li> <li>Have you advised the Minister on the recommendations of the inquiry, including the Chair’s report and the additional comments from the Australian Greens?</li> </ol>	Written
100	1.5: EACD	Waters	EPBC Bilateral agreements	What is the Department’s understanding of the proposed new definition of authorisation process in EPBC Act s528 which appears at item 9 in the Bill? Would it allow the entire accredited process to be contained in non-	Written

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			implementation Bill	legislative instruments such as guidelines or policies? The EM is unclear on this point, so can you please provide a more detailed explanation?	
101	1.5: EACD	Waters	EPBC Regulatory Impact Statement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide the names of the 52 historic projects that were used to estimate the potential cost savings through reduced delays,</li> <li>2. Has the department completed any analysis of the reasons for any delays that occurred with each of these 52 projects? If no, why not? If yes, what were the major drivers of these delays? Can this analysis be provided to the committee?</li> </ol>	Written
102	1.5: EACD	Waters	EPBC Regulatory Impact Statement	The Department's cost recovery impact statement ( <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/beb865e6-ebe7-44fa-bc66-7e4c7572771c/files/final-cost-recovery-cris.pdf">http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/beb865e6-ebe7-44fa-bc66-7e4c7572771c/files/final-cost-recovery-cris.pdf</a> - p80) highlights that average approval times under the EPBC Act have gone from 579 days in 2008-09 down to 241 in 2012-13, could you explain what the drivers are for this reduction?	Written
103	1.5: EACD	Waters	GBR Marine Park – dredging commitments	<p>The Minister has made a commitment that there will be no offshore dumping in the GBR Marine Park from capital dredging for future projects. What is the Department's best understanding of the scope of this commitment? In particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Does it apply to projects which have been applied for at a Federal level but not yet approved?</li> <li>b. Does it apply to projects which have entered the State level assessment process but not the Federal process?</li> <li>c. Please provide the Department's best understanding of the term "future projects".</li> </ol>	Written

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104	1.5: EACD	Waters	GBR Marine Park – dredging commitments	Has the Department received any instructions or correspondence from Minister Hunt's office telling the Department not to approve any offshore dumping in the GBRMP, or telling you that he won't be approving any?	Written
105	1.5: EACD	Waters	Gladstone Bund wall	<b>Senator WATERS:</b> Did those two experts get access to the scientific monitoring data directly from the port or from the Queensland government? <b>Mr Gaddes:</b> I would have to take that one on notice.	89
106	1.5: EACD	Waters	Great Barrier Reef strategic assessment	<b>Senator WATERS:</b> Has the department briefed the minister or the minister's office on this issue this year? <b>Mr Knudson:</b> On the issue of the strategic assessments? <b>Senator WATERS:</b> Yes. On the issue of accrediting a class of actions under a strategic assessment. <b>Dr Dripps:</b> We would have to take that on notice but we have had extensive discussions with the minister about the Queensland government's aspiration to pursue streamlining through an approvals bilateral agreement.	89
107	1.5: EACD	Waters	Handover of Commonwealth environmental approval powers	In August this year, the Minerals Council of Australia put out a report with some rather outrageous claims for what the government's proposal to hand over Federal environmental approval powers to the States might achieve, including a claim about GDP being cumulatively \$160 billion higher by 2025 and that 69,000 extra jobs would be created. That staggering saving was based on a reduction in average delay for approvals by one year, or two years. 1. Do you expect to achieve an average one year or two year reduction in delay by handing over approval powers to the States?	Written



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				2. The report claims to “quantify the gains” from the Government’s proposal to hand over environmental approval powers. Does it do that accurately according to the Department’s best assessment?	
108	1.5: EACD	Waters	Handover of Commonwealth environmental approval powers	Senator Birmingham, Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment has claimed that the MCA report supported the government’s specific proposal to hand over approval powers to State and Territory governments. Senator Birmingham’s press release from 19 August 2014 states: “I welcome the findings in this report as it demonstrates the gains we can achieve from streamlining the environmental approvals process through our one stop shop policy.” Is it accurate to suggest that an average delay reduction of one year may be achieved as a result of the currently announced policies of the Government?	Written
109	1.5: EACD	Waters	Handover of Commonwealth environmental approval powers	I refer to the document called Regulatory Cost Savings Under the One-Stop Shop (the RIS) published in September 2014. Please provide an explanation of why the MCA’s analysis is included that claim in the document? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please give an example of a similar document produced by the Department which included a reference to claims from lobby groups alongside government analysis?</li> </ul>	Written
110	1.5: EACD	Waters	Handover of Commonwealth environmental approval powers	The MCA has assumed that delays will decrease by one or two years, which is far beyond anything even this government has ever claimed, but the Department’s report describes the MCA’s report as “comprehensive modelling.” Please provide an explanation for why the Department believes that the MCA’s report is comprehensive. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Did the Minister’s office instruct the Department to include the MCA figure? Did the Minister’s office suggest including the figure?</li> <li>b. Did the Minister’s office review the RIS before it was published?</li> </ul>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Did the Minister's office suggest any amendments to the RIS?</li> <li>d. What were those amendments?</li> <li>e. Were they adopted?</li> </ul>	
111	1.5: EACD	Waters	Handover of Commonwealth environmental approval powers	Page 9 of the RIS says that the Department's own methods for coming up with the \$426 million figure were "developed in consultation with peak industry groups. The method was revised based on feedback received during this consultation." Did the MCA provide any input on the methods?	Written
112	1.5: EACD	Waters	Handover of Commonwealth environmental approval powers	Please provide your underlying calculations for the claim that businesses will save \$417 million from reduced delays.	Written
113	1.5: EACD	Waters	Handover of Commonwealth environmental approval powers	<p>There isn't a figure in the report for the predicted average reduction in delay to compare to the MCA's claim about one year or two years. What is the current average delay at the Federal approval stage is?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The median delay between which is cited in the report for the 52 biggest projects in the last 10 years ranges from 41 ordinary days for infrastructure, 57 ordinary days for residential and commercial and 69 ordinary days for mining and energy projects. How does that compare to the statutory time limit of 20 – 40 business days?</li> <li>b. The Department's analysis assumes (p.9) that, "There will be no increase in state and territory approval timeframes under the One-Stop Shop, as state and territory governments will continue to make approval decisions according to existing processes and statutory timeframes" Upon what evidence did the Department base that assumption?</li> </ul>	Written

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				c. Since they will get extra work to, and since they've just lost staff, isn't it actually more reasonable to expect that delays will increase rather than decrease if the States are in charge?	
114	1.5: EACD	Waters	Handover of Commonwealth environmental approval powers	Part of the delay (Part B) attributed to the Federal government includes situations where the Federal Minister "stops the clock" when a proponent has failed to provide enough information, under section 76 EPBC Act. Can you confirm that that is the case? a. Please provide an estimate of what quantum of the expected \$417m delay savings are referable to b. Part B delays c. Delays under s76. d. How do you expect those particular delays to be eliminated when if the States are in charge?	Written
115	1.5: EACD	Waters	Independent Review of legal and institutional arrangements protecting the Great Barrier Reef	The Review says on the first page it was released in 'September 2014'. Please confirm that recommendation 11 of the WHC's Reactive Monitoring Mission that results of the review of institutional and legal mechanisms should provide input in the Strategic Assessment was adhered to.	Written
116	1.5: EACD	Waters	Independent Review of legal and institutional arrangements protecting the Great Barrier Reef	Given that the Strategic Assessments were officially finalised on 11 August, how was the WHC recommendation referred to above adhered to? a. If the review was received by the Department prior to 11 August, why did the Department chose to release the review weeks later in September?	Written

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117	1.5: EACD	Waters	Independent Review of legal and institutional arrangements protecting the Great Barrier Reef	<p>Did the Department or the Minister or the Minister's office ask the consultants to re-write any sections of a draft report? Did they suggest any amendments?</p> <p>a. Was there any correspondence between the consultants and the Department between when the review was received and when it was published? Please provide the dates, and the matters raised.</p> <p>b. What were those amendments, if any?</p> <p>c. Were any amendments adopted as a result of such suggestions?</p>	Written
118	1.5: EACD	Waters	Maules Creek coal mine	<p>Please table the independent review referred to in the Department's response to QoN 62 of Budget Estimates 2014, that is <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/~media/Committees/ec_ctte/estimates/bud_1415/Environment/answers/q62.pdf">http://www.aph.gov.au/~media/Committees/ec_ctte/estimates/bud_1415/Environment/answers/q62.pdf</a></p>	Written
119	1.5: EACD	Waters	Maules Creek coal mine	<p>A 75 page report was sent to Minister Hunt in June 2014 by Maules Creek community members. Minister Hunt replied with a one-page letter on 25 August 2014. Did the Minister ask the Department for advice on the report? Did the Department have any input into the letter?</p>	Written
120	1.5: EACD	Waters	Maules Creek coal mine – biodiversity management plan	<p>The most recent Biodiversity Management Plan has identified mitigation and amelioration measures for Tylophora plants found pre clearing which can be relocated, or seed is to be collected for replanting, providing it can be done in advance of the forest clearing plan and a strategy for relocation and offset has been proposed and approved. Is the Department confident that this approach to protecting an endangered plant is acceptable?</p> <p>a. Has the Department conducted a risk analysis of the risk that this strategy will fail?</p> <p>b. Does the Department have any examples where such as strategy</p>	Written

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				<p>has been successful in the past?</p> <p>c. On what basis does the Department believe that this provides an assurance that the population will be maintained or improved?</p> <p>d. Suitable offset properties and relocation and regeneration areas must be found and be proven to be suitable habitat to ensure that the population will be enhanced before any more clearing can occur. Will this happen?</p> <p>e. Has the above mitigation and amelioration strategy been implemented yet?</p> <p>f. What have the results been so far?</p>	
121	1.5: EACD	Waters	Maules Creek coal mine – endangered plant	I understand that the endangered plant <i>Tylophora linearis</i> was identified in the Maules Creek mine area by a consultant working for the Maules Creek Community Council, that area has since been destroyed in the clearing of the forest without consideration of offset or assessment of the impact. Has the Department given any advice on that matter?	Written
122	1.5: EACD	Waters	Maules Creek coal mine - investigation	<p>The Department was investigating the Maules Creek Community Council allegations that the Maules Creek Mine consultant Cumberland Ecology knowingly, recklessly or negligently provided false and misleading information with regard to the extent and quality of the Critically Endangered Ecological Community (CEEC) of Box – Gum woodland that occurs within the Maules Creek offset properties. That investigation was stopped in April this year on the grounds that there was not enough admissible evidence to secure a conviction. There is ample evidence in the field that would be admissible for court, the three consultants can provide such evidence that will prove that false or misleading information was provided either knowingly, recklessly or negligently.</p> <p>1. When was the advice received from the CDPP that there was no</p>	Written

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				<p>reasonable prospect of securing a conviction?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Are there any civil penalties or other penalties or sanctions with a lower standard of proof which are open to the Department in pursuing this matter?</li> <li>3. Did the Department prepare advice on any of these penalties or sanctions for the Minister or for the CDPP?</li> <li>4. Did the Department seek advice from the CDPP or any other body about pursuing any other penalty or sanction against the proponents in this case?</li> <li>5. An independent review of the offset properties by Alison Martin was conducted to determine the extent of the CEEC. She agreed that 490ha was not the CEEC, that area of 490ha deleted was part of a much larger area that the three local consultants contended was not CEEC. Given that four consultants now agree that 490ha was falsely described is the Department considering taking any other action in relation to this matter?</li> <li>6. Has the Department advised the Minister of any new information coming to light since the investigation was dropped?</li> </ol>	
123	1.5: EACD	Waters	Maules Creek coal mine - investigation	The accuracy of the description of the vegetation (Like for like) and habitat present (equal to or better) in the offsets has been disputed since the original EA was open to Public submissions up until present day, and yet no one from the Department has offered to come and discuss those contended issues with the Maules Creek Community Council. Has the Minister instructed the Department not to visit the site, or to discuss the issues with the MCCC?	Written
124	1.5: EACD	Waters	Maules Creek coal	In cases of this nature where there is intense contention is it the Department's usual practice to refrain from conducting a site visit?	Written

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			mine - investigation	Please advise of a comparable case in which the Department refrained from conducting a site visit.	
125	1.5: EACD	Waters	McArthur River Mine	In relation to the McArthur River Mine - <a href="http://www.ntnews.com.au/news/northern-territory/fish-fears-with-river-tested-for-pollution-near-mine/story-fnk0b1zt-1227054387123">http://www.ntnews.com.au/news/northern-territory/fish-fears-with-river-tested-for-pollution-near-mine/story-fnk0b1zt-1227054387123</a>  It has been reported in the media that the Department is investigating potential impacts on the McArthur River from the mining developments nearby – are you able to provide an update on the progress and status of these investigations?	Written
126	1.5: EACD	Waters	Offsets – due diligence	Can the department outline what analysis it has done of the various state and territory policies for the protection of matters of national environmental significance - in particular it would be useful to understand if Department has done any analysis on state approaches to offsets given the recent senate inquiry?	Written
127	1.5: EACD	Waters	Offsets – due diligence	What approach does the department usually take in relation to accepting the rehabilitation of large coal mines as an offset for an approval under the EPBC Act?	Written
128	1.5: EACD	Waters	Offsets – due diligence	Can the department provide an update on its response to the 21 recommendations arising from the senate inquiry into offsets?	Written
129	1.5: EACD	Singh	Public consultation – assessment bilateral agreements	<b>Senator SINGH:</b> Let us not talk broadly. Let us dig down a bit. Have you got a feedback report you can table before the committee? <b>Dr Bacon:</b> We do have a report. I would have to check whether I have it here with me before I can table it. I can certainly provide that to you if I do	83

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				not have it here right now. <b>Senator SINGH:</b> If you could check, that would be good. <b>Dr Bacon:</b> We do prepare a report on public comments received for each agreement. We can certainly table that and provide that to the committee.	
130	1.5: EACD	Waters	Regulatory cost-savings under the One-Stop-Shop	<b>Senator WATERS:</b> ..... But I am asking about the inclusion of the Minerals Council unverified, wildly inflated claims. Is it the usual practice to include lobby group materials in government RISs? <b>Dr Bacon:</b> I am happy to table a copy of the regulatory impact analysis, if that is useful. I am not sure what particular part of the regulatory impact analysis you are referring to. <b>Senator WATERS:</b> I could find a page number, but I assure you it is in there. Perhaps if you can take that on notice. I am interested particularly in how it ended up being in there and whether the department was asked to put it in there? <b>Dr Bacon:</b> I am happy to take that on notice.	90
131	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Regulatory Reform Taskforce	Can the Department provide the following information with respect to the Regulatory Reform Taskforce: a. Any planned or intended staff redundancies b. How many staff will be seconded to state Departments c. Timeframes for redundancies and secondments	Written
132	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Voluntary Redundancies – EPBC Act	Can the Department provide the following information with respect to delegation of approvals under the EPBC Act more generally: a. Any planned or intended staff redundancies b. How many staff will be seconded to state Departments c. Timeframes for redundancies and secondments	Written
133	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Voluntary Redundancies - One	Can the Department provide the following information with respect to the One-Stop Shop for environmental approvals:	Written



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			Stop Shop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Any planned or intended staff redundancies</li> <li>b. How many staff will be seconded to state Departments</li> <li>c. Timeframes for redundancies and secondments</li> </ul>	
134	1.5: EACD	Siewert	WA Shark Mitigation Strategy Programme	<p>Did the Department assess the WA proposal for handling 'imminent threat' when considering the WA Shark Mitigation Strategy Program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide details of the agreement between the Commonwealth and the WA Government over the handling of imminent threat for sharks in WA.</li> <li>b. Does the assessment cover the basis on how the Commonwealth has handed over approval to the WA Government?</li> <li>c. What powers will the WA Government have in relation to approvals?</li> <li>d. Please provide details of the protocol between WA Government and Federal Government?</li> <li>e. If not yet available, what is the process for development of the protocol?</li> <li>f. Will it be subject to assessment by the EPBC process?</li> <li>g. If not, why not?</li> <li>h. How many sharks are predicted to be taken under the process?</li> <li>i. What level of accountability will be required from the WA Government?</li> </ul>	Written
135	1.5: Science	Ludlam	Supervising Scientist – Ranger mine	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> All right, that is useful. Probably you do not have this now, so I might ask you to take this on notice and then I'll move on. Are you able to provide a bit of a holistic picture for us, perhaps on notice, of these three things: the extent of the plume, what is in it—what its composition is—and your understanding of its mobility and where it is going?</p>	21

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				<p><b>Mr Tayler:</b> I can certainly do that on notice. There is also a reasonable amount of detail on those very questions in the Geoscience Australia report which was provided as an appendix to the Supervising Scientists report. But we are happy to provide you with a summary of that information.</p>	
136	1.5: Science	Ludlam	Supervising Scientist – Rehabilitation costs	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> What is the total amount that has been set aside and how much does it increment by every year within that bond account?</p> <p><b>Mr Tayler:</b> The bond is calculated annually based on a plan of rehabilitation that the company prepares. We review the plan for scientific veracity and for the appropriateness and effectiveness of the plan. The Supervising Scientist is not in a position to review the costs. I personally do not know how much it costs to drive a truck up a hill or to run a bulldozer. Once we are satisfied that the plan represents a credible approach to closure, it is passed to the Department of Industry, who then give it to an independent quantity surveyor to assess the costs</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> We have run slightly over time, so I might just put this last question on notice. You mentioned a range of contingencies. Could you provide to us, on notice, what the total amount of money is that has been set aside for rehabilitation to date and how that is comprised—you said some cash and some guarantees. Could we get a break-up of that, on notice, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Tayler:</b> I cannot promise that. That information is with the Department of Industry, and any release of that information would be contingent upon agreement from the Department of Industry—so that is not my information to provide. I will certainly raise that question with them on your behalf, but if they are unwilling to release the information there is not much that I can do.</p>	22

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				<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Understood, and that is something that I can do as well. But if you undertake through your channels and I undertake through mine.</p> <p><b>Mr Tayler:</b> Absolutely.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> I want to know the aggregated amount and what it is composed of—cash and guarantees. Also, you mentioned contingencies. What is the range of the contingencies? What is the theoretical maximum and minimum that could be spent, depending on the final scope of work?</p>	
137	1.6: EQD	Whish-Wilson	E-waste	<p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> So the numbers you gave me are for 2009—</p> <p><b>Mr Edwards:</b> Since 2009.</p> <p><b>Dr Wright:</b> Since 2009.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Oh, since 2009—okay. So in terms of breakdown, that is including last year. Perhaps on notice, could you give me the numbers as they fall within the last three or four years?</p> <p><b>Mr Edwards:</b> Yes, I can do that.</p>	97
138	1.6: EQD	Urquhart	E-waste	<p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Was there any Commonwealth financial support for the scheme to support organisations like Aspitech?</p> <p><b>Dr Wright:</b> No direct Commonwealth financial support.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Has there been in the past?</p> <p><b>Dr Wright:</b> No environment department support. However, Mr Edwards can give you some other details of Commonwealth support.</p> <p><b>Mr Edwards:</b> Through the Social Services portfolio, assisted workers are supported in Aspitech. Essentially, the Commonwealth funds the support worker to work alongside people with disability. That funding was refreshed last year, in 2013</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> What happened to that support?</p> <p><b>Mr Edwards:</b> That is ongoing support and there was also some</p>	95

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				<p>transitional support provided to Aspitech when they were growing their business. We provided that in 2013 and it was around \$300,000 of additional support, but I would have to pull out the exact figure.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Maybe you could provide that on notice. So that support is still there and is still funded?</p> <p><b>Mr Edwards:</b> That is right, those positions are still funded. It covers 75 positions, I believe, at Aspitech.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Do you know if that is in the forward estimates?</p> <p><b>Mr Edwards:</b> I am not sure. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Do you know, Senator Birmingham?</p> <p><b>Senator Birmingham:</b> Noting that it is also funding out of the Social Services portfolio, we can use best endeavours to come up with answers for you, but it is not this portfolio or department in this instance. I do know that Senator Fifield and the minister had some extensive discussions and both were engaged in discussions with Aspitech. It was not just an Environment portfolio intervention as such. They are to provide assistance to social services.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Are you able to take that on notice and provide that information back—whether it is another department?</p> <p><b>Senator Birmingham:</b> We can certainly clarify the information as best we can. But if it comes to future funding for something that is outside of this portfolio, then that might require questions—</p> <p><b>Mr Edwards:</b> I can clarify one part of that question. There was \$380,000 provided in some transitional support, and that is above and beyond the amount that is provided to support the 75 employees. As the senator mentioned, we can take that part on notice.</p>	

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139	2.1: CCRED	Siewert	Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper and Agricultural Competitiveness Green Paper	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Today, I know, which is why am asking. My count is that climate change gets mentioned twice in the paper, and that is actually not as a discussion. One is a reference and the second is in a box talking about one of the programs. That is why am asking what level of input you have had in terms of climate change and what needs to be done for agriculture to address it.</p> <p><b>Ms Hoitink:</b> We have given climate change and adaptation views through the development of the department's response. How they are used by the relevant department is a different thing. But we have certainly given some climate change and adaptation views.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> That is why I wanted to know what level of involvement you have had in that. You have provided advice on adaptation? I do not mean to put words in your mouth, but that is what I interpreted you to have just said.</p> <p><b>Ms Hoitink:</b> I did.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> In what part of the process did you do that? Was it at the very beginning, from the consultation process or when the green paper first when out?</p> <p><b>Ms Hoitink:</b> I would like to get that for you. I do not have it with me at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> If you could take that on notice, it would be appreciated</p>	61
140	2.1: CCRED	Waters	Asia Pacific Rainforest Summit Dialogue and Summit	<p>Australia will be hosting an Asia/Pacific Rainforest Dialogue and Summit on Nov 11/12 in Sydney - ahead of the World Parks Congress.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are any Ministers or senior bureaucrats attending from PNG?</li> <li>2. What are their names and roles?</li> </ol>	Written

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141	2.1: CCRED	Singh	Bioregional assessment –Phase one Report	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> So the first phase is done—that is the report that was released in July. When will the second phase be complete?</p> <p><b>Dr Kennedy:</b> I am sorry, I do not have that in front of me but I will also take on notice when that part of the report will be done.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> You said before that that second phase would be released in the next 12 months. Is that not correct?</p> <p><b>Dr Kennedy:</b> We are looking at it over the next 12 months. It is not 12 months from now. That report has already commenced. I will guess it is about 10 months away, but I will confirm for you on notice.</p>	82
142	2.1: CCRED	Urquhart	Carbon Tax Repeal Team	<p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Okay, we will deal with those at 4.45. I just have one on the carbon tax repeal. The carbon tax has gone. Has your team reduced in numbers due to the repeal?</p> <p><b>Dr Kennedy:</b> The team that was responsible for repeal has disbanded.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Were they part of your team?</p> <p><b>Dr Kennedy:</b> They are part of Mr Parker's division.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Which is? We would like on the record what that division is.</p> <p><b>Ms Hoitink:</b> It is the climate change and renewable energy division. It was a task force established for repeal and it has now disbanded.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> What were the numbers?</p> <p><b>Ms Hoitink:</b> I do not think I have that to hand. I can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Are you able to provide that?</p> <p><b>Ms Hoitink:</b> Yes, absolutely.</p>	59
143	2.1: CCRED	Singh	Rainforest summit	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> It has been tabled, so I am going to have a detailed amount of information given to me that I can read at my leisure.</p> <p><b>Senator Birmingham:</b> I think that all that is being tabled is a list of the ministers attending.</p>	58

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				<p><b>Ms Hoitink:</b> A list of attendees—yes, I can do that. Did you want some information about the kinds of things on the agenda?</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Thank you, that would be good.</p>	
144	2.1: CCRED	Singh	United Nations Convention on Climate Change - engagement	How will the Government's budget cuts affect the Department's level of engagement with the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNCCC)?	Written
145	2.1: CCRED	Singh	United Nations Convention on Climate Change-staffing	How many staff are specifically working on the Department's preparations for the UNCCC meetings in Paris next year?	Written
146	2.1: ERFD	Urquhart	Emissions Reduction Fund	Please provide details of other nation-wide or provincial-level reverse auction schemes that are similar to the ERF (i.e. for carbon emissions), including how much of the relevant economy they cover. In each case please note whether the scheme complements other abatement activities such as emissions control and provide details of their success in reducing emissions.	Written
147	2.1: ERFD	Urquhart	Emissions Reduction Fund	From a legal and technical perspective, if the ERF is legislated and the safeguard mechanism in place, how could the baseline and the penalties be amended? Would this be by legislative instrument? Have you provided advice to the Minister on this issue?	Written
148	2.2: Science	Singh	Bioregional assessments time line	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Can you outline the time line for the remaining product release of bioregional assessments?</p> <p><b>Dr Kennedy:</b> I do not have that in front of me but I would be very happy to take that on notice; it will not take me long to provide that to you.</p>	82

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149	3.1: AAD	Urquhart	20 year Australian Antarctic Review	How will the changes to the Division as a result of Budget cuts impede the AAD's ability to implement the Strategic Vision's recommendations?	Written
150	3.1: AAD	Urquhart	20 year Australian Antarctic Review	Can you outline the practical challenges faced by the AAD in achieving the goals set by the Strategic Vision - for example, staff expertise, infrastructure, reduced funding for site visits?	Written
151	3.1: AAD	Urquhart	20 year Australian Antarctic Review	What consultation has occurred following the release of the Strategic Vision: who has been consulted; when were they consulted; where were they consulted; and what was the purpose of the consultation?	Written
152	3.1: AAD	McGrath	Akademik Shokalskiy – cost recovery	<p><b>Senator McGRATH:</b> What action has been taken against the owners, I presume, of this Russian flagged ship to recover the cost?</p> <p><b>Dr Gales:</b> The Minister for the Environment has made clear that the department will pursue retrieving those costs, and that process is in play at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator McGRATH:</b> Why have not they paid up?</p> <p><b>Dr Gales:</b> I think it is quite an involved process when insurance companies are involved. There is some time required.</p> <p><b>Senator McGRATH:</b> What would the impact on your budget be if the moneys are not recouped?</p> <p><b>Dr Kennedy:</b> The impact will be on both the government's budget and in particular the department's budget, so we would handle with AAD and any other division any unanticipated increase in their costs. We cannot go to the detail of the actions being undertaken, but we are happy to take that on notice and perhaps provide information on notice. We can assure you that actions are being taken, consistent with the government's intent to recover those moneys.</p> <p><b>Senator McGRATH:</b> If you could, that would be good. Thank you</p>	37
153	3.1: AAD	Urquhart	Antarctic Treaty	The Minister has verbally "re-committed" to the "Antarctic Treaty". Can you please provide details on which "Antarctic Treaty" this comment may	Written



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				relate to and the arrangements for that "re-commitment"? What does the re-commitment involve - re-signing a treaty, a funding arrangement, a renewed timeframe, etc?	
154	3.1: AAD	Urquhart	Aurora Australis	Please provide details on the Aurora Australis voyage plans for this summer season, and if possible, plans for the CSIRO Investigator for the season.	Written
155	3.1: AAD	Whish-Wilson	New icebreaker – research days per year	<b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> If you could take on notice how many days of research per year the new icebreaker for the Antarctic program is being designed for? I would be interested in knowing that.	37
156	3.1: AAD	Singh	Redundancies – Science Division	<b>Senator SINGH:</b> I just said that if I was incorrect in stating that, I will correct myself. Dr Gales, if there were not 20 scientists who lost their jobs, how many were there? <b>Dr Gales:</b> I might have to take that question on notice. About a quarter of them were science technical support people, but I would need to check the exact numbers. It is a fairly blurry line between someone who sits and works alongside the scientists in a technical capacity and the scientists themselves but, formally, of the scientists within the research stream, I would have to double check that figure for you. I am happy to take that on notice.	35
157	4.1: SCIENCE	Waters	CSG bore well integrity	On the issue of bore well integrity post decommissioning of a bore – does it concern the Department at all that the only sources of information that KPM could draw on in those areas were APPEA and DEEDI – both of whom unsurprisingly reported that all risks can be well managed? (p.43).	Written
158	4.1: SCIENCE	Waters	CSG bore well integrity	I refer to two responses to Questions on Notice I asked re CSG bore well integrity – QoN61 from February this year and QoN63 from the May estimates: The Department has stated it had commissioned “two bore integrity related projects”. When I asked for further information about these, in	Written

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				May, the response only related to one report, by SKM. What is the other report and when it will be made public?	
159	4.1: SCIENCE	Waters	CSG bore well integrity	<p>The SKM report is essentially a desktop literature review, acknowledges the considerable risks to land and water if CSG goes wrong, and concludes that a lot more research is needed about this industry, including;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How often do bore wells fail?</li> <li>b. What are the consequences of bore integrity failure?</li> <li>c. What are the cumulative issues of multiple incidents of bore integrity failure?</li> </ol> <p>These are pretty basic questions –When can we expect answers by?</p>	Written
160	4.1: SCIENCE	Waters	CSG bore well integrity	The SKM report did not involve any new on the ground research of the risks to groundwater from CSG. Are you concerned that the Government is putting itself in a wilfully blind position, when on the one hand it accepts industry rhetoric Australia’s so different that the CSG impacts on water and communities overseas won’t happen here, and yet you’re not funding the new on-ground work needed to understand what the real risks are here?	Written
161	4.1: SCIENCE	Waters	CSG bore well integrity	The SKM report was only on CSG bore well integrity – yet with shale and tight gas activities getting ever more attention, how applicable are their findings to these industries, and has the Department considered getting on the front foot and doing on-ground thorough research re the risks of these industries to groundwater before you are under pressure to rapidly approve projects in these risky industries?	Written
162	4.1: SCIENCE	Waters	CSG bore well integrity	<p>The SKM report states it was prepared by Sinclair Knight Merz Pty Ltd and revised by the Department of the Environment following peer review.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Who were the peer reviewers?</li> </ol>	Written

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				<p>b. Did the Department make changes that played down the risks from CSG bore well integrity identified in the report?</p> <p>c. Can you table the initial copy of the report provided by SKM to the Department, and advise which changes were made?</p>	
163	4.1: Science	Waters	Desktop review undertaken by SKM	<p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> To the extent that the questions go to bore wells failing, can you advise me on whether there are conditions that have been placed on projects that relate to the monitoring of bores in the long term? That is given that often project have a particular life span and then water improvements do not show up until decades afterwards.</p> <p><b>Mr Gaddes:</b> Yes. The CSG projects that have been approved up until now have quite detailed water management plans associated with them. They will deal with things like what happens if a well blows out and things like that. In terms of the specific requirements under each project, it is a little bit complicated because some of the projects were approved prior to the water trigger and some were approved afterwards under different conditions. If you wanted to know about the specific conditions for each project, we would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> I am more interested in the research gaps that that desktop review identified and whether anyone is now filling those gaps. Perhaps I will put those on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Birmingham:</b> We will take that on notice for the officials from the Office of Water Science.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Yes, and if anyone can answer whether or not there has been any equivalent studies done on shale and tight gas.</p> <p><b>Mr Gaddes:</b> We will take that on notice.</p>	93
164	4.1: Science	Waters	Fracking chemicals	In response to a QoN asked by Senator Waters, 'published peer reviewed info' on how fracking will work in Australia (aquifer connectivity	Written

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				etc) – was available at time CSG projects were approved. That's good news - please provide a detailed list of these publications.	
165	4.1: Science	Waters	Fracking chemicals	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?	Written
166	4.1: Science	Waters	Fracking chemicals	Has the Department conducted a risk-based assessment of what might go wrong, considering the large outstanding uncertainties about this industry? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What kinds of findings have you made? How do you manage uncertainty in these assessments?</li> <li>b. Is the Department aware of anyone within Government who are modelling these kinds of costs? Who?</li> </ul>	Written
167	4.1: Science	Singh	Independent Expert Scientific Committee – four research priorities	<b>Senator SINGH:</b> An independent expert scientific committee has recommended four research priorities—hydrology, ecosystems, chemicals and cumulative impacts. Can you advise the committee how these recommendations will be acted upon? <b>Dr Kennedy:</b> They are being acted upon, in a general sense, as part of the Office of Water Science's research program. Again, my apologies, as I let the officer who has the detail on this go. I can provide you with some detail around how each of those is being addressed within the Office of Water Science's research program. Perhaps that is the best way. They are all being pursued to varying degrees, but perhaps it would be better if I provided that information on notice.	82
168	4.1: Water	Xenophon	Monitor and assess expenditure	Information obtained in FOI 050514 obtained by my constituent contains information relating to funding provided to other agencies for agreed	Written

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				<p>How does your department monitor, assess and audit these expenditures?</p> <p>a. How does it ensure taxpayers get value for money?</p>													
169	4.1: Water	Xenophon	Monitor and assess expenditure	How does it monitor BOM's expenditure of \$430.5 million to 'improve water information' within the Murray-Darling Basin? Where is the evidence of 'improved water information'?	Written												
170	4.1: Water	Xenophon	Monitor and assess expenditure	The National Water Commission was given \$214 million to 'raise national standards'. What does this mean? What are these standards and have they been raised? How does the department determine this?	Written												
171	4.1: Water	Xenophon	Monitor and assess expenditure	\$330 million was given to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission and the National Water Commission to 'drive reform in the Basin'. How much reform have they driven? How does your department measure 'reform' and what standards does it apply to such expenditures?	Written												
				a. How are the ACCC relevant in this situation?													
172	4.1: Water	Lines	Non ongoing staffing levels	<p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Do you have any non-ongoing staff?</p> <p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> How many?</p>	28												

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				<p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> I would have to take that on notice. There are very few at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Is that included in that FTE?</p> <p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> The funded FTE is the resources available to the division to pay staff salaries and associated costs. So we have enough funding in the division to pay for an average, if you like, of 137 full-time-equivalent staff. That is our resourcing. So that does not necessarily mean that we have 137 people sitting there. As I said, the current head count in the division is 126. These numbers are all at 30 September.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> But some of whom may be non-ongoing?</p> <p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> On my current advice, we have three non-ongoing staff.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Out of the 126?</p> <p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> When do those contracts finish up?</p> <p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> I will have to take that on notice. I do not know the termination date of those engagements.</p>	
173	4.1: Water	Xenophon	On Farm Irrigation Efficiency Programme	<p>I refer to information accessed under Freedom of Information (FOI 070114) relating to funding grants supplied by the Australian Processing Tomato Research Council Inc. (APTRC) to industry recipients under the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program.</p> <p>On 19 March 2010, the Minister announced in-principle funding approval for Round One of the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program. APTRC received in-principle approval for up to \$11,710,000 (GST exclusive) for sub-project type 109-01 Sub-surface drip irrigation (later reduced to \$11,507,700).</p> <p>URS Australia Pty Ltd was engaged by the then Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities</p>	Written





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174	4.1: WATER	Xenophon	On Farm Irrigation Efficiency Programme	Can the Department provide information on any actual water savings that have been returned to the environment under the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program to date?	Written
175	4.1: WATER	Xenophon	On Farm Irrigation Efficiency Programme	Has the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program proven less cost effective than buybacks?	Written
176	4.1: WATER	Xenophon	On Farm Irrigation Efficiency Programme	What measures are in place to ensure that delivery partners are getting maximum value for taxpayer's money with regards to the Program?	Written
177	4.1: WATER	Xenophon	On Farm Irrigation Efficiency Programme	What remedial action is available to the Department to address issues of non-compliance?	Written
178	4.1: WATER	Rhiannon	SDL Adjustment supply measures	Is the Department aware of the commentary in the Independent Review Panel report on the SDL adjustment 'environmental elements' methodology highlighting the risks associated with the concept of supply measures in delivering equivalent environmental outcomes? What is the Department's response to this assessment?	Written
179	4.1: WATER	Rhiannon	SDL Adjustment supply measures	Given the uncertainties noted in the independent review of the environmental elements methodology as to the performance of supply measures, why has the Commonwealth committed \$1.3 billion to works and measures through the Inter Government Agreements with the Basin states?	Written

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180	4.1: WATER	Rhiannon	SDL Adjustment supply measures	Given the uncertainty of supply measures in achieving environmental outcomes, how will the supply of these projects be assessed and monitored, environmental equivalence be demonstrated, and the taxpayer be certain that the expenditure is creating environmental benefit?	Written
181	4.1: WATER	Rhiannon	Sustainable Diversion limit adjustment efficiency measures	With regard to the 1500 GL cap on buybacks of water, what impact has the cap had on buybacks has had on the cost of recovering water for the environment?	Written
182	4.1: WATER	Rhiannon	Sustainable Diversion limit adjustment efficiency measures	Please describe the development and operation of proposed efficiency measures under the Sustainable Diversion Limits adjustment process? a. Have any of the states put forward efficiency measure projects? b. How will the overall SDL adjustment for efficiency measures be set/established?	Written
183	4.1: WATER	Rhiannon	Sustainable Diversion limit adjustment efficiency measures	May I have details of any modelling the Department or the MDBA has done on the availability and the cost of recovering water through efficiency projects through the SDL adjustment process to take place in 2016?	Written
184	4.1: WATER	Rhiannon	Sustainable Diversion limit adjustment efficiency measures	Please explain the analysis the Department has done on what impact the cap on buybacks may have on recovering the water through efficiency projects?	Written
185	4.1: WATER	Rhiannon	Sustainable Diversion limit	Has the Department assessed the cap on buy-backs will drive up the cost of recovering water through efficiency measures? What information	Written

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			adjustment efficiency measures	informs this assessment?	
186	4.1: WATER	Singh	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification - engagement	How have the Government's budget cuts to affected the Department's level of engagement with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification? a. What ongoing contribution will Australia be making to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification?	Written
187	4.2: CEWO	Xenophon	Lake Albert	<b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Can you take on notice whether there has been any assessment or scoping for any consideration given as to the likelihood of that water being fit for purpose for livestock at some time in the future or whether it is highly unlikely, given the state of play at the moment. <b>Senator Birmingham:</b> I will certainly have a look at what extent that was considered during the review work that the SA government undertook.	26
188	Bureau of Meteorology	Singh	Climate change data and analysis	How many staff at the Bureau worked on climate issues and data analysis as at 30 June 2013? a. How many staff in at the Bureau currently work on climate change issues and data analysis? b. If less, what aspects of climate change was the Bureau working on at June 30, 2013 that it no longer investigates? c. Why are those aspects particularly no longer investigated? d. What effect on Australia's preparedness for climate change will lack of information of those issues have? e. Why did the Bureau de-prioritise climate change issues?	Written
189	Bureau of	Urquhart	Climate data and	Please explain the difference - if any - between climate data and daily	Written

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	Meteorology		daily weather records	weather records, and the difference - if any - in the processes for gathering and analysing that data.	
190	Bureau of Meteorology	Urquhart	Climate data collection	Can the Bureau of Meteorology provide detail on the qualifications of staff involved in climate data collection and analysis?	Written
191	Bureau of Meteorology	Waters	eReefs project	In response to Senator Waters' question in the recent estimates hearings, a BOM official stated that the eReefs project called the Marine Water Quality Dashboard would not be operational for "several years". Please confirm that that means that the deliverable on page 23 of the Reef WQ Protection Plan 2013 characterised as "Help determine the pollutant load reductions required to meet marine water quality guidelines, by completing a receiving water model as part of the eReefs project" which was due for completion in June 2015 will be late?	Written
192	Bureau of Meteorology	Urquhart	List of briefing	Can Bureau of Meteorology provide a list of briefings provided to the Minister, the Parliamentary Secretary and/or relevant representatives from their respective offices; where possible, include the topic of the briefing.	Written
193	Bureau of Meteorology	Waters	Marine Water Quality Dashboard	Would BOM characterise the MWQD as a "receiving water model"?	Written
194	Bureau of Meteorology	Urquhart	Meetings with the Minister	Please provide the dates of any meetings with the Minister the Bureau of Meteorology has had.	Written
195	Bureau of Meteorology	Waters	State of the Climate 2014 Report	<b>Senator WATERS:</b> By which time the reef will be overrun with dredging and dumping, but that is not your responsibility. I want to move very quickly to climate change. I am interested in how many statements the BoM has made on climate change in the last 12 months, be they reports,	16

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				<p>publications or media releases.</p> <p><b>Dr Vertessy:</b> Our last major publication was State of the climate 2014, and that was published in March. That was associated with quite a bit of media coverage at the time. The report is available on the bureau's website, along with some videos and some shorter notes and stuff. We are very proud of the material that we have put together. We think it is of a high quality and quite accessible. Normally, we only report on this every two years, but ongoing always in the intercessional period, of course, scientists are publishing papers on various technical dimensions of climate change. I don't know how many, frankly, but there would be a range of papers. We could give you some guidance on notice if you would like.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Yes, thank you. I am interested in whether the quantum of the meteorological bureau's statements on climate change have stayed the same, increased or decreased in the last 12 months compared to previously.</p> <p><b>Dr Vertessy:</b> Sure. We can give you a bit of a sense of that by looking at the numbers</p>	
196	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Audits of power stations	Has the Clean Energy Regulator conducted an audit of all participating power stations to ascertain whether they have met all required approvals?	Written
197	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Audits of power stations	Unless the CER conducts an audit, how can the CER know how many other power stations have been wrongly accredited, how can the CER know how many operators have submitted electricity generation returns and standing notices in a false and misleading manner? How can the public have confidence in the regulation of the LRET scheme?	Written

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198	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Calorific value of fuels	Under the NGER scheme, does the CER record the calorific value of fuels?	Written
199	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Emissions reductions in the electricity sector	<p>The Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000, has the following objectives:</p> <p>The objects of this Act are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) to encourage the additional generation of electricity from renewable sources;</li> <li>(b) to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases in the electricity sector; and</li> <li>(c) to ensure that renewable energy sources are ecologically sustainable.</li> </ul> <p>I referred to question number 92 regarding whether the CER would investigate emissions reductions in the electricity sector to which the CER replied that they would not comment and are not required to conduct studies into the impacts of the legislation it administers. When asked to advise again on this position, Ms Munro referred to the Government's Review of the RET and stated:</p> <p><i>"They said that the renewable energy target has largely met its objectives and that includes an assessment of the emissions reduction that can be associated with the operation of the target to date and that can be forecast for it under current - and indeed some alternative - policy settings."</i></p> <p><u>From the Executive Summary of the Review:</u></p> <p>With the renewables industry now established in Australia, the main rationale for the RET hinges on its capacity to contribute towards the Government's emissions reduction target in a cost effective manner.</p>	Written

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				<p>However, the RET is a high cost approach to reducing emissions because it does not directly target emissions and it only focuses on electricity generation. It promotes activity in renewable energy ahead of alternative, lower cost options for reducing emissions that exist elsewhere in the economy. In the presence of lower cost alternatives, the costs imposed by the RET are not justifiable.</p> <p><u>And further clearly states in the body of the text:</u>  The second major objective of the REE Act is to reduce CO2-e emissions from the electricity sector. The RET reduces CO2-e emissions by providing an incentive for additional renewable energy which displaces electricity that would have been generated from fossil fuels. The CO2-e emissions reductions achieved will depend on the emissions-intensity of the fuel source that would have otherwise been used. This counterfactual scenario cannot be observed, so the level of abatement can only be estimated, not measured.</p> <p>And from the ACIL Allen Modelling Executive Summary:  “The RET policy delivers emissions abatement through displacing fossil fuel based generation with renewable generation.”  This is the underlying assumption on which the emissions modelling is based, that 1 MWh of renewable generation displaces 1 MWh of fossil-fuel. However, the assumption is fundamentally incorrect.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) In light of the above, will the CER please advise their updated position again?</li> <li>2) Has the CER checked the apparent discrepancies between the theoretical desktop studies and the data I mentioned in question</li> </ol>	

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				92? (Refer to the peer-reviewed paper by Paul Miskelly, Wind Farms in Eastern Australia).	
200	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Fraud under the Renewable Energy Target	<p>I refer to the statement made by Ms Munro, at Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing of 20 October 2014:  “I would comment that fraud under the renewable energy target is not actually fraud against the Commonwealth but it is a fraud against the customers of those entities.”</p> <p>Referring to the answer given to QoN 80, Additional Estimates 4 March 2014:  The Clean Energy Regulator relies on each wind farm operator to undertake a self-assessment and declare in writing to the Clean Energy Regulator that it is compliant with its obligations under state/territory laws. Wind farm operators are also required to provide documents showing approvals provided by state/territory regulators. Giving false or misleading information or documents to the Commonwealth are serious offences under the Criminal Code (which is the Schedule to the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth)). There are also other sanctions available to the Clean Energy Regulator under the clean energy legislation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does the CER reconcile the inconsistency above?</li> <li>2. Is the CER’s indifference to the proper investigation of matters going to the entitlement of accredited power stations explained by Ms Munro’s statement, viz., that the unlawful receipt of LGCs “fraud under the renewable energy target is not actually fraud against the Commonwealth” but merely “a fraud against the customers of those entities?”</li> <li>3. Given the provisions of the Criminal Code (set out above), does the CER maintain that power stations do not commit offences against the</li> </ol>	Written



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				Commonwealth by failing to report or disclose matters which directly concern their entitlement to participate in the RET scheme?	
201	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Gullen Range Wind Farm	<p>The State authority responsible for the incomplete Gullen Range power station has publicly determined that the Gullen Range Wind Farm is in breach of its state issued planning permit. I acknowledge your advice that the Clean Energy Regulator is currently investigating this matter with the cooperation of the NSW Department of Planning.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Despite the fact that the facility is not yet complete and is currently considered by the NSW Government to be in breach of state law, could you please confirm whether the Gullen Range Wind Farm been formally accredited by the CER as an eligible LRET power station, under the Act?</li> <li>2) If so, when was Gullen Range Wind Farm accredited?</li> </ol>	Written
202	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Gullen Range Wind Farm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What evidence did the operator of the Gullen Range Wind Farm provide to the Clean Energy Regulator to prove that all relevant approvals had been satisfied?</li> <li>2) If applicable, how many LGCs have been created by the Gullen Range Wind Farm power station?</li> <li>3) If appropriate, has the operator signed any standing notices for the certificates that the power station has been issued thus far?</li> <li>4) If so, has the operator of Gullen Range ever indicated on the standing notice form that there has been a breach?</li> <li>5) Were any standing notices signed after the operator was formally informed by the NSW state authority that it was in breach?</li> </ol>	Written
203	Clean Energy	Back	Impact of spinning reserve on	Has the CER considered these issues in relation to the Act's objective: to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the electricity sector?	Written

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	Regulator		emissions in the electricity sector		
204	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Monitoring and enforcing compliance of wind farms	The Clean Energy Regulator Strategic Direction Statement says in part that the CER will monitor, facilitate and enforce compliance with the schemes it administers. Will the CER please detail the activities that are undertaken with regard to wind farms to achieve this outcome?	Written
205	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Monitoring and enforcement powers	To restore credibility to the LRET, will the CER exercise its monitoring and enforcement powers independently, in the public interest with integrity and professionalism and actively pursue scheme participants who opportunistically or deliberately contravene the law?	Written
206	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	NGER data quality control	Can the CER provide some examples that might demonstrate the quality of data quality control from the NGER scheme?	Written
207	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	NGER reporting of emissions intensity of electricity generators	In the absence of the actual total coal and gas use data versus power dispatched to the grid, by what measure or benchmark does the CER (using the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (NGER) scheme) determine the emissions intensity of all generators and, therefore, actual GHG emissions in the electricity sector? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Or is it the case that the CER is not able to make such a determination?</li> <li>b. In which event, how does the CER satisfy itself that the objects of the Legislation it is paid to administer are being met?</li> </ul>	Written
208	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Non-compliance	The Clean Energy Regulator encourages scheme participants to voluntarily comply with legislative requirements. The CER ensures that its regulatory responses are proportionate to the risks posed by any non-	Written

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				<p>compliance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What does the CER consider are the risks posed by any non-compliance?</li> <li>2. Does the CER choose how it responds to any regulatory concerns- including to breaches and reports of non-compliance- with regard to the level of risk the breach or noncompliance might present to the operator or does the CER formulate regulatory responses based on the laws to which the Clean Energy Regulator is held?</li> </ol>	
209	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Operation of REC market	If the LRET includes power station operators who routinely misrepresent their eligibility on Commonwealth forms, are wrongly issued LGCs and as such, distort the REC market, how can the market be described as credible?	Written
210	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Penalties for providing false and misleading information	What penalties would apply to any LRET accredited power station which provides false and misleading information to the CER? Would it be reasonable for the CER to demand that any improperly certificates be returned and monies refunded?	Written
211	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Power stations emissions reporting	Do the emissions reported by the CER include all the emissions from the power stations (e.g. when they are starting up, shutting down and burning fuel but not generating)? It may take a full 22 hours for a small coal fired power station to reach full operating temperature. This temperature has to be maintained by continuous coal feed. In light of this information, how accurate is the emissions data being reported?	Written
212	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Prosecutions under the Renewable Energy Electricity	You will recall that at I asked you a question about the public's confidence in the administration of the LRET at Senate Estimates on Monday 20 October 2014. In response to my question you stated:	Written

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			Act 2000	<p>"We have taken robust investigative action in a number of cases and that has included bringing both civil and criminal prosecutions under the renewable energy target."</p> <p>Are you going to take robust investigative action to bring civil and/or criminal prosecutions under the REE Act 2000?</p>	
213	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Publication of NGER data	Is all of the data gathered by the NGER publicly available? If not, why not? If so, where can it be accessed?	Written
214	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Real time consumption data	Does the 'net energy consumed GJ' (gigajoules) data reflect the real time consumption data, (eg. tonnes of coal burnt per hour, cubic metres of gas consumed per hour?) or is it based on a reverse calculation (is it MWh of power divided by the theoretical amount of fuel required to generate that power?)	Written
215	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Reporting uncertainty	<p>Can the CER please explain uncertainty?</p> <p>a. Are the uncertainties reported to the CER correct? How does this compare to the actual data?</p> <p>b. Does this include all the uncertainties caused by the variations in fuel material properties, the fuel quantities used, the generators heat rates at different outputs, etc.?</p>	Written
216	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Suspension of accreditation	<p>By reference to s30E of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000, does the CER agree that the CER possesses a discretion to suspend accreditation under both s30E(3) and s30E(5)?</p> <p>a. Does the CER agree that the discretion s30E arises wherever evidence exists that an accredited power station has contravened (or is contravening) "a law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory"?</p>	Written

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217	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Suspension of accreditation	<p>I refer to the statement made by Mr Purvis-Smith, at Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing of 20 October 2014:</p> <p><i>“Our legislation, section 30E of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act says that the regulator may suspend where there are reasonable grounds to believe that a wind farm, in this case, is operating in contravention of the law.”</i></p> <p>This statement appears to be limited to the discretion to suspend accreditation that arises under s30E(3), does the CER agree? The statement does not appear to bear any reference to the discretion to suspend accreditation that arises under s30E(5), does the CER agree?</p>	Written
218	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Suspension of accreditation	<p>Does the CER agree that if evidence exists that a power station is not operating “in accordance with any relevant Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government planning and approval requirements,” that is a circumstance that triggers the CER’s discretion to suspend under s30E(5) of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000?</p>	Written
219	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Suspension of accreditation	<p>Does the CER agree that the discretion to suspend that arises (under s30E(5)) where evidence exists that a power station is not operating “in accordance with any relevant Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government planning and approval requirements,” can arise even if there is no evidence that the power station is “being operated in contravention of a law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory”, as prescribed by s30E(3)?</p> <p>In other words, does the CER agree that the basis for suspension under s30E(3) and s30E(5) are distinct and independent of each other?</p>	Written
220	Clean Energy	Back	Suspension of	<p>It is apparent that r4(1)(c) of the REE Regulations 2001 is one of the</p>	Written

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	Regulator		accreditation under Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001	<p>“other circumstances prescribed by the regulations” falling within s30E(5), does the CER agree?</p> <p>a. Does the CER agree that r4(1)(c) places an accredited power station under an ongoing positive obligation that, at all times, “must be operated in accordance with any relevant Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government planning and approval requirements”?</p> <p>b. Does the CER agree that a failure to satisfy the circumstances prescribed by r4(1)(c) does not necessarily mean that the accredited power station is “being operated in contravention of a law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory”, as prescribed by s30E(3)?</p>	
221	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Verification and reporting of emissions	Is it the CER’s responsibility to verify and validate the information they are receiving, homogenising and using as a basis for reporting Australia’s GHG emissions? If not: Whose responsibility is it?	Written
222	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Verification of fuel consumption data	Does the CER receive verifiable records of fuel consumption data as part of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (NGER) scheme so that it can verify that the objective of the Act, to reduce GHG emissions in the electricity sector is being met?	Written
223	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Waubra wind farm - compliance actions	The CER has previously stated that it is satisfied that the Victorian DPCD is dealing with the issue of whether the Waubra wind farm is or is not compliant with state laws. More than seven months has passed for the DPCD to deal with the issue. Given the Strategic Direction Statement that states the CER will “monitor, facilitate and enforce compliance with the schemes it administers” and the obligation of the CER to ensure compliance with Commonwealth and State laws can you advise what	Written

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				actions the CER has undertaken to ensure the Waubra wind farm is compliant?	
224	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Waubra Wind Farm – creation of LGCS	If LGCs are created in relation to the electricity the power station generated, why is it that generation and therefore the number of certificates created increased when it should have declined if the power station had operated in reduced noise mode – and does this provide evidence in itself that the wind farm is operating in breach of permit and in contravention of its state approval requirements?	Written
225	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Waubra Wind Farm – electricity generation returns	Waubra Wind Farm's annual electricity generation returns were captured in a Freedom of Information request that I made of the Clean Energy Regulator. A lot of information in these documents is redacted. However, it is evident that in Section F of Waubra Wind Farm's 2011 electricity generation return that Diana Rothaker signed the declaration as an authorised representative. This information, however, was redacted from both the 2010 and 2012 annual electricity generation returns. Is Diana Rothaker responsible for providing the CER with false and misleading information in the 2010 and 2012 returns or was it another authorised representative of Waubra Wind Farm?	Written
226	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Waubra Wind Farm – electricity generation returns	The identities of the witnesses and account administrators who also signed the electricity generation returns from 2010, 2011 and 2012 have been redacted from all three electricity generation returns. Will the Clean Energy Regulator pursue an explanation from the nominated witnesses and account administrators to ascertain their role in the fraudulently submitted electricity generation returns and consider what penalties may apply under Section 125E?	Written

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227	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Waubra Wind Farm – false and misleading information	How will the Clean Energy Regulator respond to the fact that false and misleading information was supplied in the 2010 and subsequent annual electricity generation returns given that an authorised representative of the wind farm operator certified that the information provided was ‘a true and accurate representation of facts’ and acknowledged that penalties for providing false and misleading information can apply under Section 125E of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000?	Written
228	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Waubra Wind Farm – false and misleading information	Between 2010 and 2012 the Waubra Wind Farm’s authorised representative/s provided false and misleading information to the CER. The CER qualifies an agency of the Commonwealth which exercises powers and performs functions under, or in connection with, a law of the Commonwealth. Will the CER refer this matter of fraud to the Australian Federal Police to investigate whether there has also been a serious violation of Section 137.1 and 137.2 of the Criminal Code, 1995?	Written
229	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Waubra wind farm - Provision of information	I refer to sections 137.1 and 137.2 of the Criminal Code which create offences for giving false or misleading information or documents. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The provisions above apply to an accredited power station when providing information to the CER, including in their accreditation forms, electricity returns, and standing notices submitted to the CER as required under the REE Act 2000 does the CER agree?</li> <li>2. Does the CER agree that the failure of an accredited power station to include in documents that that power station is obliged to submit to the CER, information that it is not being operated “in accordance with any relevant Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government planning and approval requirements”, amounts to an omission rendering the document or information false or misleading?</li> <li>3. In other words, does the CER agree that an accredited power station</li> </ol>	Written



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				<p>is obliged to inform the CER of facts and circumstances that show that the power station is not being operated “in accordance with any relevant Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government planning and approval requirements”?</p> <p>4. Or does the CER consider that the question of whether or not an accredited power station is being operated “in accordance with any relevant Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government planning and approval requirements”, is entirely irrelevant to that power station’s entitlement to be accredited?</p>	
230	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Waubra wind farm - Provision of information	<p>At the time of the correspondence referred to in Question 81 (Additional Estimates 2014), the correspondence provided evidence that the Waubra wind farm was not being operated “in accordance with any relevant Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government planning and approval requirements,” namely the noise conditions of its planning consent.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the CER agree that the provisions of the Criminal Code above obliged the Waubra wind farm to disclose to the CER the fact that the Minister and/or the DPCD was not satisfied that that power station was being operated “in accordance with any relevant Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government planning and approval requirements,” namely the noise conditions of its planning consent?</li> <li>2. Does the CER agree that the Waubra wind farm failed to notify the CER of that circumstance at the time, or at all?</li> <li>3. Does the CER agree that the power station failed to satisfy its reporting obligations by omitting reference to circumstances showing that the Minister and/or the DPCD was not satisfied that it was being operated in accordance with the requirements of its planning</li> </ol>	Written

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				approval? 4. Does the CER agree that if the Waubra wind farm had notified the CER that the Minister and/or the DPCD was not satisfied that it was being operated in accordance with the requirements of its planning approval, the CER would have been obliged to exercise its discretion to suspend accreditation under section 30E(5) at that time?	
231	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Waubra Wind Farm – suspension of accreditation	Will the Clean Energy Regulator immediately suspend the Waubra Wind Farm power station’s accreditation in response to this serious offence?	Written
232	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Waubra Wind Farm – suspension of accreditation	At the time of the correspondence, dated 2010 and 2011, referred to in Question 81 (Additional Estimates 2014), the correspondence provided evidence that the Waubra wind farm was not being operated “in accordance with any relevant Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government planning and approval requirements,” namely the noise conditions of its planning consent. 1. Given that the Minister and/or the DPCD was not satisfied at that time that the Waubra wind farm was operating “in accordance with any relevant Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government planning and approval requirements,” does the CER agree that there then existed circumstances triggering the CER’s discretion to suspend accreditation under s30E(5)? 2. Does the CER agree that the Waubra wind farm did not notify the CER of the fact that the Minister and/or the DPCD was not satisfied at that time that the Waubra wind farm was operating “in accordance with any relevant Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government planning and approval requirements” at that or any other time?	Written

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				3. Does the CER agree that an accredited power station is required to notify the CER if it is aware that a Minister or Planning Department (or other responsible authority) is not satisfied that that power station is being operated "in accordance with any relevant Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government planning and approval requirements"? If not, why not?	
233	Climate Change Authority	Urquhart	Advice requested by the Minister or a Representative	<b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Has the minister or a representative requested advice or has it just been you passing on the report and any advice out of that? <b>Ms Harris:</b> I may take that on notice. I do not recall any specific requests for any policy advice. We have been really advising him on the work that we have done.	72
234	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Cloud services and storage	Is the department using or planning to use cloud digital services (e.g. storage, computer software access etc)? If yes: a. What date did/will cloud services be deployed in the department? b. Please provide a list of all cloud services in use or being considered for use. c. How much do these services cost? Please break down by service. d. How much cloud storage (in gigabytes) is available for departmental use? What percentage of the available total is in use? e. How much does this cloud storage cost per month?	Written
235	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Cloud services and storage - security	What security arrangements are in place to protect cloud based services and storage? a. Have any security analysts been employed / contracted to advise on the implementation and upkeep of these security arrangements?	Written

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				b. What has been the cost of security for the cloud? Please provide a breakdown.	
236	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Computers – Minister's office	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	Written
237	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Departmental staff misconduct	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct.</p> <p>1. Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff?</p> <p>a. If yes, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level.</p> <p>b. If yes, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?</p> <p>c. If yes, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</p> <p>d. If yes, were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail.</p>	Written
238	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Domain usage	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 please provide a breakdown of the domain usage for the 50 most utilised (by data sent and received), unique (internet) domains accessed by the minister's office. Please provide:</p> <p>a. Domain name of the website being accessed (or IP address if the Domain is unavailable in the tracking system).</p> <p>b. Amount of data downloaded and uploaded to the site.</p> <p>c. Number of times the site was accessed.</p>	Written

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239	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Electronic equipment – Minister's office	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, other than phones, iPads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List the items</li> <li>List the items location or normal location</li> <li>List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level</li> <li>List the total cost of the items</li> <li>List an itemised cost breakdown of these items</li> <li>List the date they were provided to the office</li> <li>Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department</li> </ol>	Written
240	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial motor vehicle	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the make and model?</li> <li>How much did it cost?</li> <li>When was it provided?</li> <li>Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.</li> </ol>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>h. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</li> <li>i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</li> <li>j. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</li> </ul>	
241	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial staff code	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level</li> <li>b. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?</li> <li>c. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level?</li> <li>b. How long have they worked for the Minister?</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If not, on what date did they comply?</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee?</li> </ol>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If so, on what date were those disclosure made?</li> <li>5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee</li> <li>6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment</li> <li>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</li> </ul>	
242	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial staff turnover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary</li> <li>2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification</li> <li>3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification</li> <li>4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification</li> <li>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</li> </ul>	Written
243	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial staff vehicles	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the make and model?</li> <li>b. How much did it cost?</li> <li>c. When was it provided?</li> </ul>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>h. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</li> <li>i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</li> <li>j. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</li> </ul>	
244	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial staff vehicles (non-MoPs)	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the make and model?</li> <li>b. How much did it cost?</li> <li>c. When was it provided?</li> <li>d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> </ul>	Written



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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>h. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</li> <li>i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</li> <li>j. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</li> </ul>	
245	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial website	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how much has been spent on the Minister's website?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List each item of expenditure and cost</li> <li>b. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?</li> <li>c. Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail.</li> </ul>	Written
246	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, list any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?</li> <li>b. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?</li> <li>c. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?</li> </ul>	Written
247	Corporate:	Ludwig	Portfolio wide -	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, please detail any board appointments made from to date.</p>	Written

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	CSD		appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</li> <li>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? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board.</li> <li>c. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.</li> </ul>	
248	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Boards	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 for each board in the portfolio or agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. how often has each board met, break down by board name;</li> <li>b. what travel expenses have been incurred;</li> <li>c. what has been the average attendance at board meetings;</li> <li>d. List each member's attendance at meetings;</li> <li>e. how does the board deal with conflict of interest;</li> <li>f. what conflicts of interest have been registered;</li> <li>g. what remuneration has been provided to board members;</li> <li>h. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?</li> <li>i. have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members?</li> <li>j. please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings</li> <li>k. what have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list.</li> </ul>	Written
249	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Building lease costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, what has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department? Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased.</p>	Written

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				<p>Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Date the lease agreement is active from.</li> <li>b. Date the lease agreement ends.</li> <li>c. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?</li> <li>d. Location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>e. Cost of the lease.</li> <li>f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li> </ul>	
250	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Building lease costs not renewed	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Date from which the lease agreement was active.</li> <li>b. Date the lease agreement ended.</li> <li>c. Why was the lease not renewed?</li> <li>d. Location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>e. Cost of the lease.</li> <li>f. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li> </ul>	Written
251	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Building lease in the next 12 months	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.</li> <li>b. Date the lease agreement is expected to end.</li> <li>c. Expected location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>d. Expected cost of the lease.</li> <li>e. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?</li> <li>f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency /</li> </ul>	Written

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252	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Buildings occupancy rate	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, for each building owned or leased by the department: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the current occupancy rate for the building?</li> <li>b. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.</li> </ul>	Written
253	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – buildings owned or leased	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</li> <li>2. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).</li> <li>3. In regards to any building identified in Q1, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?</li> </ol>	Written
254	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Canberra based staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013</li> <li>b. How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election?</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013</li> </ol>	Written

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				<p>federal election, please provide their age.</p> <p>3. 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.</p> <p>4. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender.</p> <p>5. 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.</p> <p>6. 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.</p> <p>7. For every transferred employee please provide and explanation for their transfer?</p> <p>8. For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer?</p> <p>9. Please provide all relevant dates.</p>	
255	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – coffee machines	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any coffee machines for staff usage?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>b. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>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?</p>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</li> <li>e. Who has access?</li> <li>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?</li> <li>g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</li> </ul>	
256	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Commissioned Reports	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?</li> <li>3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</li> </ol>	Written
257	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - computers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location</li> <li>2. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs</li> </ol>	Written
258	Corporate:	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – conditions of	Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If	Written

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	CSD		Government contracts and agreements	<p>so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</li> <li>b. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created?</li> <li>c. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</li> <li>d. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction?</li> <li>e. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change?</li> <li>f. Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website?</li> <li>g. If no consultation has occurred, why not?</li> <li>h. Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with?</li> </ol>	
259	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - 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,	Written

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				<p>and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>a. 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.</p> <p>2. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?</p> <p>a. List each, including name, cost and purpose</p> <p>b. If so, why?</p>	
260	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – contract employees	<p>1. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?</p> <p>2. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?</p> <p>3. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?</p>	Written
261	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – contracts for temporary staff	<p>1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?</p> <p>2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?</p> <p>3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?</p> <p>4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?</p> <p>5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?</p>	Written
262	Corporate:	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – contracts under	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



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	CSD		\$10,000		
263	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – corporate cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how many cars are owned by each department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Where are the cars located?</li> <li>b. What are the cars used for?</li> <li>c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period?</li> <li>d. How far did each car travel during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How many cars are leased by each department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Where are the cars located?</li> <li>b. What are the cars used for?</li> <li>c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period?</li> <li>d. How far did each car travel during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
264	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – credit cards	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused?</li> <li>b. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored?</li> <li>c. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so:</li> <li>d. Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</li> <li>e. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</li> <li>f. How many credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so,</li> </ol>	Written

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				<p>please list by classification. Have there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office? Has any action been taken against the Minister or their office for credit card misuse? If so, list each occurrence, including the cost of the misuse.</p>	
265	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Departmental rebranding	<p>Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?</li> <li>b. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</li> <li>c. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Signage.</li> <li>ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).</li> <li>iii. Logos</li> <li>iv. Consultancy</li> <li>v. Any relevant IT changes.</li> <li>vi. Office reconfiguration.</li> </ol> </li> <li>d. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</li> <li>e. 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.</li> </ol>	Written

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266	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – disability access	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The year in which it was purchased / leased / rented (and if lease / rental agreement, when it expires).</li> <li>b. What plans are in place to make the premises compliant with the Act.</li> <li>c. When these plans will commence and when they are expected to be complete.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>e. What is the expected cost of making the premises compliant? Please break down the costs.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>g. Have any complaints been lodged with regard to the premises not being compliant? If yes, please detail.</li> </ol>	Written
267	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Documents provided to Minister	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List those documents, their schedule and their purpose (broken</li> </ol>	Written

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				<p>down by ministerial signature and office for noting documents)</p> <p>b. How are they transmitted to the office?</p> <p>c. What mode of delivery is used (hardcopy, email) for those documents?</p> <p>d. What level officer are they provided to in the minister's office?</p>	
268	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – employees redeployed	<p>For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>b. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment.</p> <p>c. Please provide the reason for that redeployment.</p> <p>d. Please provide all relevant dates.</p>	Written
269	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)	<p>1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department.</p> <p>2. Please list their starting and expiration dates.</p> <p>3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.</p>	Written
270	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>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:</p> <p>1. Total spending on these services</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>a. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each</p>	Written

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				employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)	
271	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Executive coaching and leadership training - employees	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?</li> <li>2. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</li> </ol>	Written
272	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Executive coaching and leadership training – service providers	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</li> <li>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>e. The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</li> </ol>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The location used</li> <li>b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ul>	
273	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - existing resources	<p>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'?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List each</li> <li>b. List the staffing assigned to each task</li> <li>c. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?</li> <li>d. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?</li> </ul>	Written
274	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – fee for service	<p>Since September 7, 2013, 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers.</li> <li>b. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service).</li> <li>c. The date the fee came into place.</li> <li>d. Were any reviews requested, commenced or complemented into the benefits and drawbacks of attaching the fee to the service? If yes, please detail and provide a copy of the review.</li> <li>e. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into</li> </ul>	Written

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				<p>place?</p> <p>f. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)?</p> <p>g. What justification is there for the fee?</p>	
275	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – forced redundancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).</li> <li>c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.</li> <li>d. Please provide the reason for that redundancy.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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				e. Please provide all relevant dates.	
276	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - functions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister . Include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The guest list of each function</li> <li>The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</li> <li>The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</li> <li>A list of drinks consumed at the function</li> <li>Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost.</li> </ol>	Written
277	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – government payment of accounts	<p>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?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?</li> <li>How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?</li> <li>How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?</li> <li>How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? f) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?</li> <li>For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Estimates, 2014?</li> </ol>	Written



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				f. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	
278	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Graduate intake	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the graduate intake for 2012-2013?</li> <li>2. What was the graduate intake for 2013-2014?</li> <li>3. What is the graduate intake for 2014-2015?</li> <li>4. What will be the graduate intake for 2015-2016?</li> </ol>	Written
279	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - grants	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded to date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.</li> <li>b. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.</li> </ol>	Written
280	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – grants administration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, what guidelines are in place to administer grants? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How are grants applied for?</li> <li>b. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail.</li> <li>c. Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Who is involved in this selection process?</li> <li>b. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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				grants? If yes, please detail. c. 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.	
281	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – hire cars	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. a. What are the reasons for hire car costs? b. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?	Written
282	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – hospitality and entertainment	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, what has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs. a. 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. b. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. c. 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. d. 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. e. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what	Written

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				<p>hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>f. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>g. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>h. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>	
283	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – land costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</li> <li>2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)</li> <li>3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?</li> <li>b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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				c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?	
284	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – media subscriptions – magazines	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, what magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p>	Written
285	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – media subscriptions - newspapers	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, what newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p>	Written
286	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – media subscriptions - pay TV	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, what pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.</p> <p>b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified</p>	Written

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				period?	
287	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – media subscriptions – publications	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, what publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</li> <li>What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> <li>What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> </ol>	Written
288	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – meeting costs	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> </ol>	Written
289	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – new non-ongoing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</li> <li>How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the</li> </ol>	Written

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			contracts	Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election?	
290	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – new non-ongoing contracts approved by the APSC	<p>How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>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.</p>	Written
291	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – new non-ongoing contracts rejected by the APSC	<p>How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>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.</p>	Written
292	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – new non-ongoing contracts without approval by the APSC	<p>How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>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</p>	Written

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				engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.	
293	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – new ongoing contracts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</li> <li>2. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?</li> </ol>	Written
294	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – new ongoing contracts approved by the PSC	<p>How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For every approved new engagement of a 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.</li> </ol>	Written
295	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – new ongoing contracts rejected by the PSC	<p>How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ol>	Written
296	Corporate:	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – new ongoing contracts	How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?	Written

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	CSD		without approval by the PSC	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.	
297	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – non-conventional therapies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the process by which these therapies can be approved?</li> <li>b. Who are they available to?</li> <li>c. Please detail the reasons the therapies able to be provided (e.g. Work Place Agreement, recommended by a report to the department, etc)?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Has the department/agency paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What therapies have been provided?</li> <li>b. What were they used to treat?</li> <li>c. What was the cost of the therapy?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
298	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – non-ongoing contract extensions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?</li> <li>2. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written



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				<p>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.</p> <p>3. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>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.</p>	
299	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – non-ongoing contracts expired without extension	<p>How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>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.</p>	Written
300	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – office plants	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants?</p> <p>a. If so, list these</p> <p>b. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>d. If so, where were these purchased</p>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</li> <li>f. If so, what is the current location for these items?</li> </ul>	
301	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – office recreational facilities	<p>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)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If so, list these</li> <li>b. If so, list the total cost for these items</li> <li>c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</li> <li>d. If so, where were these purchased</li> <li>e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</li> <li>f. If so, what is the current location for these items?</li> <li>g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</li> </ul>	Written
302	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – prequalified multi-use list tenders	<p>Does the Department/Agency have existing prequalified or multi-use list panels for tenders?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?</li> <li>b. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?</li> <li>c. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?</li> <li>d. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise in any of the firms on your panel?</li> <li>e. Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels?</li> <li>f. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?</li> </ul>	Written

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303	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Provision of equipment - departmental	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What has been provided?</li> <li>The purchase cost.</li> <li>The ongoing cost.</li> <li>A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc).</li> <li>A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</li> </ol>	Written
304	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – provision of equipment - Ministerial	<p>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?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification</li> <li>Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of:</li> <li>What is provided?</li> <li>The purchase cost.</li> <li>The ongoing cost.</li> <li>A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags,</li> </ol>	Written

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				<p>additional chargers etc).</p> <p>g. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</p>	
305	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - redundancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How may positions have been made redundant in your department since the 2013 federal election? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these positions were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these positions were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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				<p>5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p>	
306	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - refurbishments	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?</p> <p>a. If so, list these</p> <p>b. If so, list the total cost for these changes</p> <p>c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>d. If so, who conducted the works?</p> <p>e. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works</p> <p>f. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?</p>	Written
307	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – reports pulped	<p>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?</p> <p>a. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal</p>	Written
308	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - reviews	<p>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?</p> <p>a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names</p> <p>b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors</p>	Written

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				<p>or equivalent</p> <p>c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item</p> <p>d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement</p> <p>e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.</p> <p>f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them</p> <p>g. If yes, for each, who selected them</p> <p>h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p>	
309	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - reviews	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, which reviews are on-going?</p> <p>a. Please list them.</p> <p>b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?</p>	Written
310	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - reviews	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them</p> <p>a. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>b. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</p> <p>c. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>d. What reviews are planned?</p>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. When will each planned review be commenced?</li> <li>f. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</li> <li>g. When will government respond to each review?</li> <li>h. Will the government release each review?</li> </ul>	
311	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Reviews	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the date they were ordered</li> <li>b. the date they commenced</li> <li>c. the minister responsible</li> <li>d. the department responsible</li> <li>e. the nature of the review</li> <li>f. their terms of reference</li> <li>g. the scope of the review</li> <li>h. Who is conducting the review</li> <li>i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</li> <li>j. the expected report date</li> <li>k. the budgeted, projected or expected costs</li> <li>l. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public</li> </ul>	Written
312	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – staff transfers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What functions have been transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013?</li> <li>2. 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?</li> <li>3. How many of these people are employed in Canberra?</li> </ol>	Written

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313	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many people does your department employ?</li> <li>2. What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2014, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</li> <li>3. What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</li> </ol>	Written
314	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – staffing profile	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department/agency?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)</li> </ol>	Written
315	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – staffing recruitment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff?</li> <li>b. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</li> </ol>	Written
316	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – staffing reductions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What was the reason for these reductions?</li> <li>b. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>d. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why</li> </ol>	Written



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				<p>these are happening.</p> <p>e. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>f. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>g. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>h. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position</p> <p>i. How do the packages differ from the default public service package?</p> <p>j. How is the department/agency funding the packages?</p>	
317	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – stationery requirements	<p>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?</p> <p>a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office?</p> <p>b. Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office.</p> <p>c. How much has been spent on departmental stationary requirements to date.</p> <p>d. 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.</p>	Written
318	Corporate:	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – taxi	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a</p>	Written

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	CSD		costs	breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. a. What are the reasons for taxi costs? b. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?	
319	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - travel costs – accompanying Minister or Parliamentary Secretary	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).	Written
320	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - travel costs – department - approval	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?	Written
321	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – travel costs departmental officers	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?	Written

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				c. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	
322	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – travel costs Ministerial	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, please detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;</li> <li>List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;</li> <li>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.</li> <li>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</li> </ol>	Written
323	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – unallocated equipment	<p>Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.</li> </ol>	Written
324	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – vending machines	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If so, list these</li> <li>If so, list the total cost for these items</li> <li>If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</li> <li>If so, where were these purchased</li> <li>If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</li> <li>If so, what is the current location for these items?</li> </ol>	Written

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				g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?	
325	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – voluntary redundancies	<p>For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).</li> <li>Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.</li> <li>Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.</li> <li>Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ol>	Written
326	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Wine coolers /fridges	<p>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?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If so, list these</li> <li>If so, list the total cost for these items</li> <li>If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</li> <li>If so, where were these purchased</li> <li>If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</li> <li>If so, what is the current location for these items?</li> <li>If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?</li> </ol>	Written
327	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Workplace	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List each item of expenditure and cost</li> </ol>	Written

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			assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?</li> <li>c. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes</li> </ul>	
328	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Savings and efficiency measures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since the Appropriate Bills 2014 were passed by the parliament, how many measures, savings tasks or efficiency measures contained in the Appropriations bills have not been actioned or have had no guidance instructions issued?</li> <li>2. For each measure or task identified in question 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the timeframe for implementation?</li> <li>b. Who is the responsible agency for actioning these measures, guidelines or tasks?</li> <li>c. When was the Minister last briefed on this item? Was this briefing requested by the minister or initiated by the department?</li> <li>d. What action has the minister asked be done on this policy?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Written
329	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Self initiated work	<p>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)?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail:</li> <li>b. When did the project commence?</li> <li>c. When is it expected to conclude?</li> <li>d. What will the total cost of the project be?</li> <li>e. Where did the money for the project come from?</li> <li>f. Where is the project based?</li> </ol>	Written
330	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Senate Estimates briefing	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate	Written

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				<p>estimates?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?</li> <li>b. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</li> <li>c. 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?</li> <li>d. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</li> <li>e. If so, when did this occur?</li> <li>f. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</li> <li>g. When were the changes made?</li> <li>h. 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.</li> </ol>	
331	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Shared resources following MOG changes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?</li> <li>2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?</li> <li>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?</li> </ol>	Written

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332	Corporate: CSD	Waters	Staffing	<p>In response to QoN231 in May, the Department advised that it intended to shed 290 staff by 30 June of 2014.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is that figure still accurate?</li> <li>2. Did this occur, what was the final figure of job cuts for 2013-14?</li> <li>3. How much of that was achieved by voluntary redundancies and how much by other reductions?</li> <li>4. What was the cost to taxpayers of the VR packages?</li> <li>5. Which areas of the Dept did these [290] jobs come from? Which areas of responsibility are now moving more slowly or have been put on the backburner for lack of staff?</li> <li>6. Does this carry over to this fin year, ie increasing this year's cuts above the planned 140?</li> </ol>	Written
333	Corporate: CSD	Waters	Staffing	<p>In May when we discussed the implications to staffing levels of the Government's reduction in the Department's budget, you said you were unable to advise until the new Departmental structure was in place, and business planning for 2014-15 was completed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is that process now complete?</li> <li>2. Can you confirm that the total staffing reduction for the Department for FY 14-15 financial year is still expected to be 140? If not, please provide the up to date number.</li> <li>3. Which areas of the Department are these job cuts coming from? What programs / Departmental responsibilities will be affected? Please be as specific as possible.</li> <li>4. Which areas suffered reduced staffing, following the Minister's commitment to increase EPBC compliance staffing to 30 staff, which was announced pre budget in response to Gladstone Bund Wall Review Report.</li> </ol>	Written

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				<p>5. Is there a business plan for FYs beyond 14-15?</p> <p>6. If so, please provide details of total staffing reductions for the Department for all FYs possible.</p>	
334	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Voluntary Redundancies	<p>Can you provide a list of what positions and at what level each of these not so voluntary redundancies are being targeted?</p> <p>a. If some of this division (EACD) have been captured can you provide a list of what positions and at what level each of these redundancies were?</p>	Written
335	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Voluntary redundancies – positions and levels	<p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> In May you advised that the department was moving to the third round of voluntary redundancies and was seeking an extra 250 volunteers. I recall that the final exit date for these staff was around mid-July.</p> <p><b>Dr de Brouwer:</b> It can extend through 2014. I think the round closed around mid-July.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Can you tell us how this has progressed and how many redundancies have been confirmed? Is that the 177?</p> <p><b>Ms Wiley-Smith:</b> Certainly. We have had a further 131 employees depart this financial year from that round. That is as of 30 September. There is also another 66 that are scheduled to depart before the end of this financial year. So 131 that have already departed and a further 66 to depart.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Are you able to provide a list of what positions and at what levels each of those redundancies were?</p> <p><b>Ms Wiley-Smith:</b> We can certainly take that on notice. I do not have that information at the moment.</p>	8
336	Corporate: General	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of	The following question relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act):	Written



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	Counsel		Information – consultation with Minister’s office	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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?</li> <li>2. If yes, provide a table setting out the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted;</li> <li>b. The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted;</li> <li>c. The purpose of the consultation;</li> <li>d. 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;</li> <li>e. 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</li> <li>f. Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister’s office</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
337	Corporate: General Counsel	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information – consultation with other Departments or Agencies	<p>The following question relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act):</p> <p>Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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?</li> <li>2. If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Department or Agency which was consulted;</li> <li>b. The document;</li> <li>c. The purpose of the consultation;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. 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;</li> <li>e. 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</li> </ul>	
338	Corporate: General Counsel	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information – disclosure log	<p>For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)?</li> <li>2. Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)?</li> <li>3. Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify).</li> </ul>	Written
339	Corporate: General Counsel	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information – disclosure log	<p>The following question relate to the period from 18 September 2013:</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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;</li> <li>b. The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website;</li> <li>c. The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by [date]?</li> <li>d. What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a</li> </ul>	Written

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				request for provision? e. What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task?	
340	Corporate: General Counsel	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information – disclosure log	The following question relate to the period from 18 September 2013: Has the Department or Agency charged anyone for access to a document under section 11C(4)? If so, please provide the following information in a table: a. On how many occasions charges have been imposed; b. The amount charged for each document c. The total amount charged; d. What is the highest charge that has been imposed.	Written
341	Corporate: General Counsel	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information – release of conditionally exempt documents	The following question relate to the period from 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? Of those, how many were: a. Released in full b. Released in part c. Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest d. Other (please specify)	Written
342	Corporate: General Counsel	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information – staffing resources	For the period of time from 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests?	Written

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343	Corporate: General Counsel	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information - statistics	<p>How many FOI requests were received between 7 September 2013 to date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act?</li> <li>How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act?</li> <li>How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act?</li> <li>How many of those requests were finalised out of time?</li> </ol>	Written
344	Corporate: General Counsel	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information requests	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?</li> <li>Of those assessed as deliberative documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?</li> <li>For how many has a redacted document been provided?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
345	Corporate: General Counsel	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, list all legal costs incurred by the department or agency</li> <li>List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external</li> <li>List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)</li> </ol>	Written

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				4. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice	
346	Corporate: General Counsel	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Statutory Review provisions	<p>Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the review</li> <li>b. When did/will this work begin?</li> <li>c. When is/was the review due to commence.</li> <li>d. What is the expected report date.</li> <li>e. Who is the minister responsible for the review</li> <li>f. What department is responsible for the review</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision.</li> <li>3. List the terms of reference.</li> <li>4. What is the scope of the review.</li> <li>5. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review?</li> <li>6. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review?</li> <li>7. When was the Minister briefed on this matter?</li> <li>8. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter?</li> <li>9. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</li> <li>10. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?</li> </ol>	Written

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347	Corporate: General Counsel	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Sunset provision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not?</li> <li>b. Has any consideration been given to delaying or alerting the sunset provisions?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the sunset provisions becoming active <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When did/will this work begin?</li> <li>b. When is/was the review due to commence.</li> <li>c. What is the expected report date.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Who is the minister responsible for the review</li> <li>4. What department is responsible for the review</li> <li>5. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision.</li> <li>6. List the terms of reference.</li> <li>7. What is the scope of the review.</li> <li>8. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review?</li> <li>9. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review?</li> <li>10. When was the Minister briefed on this matter?</li> <li>11. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter?</li> <li>12. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</li> <li>13. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so,</li> </ol>	Written

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				when?	
348	Corporate: PAID	Waters	“One in, One out” Regulatory burden policy	<p>In May estimates 2014 the Department provided initial responses on the Government’s “regulatory offsets” policy, the idea that if the Department or Government wishes to propose a new regulatory burden, you need to offset this by removing regulatory burden.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is this an issue which you need to address as part of each new policy proposal?</li> <li>2. How is an “offset” found – is it anywhere across the economy or society, or there “like for like” – ie if you plan to increase regulation of one industry, do you need to find the offset within that same industry?</li> <li>3. Can you confirm that this is a new requirement, introduced by the current Government? Are there any precedents of this being in place under previous governments?</li> </ol>	Written
349	Corporate: PAID	Waters	“One in, One out” Regulatory burden policy	<p>In May estimates 2014 the Department provided initial responses on the Government’s “regulatory offsets” policy, the idea that if the Department or Government wishes to propose a new regulatory burden, you need to offset this by removing regulatory burden.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please describe any “offset processes” that you’ve used to date.</li> <li>2. Who checks compliance with is policy, is it the Dept of Finance or Treasury?</li> <li>3. Is it correct to say that, even where the case for increased regulation (say to protect a highly endangered species) is clear, the Department could not propose this unless you were able to also identify regulations or compliance obligations you can cut?</li> <li>4. Is there that much regulatory “fat” in the system, or does this risk</li> </ol>	Written

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				<p>tying the Govt's hands in responding to new environmental pressures/ disasters?</p> <p>5. Are we at the high water mark of environmental regulation in Australia?</p>	
350	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	Communication Procedure Manuals – Minister's office	<p>Does the minister's office have a procedure manual for communication between the minister's office and the department? If yes, please provide a copy and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When was the manual last updated?</li> <li>Who is responsible for updating the manual?</li> <li>Who is the manual distributed to?</li> <li>Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the department?</li> </ol>	Written
351	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	G20 Brisbane	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which ministers from the portfolio attended the G20 conference in Brisbane? For each attending minister, please answer the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How long will the minister be in Brisbane for?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Please provide a copy of the minister's program and a list of any meetings that are scheduled. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the minister requested any briefing material from the department in relation to the G20? Please provide a list of the briefing titles.</li> <li>How many ministerial staff will attend with the minister?</li> </ol> </li> <li>How many departmental staff attended the G20?</li> <li>For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on airfares to and from Brisbane?</li> <li>For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on accommodation in Brisbane?</li> <li>For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent</li> </ol>	Written



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				<p>on other associated expenses? Please detail.</p> <p>7. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material for the G20? Please detail.</p> <p>8. Will the department be preparing a report following the G20? If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What will be the scope of the report?</li> <li>When will it be complete?</li> <li>Will it be available to the public?</li> </ol>	
352	Corporate: PAID	Waters	Institute of Public Affairs	Have officials from the Environment Department had any meetings or correspondence with the Institute of Public Affairs regarding the discontinued Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations (GVESHO) programme, or any other aspects of the Environment portfolio since this Government took office? If so, please advise for each meeting – who was present and which issues were discussed, and for each correspondence, advise which issues were raised.	Written
353	Corporate: PAID	Waters	Institute of Public Affairs	Has the Department briefed the Environment Minister or his staff for any meetings or assistance with correspondence with the Institute of Public Affairs since this Government took office? If so, advise for each meeting - who was present, and which issues were they briefed on, and for each correspondence – which issues were raised.	Written
354	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - advertising	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising? Including through the use of agencies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please detail each advertising campaign including its cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in commissioning.</li> <li>Provide copies of approvals, including but not limited to,</li> </ol>	Written

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				approvals made by the Prime Minister or his delegate, the Minister of their delegate or the department or their delegate.	
355	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Communication Procedure Manuals	Does the department have a procedure manual for communication between the department and the minister? If yes, please provide a copy and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When was the manual last updated?</li> <li>b. Who is responsible for updating the manual?</li> <li>c. Has the minister's office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail.</li> <li>d. Who is the manual distributed to?</li> <li>e. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the minister or the minister's office?</li> </ul>	Written
356	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – communication staff	For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</li> <li>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</li> <li>d. How many are graphic designers?</li> <li>e. How many are media managers?</li> <li>f. How many organise events?</li> </ul>	Written
357	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - 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,	Written

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				<p>accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security.</p> <p>For each item, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The location of the event.</li> <li>b. The date of the event.</li> <li>c. The name and ABN of the service provider.</li> <li>d. Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process.</li> <li>e. The total value of the contract/invoice.</li> <li>f. The date the contract was executed by the Department.</li> <li>g. The number of attendees at the event, if applicable.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail.</li> <li>3. Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail</li> <li>4. Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted.</li> </ol>	
358	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Government advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List each item of expenditure and cost</li> <li>b. List the approving officer for each item</li> <li>c. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List the total expected cost</li> <li>b. List each item of expenditure and cost</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. List the approving officer for each item</li> <li>d. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising</li> </ul>	
359	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Lobbyist register	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, list all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</li> <li>b. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</li> </ul>	Written
360	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – market research	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, list any market research conducted by the department/agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List the total cost of this research</li> <li>b. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program</li> <li>c. Who conducted the research?</li> <li>d. How were they identified?</li> <li>e. Where was the research conducted?</li> <li>f. In what way was the research conducted?</li> <li>g. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used?</li> <li>h. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?</li> <li>i. How was the firm or individual that conducted the review selected?</li> <li>j. What input did the Minister have?</li> </ul>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>k. How was it approved?</li> <li>l. Were other firms or individuals considered? If yes, please detail.</li> </ul>	
361	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – media monitoring	<p>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 department/agency during the specified period?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>b. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?</li> <li>c. Itemise these expenses</li> </ul>	Written
362	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – media monitoring – Minister's office	<p>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?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>b. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?</li> <li>c. Itemise these expenses.</li> </ul>	Written
363	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – media training	<p>1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, in relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Total spending on these services</li> <li>b. An itemised cost breakdown of these services</li> <li>c. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>d. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification</li> </ul>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. The names of all service providers engaged</li> <li>f. The location that this training was provided</li> </ul> <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>e. The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ul> <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The location used</li> <li>b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</li> <li>c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ul>	
364	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Merchandise or promotional material	<p>Since 7 September 2013, has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose)</li> <li>b. List the cost for each item</li> </ul>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. List the quantity of each item</li> <li>d. Who suggested these material be created?</li> <li>e. Who approved its creation?</li> <li>f. Provide copies of authorisation</li> <li>g. When was the Minister informed of the material being created?</li> <li>h. Who created the material?</li> <li>i. How was that person selected?</li> <li>j. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?</li> </ul>	
365	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - printing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these printed documents were also published online?</li> <li>b. Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If so, what companies were used?</li> <li>ii. How were they selected?</li> <li>iii. What was the total cost of this printing by item?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Written
366	Corporate: PAID	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<p>Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target</li> <li>b. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</li> <li>c. How have they been recruited?</li> <li>d. What process was used for their appointment?</li> <li>e. What is the total cost of this unit?</li> </ul>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.</li> <li>g. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</li> <li>h. Lease list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.</li> <li>i. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?</li> </ul>	
367	Corporate: PAID	Waters	Register of environmental organisations	<p>Please provide a table setting out the following information for each financial year between 2007-08 and 2013-14:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many applications for DGR status were made?</li> <li>b. How many applications were decided?</li> <li>c. How many applications were rejected and how many approved?</li> <li>d. What was the average waiting time for the applications decided in that financial year?</li> <li>e. The FTE staff dedicated to assessing applications for DGR status if possible</li> <li>f. If not possible, the number of individual staff dedicated to assessing applications for DGR status.</li> </ul>	Written
368	Corporate: PAID	Canavan	Register of environmental organisations - investigations	<p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> On notice, how many investigations you have done in the last 12 months to do with, in broad terms, the compliance of organisations on the register?</p> <p><b>Ms Jensen:</b> We can provide that information, subject to the normal privacy aspects.</p> <p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> Of course, that is why I am asking just for the number and not necessarily the details. Can I specifically ask whether the department has—</p>	10



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				<p><b>Senator Birmingham:</b> Just to be clear, Senator, you are not looking for general compliance measures that are undertaken, but whether actual investigations into more detailed—</p> <p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> Non-compliance, yes. Not just any standard reporting requirements.</p>	
369	Corporate: PAID	Waters	Register of environmental organisations - investigations	How many, if any, organisations listed on the Register are currently under investigation including formal review of their DGR status? Who are they?	Written
370	Corporate: PAID	Waters	Register of environmental organisations – organisations under review	<p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> ..... How many organisations currently on the register are under investigation, including any review of their DGR status?</p> <p><b>Ms Jensen:</b> I will need to take that on notice. I am happy to do that.</p>	11
371	Corporate: PAID	Canavan	Register of environmental organisations – removal from the register	<p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> Has any organisation ever been taken off of the register?</p> <p><b>Ms Jensen:</b> I believe so. I would need to take that on notice, to be sure.</p> <p><b>Senator Birmingham:</b> From the information I have seen cross my desk over the last 12 months, a number of organisations come off of the register every year, some voluntarily of course. Some come off because of failures to comply with requirements under the DGR status. Usually they have not submitted the necessary reports and so on, and when dug into it is usually found that they have become inactive in any event. Whether there has been a serious breach of non-compliance of the nature suggested in this instance that has led to somebody being removed from the register, I am not sure. But it in both admittance to the</p>	10

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				<p>register and removal from the register, I believe that they are decisions that need to be undertaken jointly between the Minister for the Environment and the Assistant Treasurer.</p> <p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> Can I narrow my question on notice to whether any organisation has been taken off the register because of non-compliance with section 30.270 of the Income Tax Assessment Act?</p> <p><b>Ms Jensen:</b> Certainly, we can take that on notice.</p>	
372	Corporate: PAID	Waters	Register of environmental organisations - review	<p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Hi, folks. Sticking with the register of environmental organisations, is the department undertaking a whole or a part review of the organisations listed on the REO?</p> <p><b>Ms Jensen:</b> I guess we are always considering the list. As far as I am aware, we are not taking a specific review at this stage.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> So you have not been asked to do so?</p> <p><b>Ms Jensen:</b> I would need to take that on notice to be sure, but I am not aware that we have.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Thanks for taking that on notice.</p>	11
373	Corporate: PAID	Waters	Register of environmental organisations - review	Has there been any discussion between the Department and the ATO regarding the current register with a view to reviewing it in any fashion, and if so what are the steps that have flowed from it?	Written
374	Director of National Parks	Singh	Bioregional Advisory panels	<p>The Bioregional Advisory panels will to undertake “genuine and appropriate” consultation with communities. Is the Department unable to undertake “genuine and appropriate” consultation with communities?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How is that consultation process taking place?</li> <li>Who has been consulted?</li> <li>Why has the Department’s role in engagement and consultation</li> </ol>	Written

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				been outsourced to the Bioregional Advisory Panels?	
375	Director of National Parks	Singh	Bioregional Advisory panels – Terms of Reference	The review's Terms of Reference state that the panels will report to the Government 6 months after their first meeting. Have the panels met yet? a. If not, when will they meet? b. Why haven't they met yet?	Written
376	Director of National Parks	Singh	Christmas Island biological control - wasp	Has the Department been able to import and implement the biological control option – a wasp – it was investigating with La Trobe University? a. If not, why not, and where is the approval process up to? b. The report on the impact of the wasp was due in June this year. Has the Department received it? c. What were its findings? d. Has the Department identified any risks or impacts that may occur from implementation of the biological control?	Written
377	Director of National Parks	Singh	Christmas Island biological control - wasp	Has this Government maintained funding for the approval process? a. When does the funding run out? b. Will additional funding be required to implement the biological control? c. How long does the Department expect the biological control implementation process to take? d. What are its chances of success?	Written
378	Director of National Parks	Singh	Christmas Island Yellow Crazy Ant control	What has been the outcome of the Government's investment in Yellow Crazy Ant control on Christmas Island? a. Were Yellow Crazy Ants implicated in the extinction of the Christmas Island Forest Skink this year?	Written
379	Director of National	Singh	Commonwealth Marine Reserves	Why was the Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review delayed?	Written

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	Parks				
380	Director of National Parks	Singh	Commonwealth Marine Reserves	What purpose are the reserves serving without management plans?	Written
381	Director of National Parks	Singh	Commonwealth Marine Reserves	In the review's Terms of Reference that the new management plans will be informed by the best available science. What will be defined as the "best available science"? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Who is making the definition?</li> <li>b. What best available science was not utilised in the development of the scrapped management plans?</li> </ul>	Written
382	Director of National Parks	Urquhart	Commonwealth Marine Reserves – Management Plans	In regards to the review of Commonwealth Marine Reserve management plans, has there been any engagement or consultation undertaken by the Department with stakeholders since December 2013 while the review was delayed in getting underway? What has been the extent and nature of that engagement?	Written
383	Director of National Parks	Urquhart	Commonwealth Marine Reserves - staffing	How many staff were working in the Commonwealth Marine Reserves Branch in December last year? Since then, how many staff have taken voluntary redundancies, and at what level?	Written
384	Director of National Parks	Urquhart	Commonwealth Marine Reserves - staffing	How many Marine Reserves Branch staff are based in the Department's regional offices? If there are none, how does this impact Department's ability to appropriately engage and consult with stakeholders affected by the review's delay and the adjustment package's postponement.	Written
385	Director of National Parks	Siewert	Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review – cost of	<b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> How much is this process costing? <b>Mr Clark:</b> When you refer to 'process', are you referring to the review? <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> The review process.	41

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			first process	<p><b>Mr Clark:</b> The budget for the review in this financial year is approximately \$2.4 million.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> How much did the last process cost? Do you know that or do you have to take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Clark:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p>	
386	Director of National Parks	Singh	Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review – cost of scientific panel meeting	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> What is the cost for a one-day meeting of this scientific review panel?</p> <p><b>Mr Clark:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p>	42
387	Director of National Parks	Siewert	Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review – time to prepare first management plan	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Yes. Sorry, I only have limited time. I know exactly how it was done. How long did the management plans take, from when you started drafting them to when they were gazetted?</p> <p><b>Mr Clark:</b> There were two periods of public consultation that informed the development of the previous management plans. That followed the proclamation of the reserves and those periods of public consultation, with two periods of 30 days. At the end of that period, the management plans were finalised. I do not have the exact period here in front of me, but I think it was in the vicinity of six months.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Could you take that on notice please?</p>	41
388	Director of National Parks	Singh	Commonwealth Marine Reserves South-East Reserve Network	Was any science utilised in the development of the management plan for the South-East Reserve Network that was not used for the five scrapped management plans?	Written
389	Director of National	Singh	National Reserve System	Are those marine reserves without management plans still considered a part of the National Reserve System?	Written

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	Parks				
390	Director of National Parks	Singh	Scientific Panel's Terms of Reference	<p>In the Scientific Panel's Terms of Reference that it will be reviewing the risk assessments and other scientific information relating to zoning decisions. What is the difference between the risk assessments and scientific information used for the five scrapped management plans and the risk assessments and scientific information used for the South-East network management plan?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will the Scientific Panel be reviewing any recent science that has been published since the development of the management plan?</li> <li>Will that science be used to update the South-East network management plan?</li> <li>If not, why not?</li> </ol>	Written
391	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Draft Reef 2050 Plan – Water Quality	<p>Part of GBRMPA's responsibility is assessing progress towards the water quality target of "no detrimental impact". That target has been around since 2009, but does GBRMPA know what reductions in pollutants and run off will actually be required to achieve it?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does GBRMPA have any good estimate?</li> </ol>	Written
392	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Draft Reef 2050 Plan – Water Quality	<p>Is anyone in GBRMPA or within the Commonwealth government on track to establish explicit load reduction target?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does GBRMPA know of anyone at all who is on track to establish explicit load reduction targets? Please give a rough timeframe.</li> </ol>	Written
393	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Draft Reef 2050 Plan – Water Quality	<p>Some estimates which I have seen state that cuts of up to 80% in Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen are needed - is that consistent with your estimates if GBRMPA has made any estimates?</p>	Written

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394	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Draft Reef 2050 Plan – Water Quality	Has anyone from GBRMPA raised the lack of explicit load reduction targets with a. the Department? b. The Minister?	Written
395	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Draft Reef 2050 Plan – Water Quality	WQO1 in the draft Reef 2050 plan is “The quality of water entering the reef from broadscale land use has no detrimental impact on the health and resilience of the Great Barrier Reef.” I understand that it’s the same as the long term goal under Reef Plan 2013, but with one difference – the old goal was to achieve that by 2020. The new goal has no timeframe at all. Can you tell me why that is? a. Why was the timeframe dropped from the goal when it was copied from Reef Plan 2013?	Written
396	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Draft Reef 2050 Plan – Water Quality	The Reef Water Quality Protection Plan 2013 is still on foot, but now that the draft Reef Plan 2050 does not contain the 2020 time-bound, which would prevail? a. What is the timeframe under the new draft Reef 2050 plan?	Written
397	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Draft Reef 2050 Plan – Water Quality	The Reef plan defines “objectives” as being achieved in the “medium term”. What does that mean in this case?	Written
398	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Dredging and dumping world’s best practice	Do the permit conditions on all relevant approvals under GBRMP Act or Sea Dumping legislation insist that the proponent must use ‘world’s best practice’ when dredging and dumping? a. Please provide a list of which projects are conducted using world’s best practice and which are not.	Written

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399	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Eye on the Reef data	I understand that water quality and turbidity monitoring data under the Eye on the Reef program has not been released for the inshore areas near the Whitsunday Islands. Please provide a representative summary of the Secchi Disk monitoring data for that area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Is it accurate that this data shows a deterioration even compared to the mid shelf data?</li> </ul>	Written
400	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	GBRMPA budget	Please detail how many FTE positions have been lost as a result of the \$2.1 million budget cut (Budget Estimates QoN 270) this FY?	Written
401	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	GBRMPA input on Abbot Point referrals	Was GBRMPA consulted on the recent referrals made in relation to the Abbot Point onshore dredge spoil disposal proposal? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Was that consultation undertaken by phone, email, or face to face?</li> <li>b. Did GBRMPA provide advice or input in relation to the decision to assess those referrals on preliminary documents?</li> <li>c. Did GBRMPA provide any general advice in relation to the importance of the Caley Valley wetlands to the GBR?</li> </ul>	Written
402	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	General Manager – Ms Margaret Johnson	I refer to concerns raised by the tourism industry on an ABC Lateline program recently As the General Manager responsible for tourism within GBRMPA, how many years' experience has Ms Johnson had with the tourism industry? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is her background?</li> </ul>	Written
403	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park	Urquhart	Staffing	Please provide information on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Staff levels in each unit within GBRMPA</li> <li>b. Work programmes for each unit for upcoming financial year</li> </ul>	Written



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	Authority			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. For scientific-based units, qualifications for each EL2 and SES staff member</li> <li>d. Number of Reef Guardian schools, farmers, fishers, councils (incl names of schools and councils)</li> <li>e. Meeting schedules for RACs and LMACs for financial year.</li> </ul>	
404	Murray Darling Basin Authority	Urquhart	MDBA work plan	<p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Yes. I think we can probably get some further information if we need it. On the other areas that you were going to talk about, could you provide us with a brief update on notice, so I can get to some other questions?</p> <p><b>Dr Dickson:</b> Sure. We produced a little booklet a month or so ago when we undertook some community meetings. That may be the simplest thing to provide to you.</p>	30
405	Murray Darling Basin Authority	Rhiannon	SDL Adjustment supply measures	How likely does the Department or MDBA think that it is possible to recover the full 650GL of water through supply measures? What are the reasons informing this response?	Written
406	National Water Commission	Urquhart	Advisory role	The National Water Commission has an advisory role in relation to the application by the states of the risk assignment framework under subsection 74A(4) of the Water Act. Can you please advise what these functions are for, whether they will be ceased and what the reasoning is for their cessation?	Written
407	National Water Commission	Urquhart	Assessing and reporting progress – Murray-Darling Basin Plan	On the National Water Commission's role in assessing and reporting on progress of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan - what has been the reaction of the Basin state Governments to this?	Written
408	National Water	Rhiannon	COAG Agenda	On 20 October 2014 the NWC chair Karlene Maywald stated on the ABC "Water is no longer an item on the COAG agenda and that's our major	Written

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	Commission			concern". Can you inform the committee why this now the situation?	
409	National Water Commission	Rhiannon	Investment in water infrastructure	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Are there any examples in Australia where you feel that that has been followed as thoroughly as you set out?</p> <p><b>Ms Olsson:</b> Yes. I am sure there would be. I would have trouble coming up with one off the top of my head, but I think some of the recent developments perhaps in Tasmania or elsewhere would meet those criteria. But we would need to—</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you take it on notice?</p> <p><b>Ms Olsson:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Just an example of what you would see as good practice, consistent with what you are outlining there—</p> <p><b>Ms Olsson:</b> Yes.</p>	74
410	National Water Commission	Rhiannon	National Water Initiative	<p>The COAG review of the National Water Commission in 2012 stated that: 'The elements of the NWI (National Water Initiative) still to be implemented are, by their nature, the more difficult ones'. Please outline what these elements are?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where are each of these "elements" at, at the present time?</li> <li>What are the other areas of reform still needed?</li> <li>What are the barriers to the implementation of solutions to these problems?</li> <li>Can you outline the process of pulling together your assessment of the National Water Initiative? How do you involve stakeholders? What expertise is called upon?</li> </ol>	Written
411	National Water	Rhiannon	NWC wind up	How will future co-ordination of water policy across states occur if the National Water Commission is wound up?	Written

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	Commission				
412	National Water Commission	Xenophon	Recommendations on water allocations	Has the National Water Commission provided any recommendations to COAG or the State and Territory Governments on water allocations and usage in mining projects?	Written
413	National Water Commission	Xenophon	Use of River Murray in mining projects	<p>I recently met with a number of constituents in regional areas who are concerned about a number of proposed mining projects across South Australia impacting on the state's sustainable agricultural land. A key concern relates to the proposed use of River Murray water for these projects. In open-cut mining processes there are considerable amounts of dewatering required. In particular, Rex Minerals Hillside mine project near Ardrossan on the Yorke Peninsula proposes 3.2 gigalitres per year from groundwater and 0.4 gigalitres per year from the SA Water pipeline.</p> <p>What is the National Water Commission's position on the use of water, particularly River Murray water, in large scale mining projects?</p>	Written
414	National Water Commission	Xenophon	Water and mining projects	Has the National Water Commission conducted any research or reviews on the wider impact of the use of water in mining projects on the environment? Has any research been done with regards to impacts on groundwater, particularly is contaminated water is reinjected back into the ground?	Written
415	National Water Commission	Xenophon	Water Blueprint	<p>The National Water Commission recently released its final assessment of Australia's water reform progress and called on the Government not to drop the ball on future water issues.</p> <p>I understand the report found water reforms have created more secure</p>	Written

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				<p>supplies and resulted in more efficient use of resources since the signing of the National Water Initiative by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in 2004 and its predecessor, the 1994 COAG Water Reform Framework.</p> <p>What are the key water reforms that led to improved supplies and water efficiency?</p>	
416	National Water Commission	Xenophon	Water Blueprint	What are the NWC's key concerns about the current national water agenda?	Written
417	National Water Commission	Xenophon	Water Blueprint	What does the NWC see as the risks if the recommendations of the report are not implemented by Government/s?	Written
418	National Water Commission	Xenophon	Water Blueprint	The Federal Government has named the Productivity Commission as the body to take over the role of monitoring and auditing water reform. What are the NWC's key concerns about the handover?	Written
419	National Water Commission	Xenophon	Water Blueprint	What are the NWC's strategies for improved engagement across federal, state and territory governments?	Written
420	National Water Commission	Xenophon	Water Blueprint	I understand an audit of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan was originally due next year, but a bill before Federal Parliament would give the Productivity Commission until 2018. What are the implications of this delay for the MDB?	Written

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421	National Water Commission	Xenophon	Water Blueprint	What is the NWC's position on the Government's Green Paper on competitiveness in agriculture, with regard to the plans for more dams and water infrastructure?	Written
422	Bureau of Meteorology	Canavan	AWAP and ACORN-SAT data	<p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> Can you take this on notice, because you probably won't have this to hand? You mentioned AWAP before. What is the difference in the mean average annual temperature between AWAP and your ACORN-SAT dataset since 1910; what is the mean for summer, spring, autumn and winter; and what percentage difference has been made by the homogenisation process?</p> <p><b>Dr Vertessy:</b> Can I give you some data now? I can tell you about the trend of average temperatures going from the beginning of the record in 1910 to the present. I will talk about three data sets. AWAP is the gridded dataset, ACORN is the other one that we have spoken about and then there was the predecessor to ACORN, which was also a modernised data set but with a slightly different methodology. If we look at the period 1910 to the present, AWAP says that Australia's climate has increased by 0.73 of a degree. The predecessor to ACORN says 0.96 of a degree and ACORN also says 0.96 of a degree. However, if we look at the period since 1960—</p>	17
423	1.4: WHMD	Singh	Draft Heritage Strategy	<p>p100-101 – (The senator would like to know exactly how many submissions made reference to Australia's World Heritage areas)</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> In the consultation process, have any submissions to the strategy made reference to Australia's World Heritage areas?</p> <p><b>Mr Routh:</b> There were 117 public submissions received during the eight-week, or two-month, public comment period. I would have to check</p>	100

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				<p>because I do not have with me how many referred to World Heritage matters. So we have done an analysis of those 117 public submissions. I do not have that with me at the table.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> You do not have the analysis?</p> <p><b>Mr Routh:</b> Not with me at the table.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Okay, so you will take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Oxley:</b> What Mr Routh said is that he does not have, in front of him, the analysis in detail or an estimate or even an exact number of submissions which mentioned World Heritage.</p>	
424	1.1: BCD	Singh	Green Army projects	<p>P123-124 – (The senator would like the complete breakdown of the 196 applicants)</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Do you have a breakdown of the 196? How many were shire councils? How many were NRM groups, catchment management authorities and Landcare groups?</p> <p><b>Ms Pidcock:</b> I would have to take that on notice. We do have it broken down, but I just—</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> I can go on to your website. I have the whole list here in front of me. It would take me a little while now to count how many, but I can see by flicking through that there are quite a lot in the shire council category. It would be handy if someone could do a count and tell us the percentage that are. The reason I ask the question is that we have heard concerns in the Senate inquiry into the Landcare program that many of the Landcare groups were not able to find a useful number and variety of tasks to give the Green Army team worthwhile experience for four days a week for six months. Therein lies why your breakdown—which is why I am asking you what your breakdown is—is more weighted to the shire</p>	123

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				<p>councils and perhaps NRM groups. Can you provide us with a—</p> <p><b>Mr Sullivan:</b> We are happy to give you a breakdown. I have two observations to make around that. The first is that a number of those initial 196 came from election commitments that were made prior to forming government. The initial focus of a number of those was on local councils in the formative stage of the program primarily because local councils have a range of materials and practices at their disposal to support Green Army teams.</p> <p>The second observation is that you are quite correct: there was some hesitancy from Landcare groups in looking at brokering projects that comprised a number of groups. We have worked really hard with NRM organisations and Landcare groups since the first round to talk about projects that could involve three weeks with one Landcare group and four weeks with a Bushcare group—</p>	
425	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – non-ongoing contracts extended without APSC approval	<p>How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval?</p> <p>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.</p>	Written
426	1.5: EACD	Urquhart	Staffing EACD	<p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> I am also interested in the current level of staffing in the environmental assessment and approvals area of the department. I think it was about 236 at 30 April 2014. Can you confirm if that is still the</p>	9

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