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QON No.	Batch	Senator	Subject	Full Question Text	Division or Agency	Proof Hansard Ref / Written	PDMS Ref
1	4	Bilyk	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. How much has the ABS spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>2. Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided?</p> <p>3. How much did the ABS spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored Facebook posts in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>4. How much did the ABS spend on Google adwords advertising in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p>	ABS	Written	SQ17-000018
2	4	Bilyk	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. How much has the Ombudsman’s office spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>2. Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided?</p> <p>3. How much did the Ombudsman’s office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored Facebook posts in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>4. How much did the Ombudsman’s office spend on Google adwords advertising in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p>	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000022
3	4	Bilyk	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. How much has the ATO spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>2. Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided?</p> <p>3. How much did the ATO spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored Facebook posts in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>4. How much did the ATO spend on Google adwords advertising in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p>	ATO	Written	SQ17-000019
4	4	Bilyk	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. How much has the Productivity Commission spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>2. Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided?</p> <p>3. How much did the Productivity Commission spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored Facebook posts in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>4. How much did the Productivity Commission spend on Google adwords advertising in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p>	PC	Written	SQ17-000038

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5	4	Bilyk	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>2. Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided?</p> <p>3. How much did the Department spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored Facebook posts in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>4. How much did the Department spend on Google adwords advertising in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p>	Treasury - Communications Division	Written	SQ17-000023
6	4	Bilyk	Coffee machines	<p>Can an itemised list of coffee machines at ABS premises please be provided including</p> <p>(i) make and model;</p> <p>(ii) purchase or lease cost;</p> <p>(iii) ongoing maintenance costs;</p> <p>(iv) ongoing cost of supplying coffee and other consumables?</p>	ABS	Written	SQ17-000020
7	4	Bilyk	Coffee machines	<p>Can an itemised list of coffee machines at Ombudsman premises please be provided including</p> <p>(i) make and model;</p> <p>(ii) purchase or lease cost;</p> <p>(iii) ongoing maintenance costs;</p> <p>(iv) ongoing cost of supplying coffee and other consumables?</p>	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000025
8	5	Bilyk	Coffee machines	<p>Can an itemised list of coffee machines at ATO premises please be provided including</p> <p>(i) make and model;</p> <p>(ii) purchase or lease cost;</p> <p>(iii) ongoing maintenance costs;</p> <p>(iv) ongoing cost of supplying coffee and other consumables?</p>	ATO	Written	SQ17-000024
9	4	Bilyk	Coffee machines	<p>Can an itemised list of coffee machines at Productivity Commission premises please be provided including</p> <p>(i) make and model;</p> <p>(ii) purchase or lease cost;</p> <p>(iii) ongoing maintenance costs;</p> <p>(iv) ongoing cost of supplying coffee and other consumables?</p>	PC	Written	SQ17-000053
10	4	Bilyk	Coffee machines	<p>Can an itemised list of coffee machines at departmental premises please be provided including</p> <p>(i) make and model;</p> <p>(ii) purchase or lease cost;</p> <p>(iii) ongoing maintenance costs;</p> <p>(iv) ongoing cost of supplying coffee and other consumables?</p>	Treasury - Business Services Division	Written	SQ17-000026
11	7	Bilyk	Consultancies	<p>Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive) for spending in calendar year 2016 on external consultants/service providers in the following categories please be provided:</p> <p>(i) social media;</p> <p>(ii) photography;</p> <p>(iii) graphic design;</p> <p>(iv) web design</p> <p>(v) electronic communications</p> <p>(vi) acting or public speaking training;</p> <p>(vii) ergonomics.</p>	ABS	Written	SQ17-000021

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12	7	Bilyk	Consultancies	Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive) for spending in calendar year 2016 on external consultants/service providers in the following categories please be provided: (i) social media; (ii) photography; (iii) graphic design; (iv) web design (v) electronic communications (vi) acting or public speaking training; (vii) ergonomics.	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000027
13	7	Bilyk	Consultancies	1. Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive) for spending in calendar year 2016 on external consultants/service providers in the following categories please be provided: (i) social media; (ii) photography; (iii) graphic design; (iv) web design (v) electronic communications (vi) acting or public speaking training; (vii) ergonomics.	ATO	Written	SQ17-000090
14	7	Bilyk	Consultancies	Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive) for spending in calendar year 2016 on external consultants/service providers in the following categories please be provided: (i) social media; (ii) photography; (iii) graphic design; (iv) web design (v) electronic communications (vi) acting or public speaking training; (vii) ergonomics.	PC	Written	SQ17-000057
15	8	Bilyk	Consultancies	1. Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive) for spending in calendar year 2016 on external consultants/service providers in the following categories please be provided: (i) social media; (ii) photography; (iii) graphic design; (iv) web design (v) electronic communications (vi) acting or public speaking training; (vii) ergonomics.	Treasury - Financial and Procurement Division	Written	SQ17-000028
16	7	Bilyk	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any departmental functions or official receptions etc since 1 October 2016, can the following please be provided: - List of functions; - List of attendees; - Function venue; - Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); - Details of any food served; - Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and - Details of any entertainment provided.	Treasury - Business Services Division	Written	SQ17-000030
17	2	Bilyk	Executive office upgrades	1. Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of any SES staff offices been upgraded since 1 October 2016? 2. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	ABS	Written	SQ17-000029

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18	2	Bilyk	Executive office upgrades	1. Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of any SES staff offices been upgraded since 1 October 2016? 2. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000031
19	2	Bilyk	Executive office upgrades	1. Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Commissioner’s office, or the offices of any Deputy Commissioners, been upgraded since 1 October 2016? 2. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	ATO	Written	SQ17-000095
20	2	Bilyk	Executive office upgrades	1. Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Commissioner’s office, or the offices of any Deputy Commissioners, been upgraded since 1 October 2016? 2. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	PC	Written	SQ17-000067
21	2	Bilyk	Executive office upgrades	1. Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary’s office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, been upgraded since 1 October 2016? 2. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	Treasury - Business Services Division	Written	SQ17-000032
22	3	Bilyk	Facilities upgrades	1. Have the facilities of any of ABS premises been upgraded since 1 October 2016, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? 3. Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	ABS	Written	SQ17-000039
23	3	Bilyk	Facilities upgrades	1. Have the facilities of any of Ombudsman’s office premises been upgraded since 1 October 2016, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? 3. Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000033
24	3	Bilyk	Facilities upgrades	1. Have the facilities of any of ATO premises been upgraded since 1 October 2016, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? 3. Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	ATO	Written	SQ17-000093
25	3	Bilyk	Facilities upgrades	1. Have the facilities of any of Productivity Commission premises been upgraded since 1 October 2016, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? 3. Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	PC	Written	SQ17-000072
26	3	Bilyk	Facilities upgrades	1. Have the facilities of any of the Department’s premises been upgraded since 1 October 2016, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? 3. Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	Treasury - Business Services Division	Written	SQ17-000034
27	1	Bilyk	Flights	1. What was the ABS’ total expenditure on flights for ABS staff in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?	ABS	Written	SQ17-000040

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28	1	Bilyk	Flights	1. What was the Ombudsman’s office’s total expenditure on flights for ASBFEO staff in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000035
29	1	Bilyk	Flights	What was the ATO’s total expenditure on flights for ATO staff in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?	ATO	Written	SQ17-000118
30	1	Bilyk	Flights	What was the Productivity Commission’s total expenditure on flights for Productivity Commission staff in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?	PC	Written	SQ17-000078
31	1	Bilyk	Flights	What was the Department’s total expenditure on flights for departmental staff in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?	Treasury - Financial and Procurement Division	Written	SQ17-000036
32	7	Bilyk	Functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc since 1 October 2016, can the following please be provided: - List of functions; - List of attendees; - Function venue; - Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); - Details of any food served; - Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and - Details of any entertainment provided.	ABS	Written	SQ17-000044
33	7	Bilyk	Functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc since 1 October 2016, can the following please be provided: - List of functions; - List of attendees; - Function venue; - Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); - Details of any food served; - Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and - Details of any entertainment provided.	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000037
34	7	Bilyk	Functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc since 1 October 2016, can the following please be provided: - List of functions; - List of attendees; - Function venue; - Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); - Details of any food served; - Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and - Details of any entertainment provided.	ATO	Written	SQ17-000097
35	7	Bilyk	Functions	1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc since 1 October 2016, can the following please be provided: - List of functions; - List of attendees; - Function venue; - Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); - Details of any food served; - Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and - Details of any entertainment provided.	PC	Written	SQ17-000082

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36	4	Bilyk	Gifts	<p>1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by ABS officials in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?</p> <p>3. Who was the recipient of each gift?</p> <p>4. For what purpose was each gift given?</p>	ABS	Written	SQ17-000048
37	4	Bilyk	Gifts	<p>1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by the Ombudsman’s office in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?</p> <p>3. Who was the recipient of each gift?</p> <p>4. For what purpose was each gift given?</p>	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000041
38	4	Bilyk	Gifts	<p>1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by ATO officials in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?</p> <p>3. Who was the recipient of each gift?</p> <p>4. For what purpose was each gift given?</p>	ATO	Written	SQ17-000100
39	4	Bilyk	Gifts	<p>1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by Productivity Commission officials in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?</p> <p>3. Who was the recipient of each gift?</p> <p>4. For what purpose was each gift given?</p>	PC	Written	SQ17-000083
40	9	Bilyk	Gifts	<p>1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by departmental officials in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?</p> <p>3. Who was the recipient of each gift?</p> <p>4. For what purpose was each gift given?</p> <p>5. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by Ministers in the portfolio in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>6. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?</p> <p>7. Which Minister gave each gift?</p> <p>8. Who was the recipient of each gift?</p> <p>9. For what purpose was each gift given?</p>	Treasury - Financial and Procurement Division	Written	SQ17-000042
41	4	Bilyk	Ground transport	<p>What was the ABS’ total expenditure on the following categories of ground transport in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive):</p> <p>(i) Taxi hire;</p> <p>(ii) Limousine hire;</p> <p>(iii) Private hire car; and</p> <p>(iv) Ridesharing services.</p>	ABS	Written	SQ17-000052
42	4	Bilyk	Ground transport	<p>What was the Ombudsman’s office’s total expenditure on the following categories of ground transport in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive):</p> <p>(i) Taxi hire;</p> <p>(ii) Limousine hire;</p> <p>(iii) Private hire car; and</p> <p>(iv) Ridesharing services.</p>	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000043

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43	5	Bilyk	Ground transport	<p>What was the ATO's total expenditure on the following categories of ground transport in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive):</p> <p>(i) Taxi hire;</p> <p>(ii) Limousine hire;</p> <p>(iii) Private hire car; and</p> <p>(iv) Ridesharing services.</p>	ATO	Written	SQ17-000102
44	4	Bilyk	Ground transport	<p>What was the Productivity Commission's total expenditure on the following categories of ground transport in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive):</p> <p>(i) Taxi hire;</p> <p>(ii) Limousine hire;</p> <p>(iii) Private hire car; and</p> <p>(iv) Ridesharing services.</p>	PC	Written	SQ17-000086
45	5	Bilyk	Ground transport	<p>1. What was the Department's total expenditure on the following categories of ground transport in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive):</p> <p>(i) Taxi hire;</p> <p>(ii) Limousine hire;</p> <p>(iii) Private hire car; and</p> <p>(iv) Ridesharing services.</p>	Treasury - Business Services Division	Written	SQ17-000046
46	6	Bilyk	iTunes/Android	<p>1. Does the ABS have an iTunes account?</p> <p>2. If so, what was the total expenditure on iTunes in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>3. What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through iTunes in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>4. Does the ABS have an Android account?</p> <p>5. If so, what was the total expenditure on Android in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>6. What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through Android in calendar year 2016?</p>	ABS	Written	SQ17-000055
47	4	Bilyk	iTunes/Android	<p>1. Does the Ombudsman's office have an iTunes account?</p> <p>2. If so, what was the total expenditure on iTunes in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through iTunes in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>3. Does the Ombudsman's office have an Android account?</p> <p>4. If so, what was the total expenditure on Android in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through Android in calendar year 2016?</p>	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000045
48	6	Bilyk	iTunes/Android	<p>1. Does the ATO have an iTunes account?</p> <p>2. If so, what was the total expenditure on iTunes in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>3. What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through iTunes in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>4. Does the ATO have an Android account?</p> <p>5. If so, what was the total expenditure on Android in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>6. What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through Android in calendar year 2016?</p>	ATO	Written	SQ17-000103
49	6	Bilyk	iTunes/Android	<p>1. Does the Productivity Commission have an iTunes account?</p> <p>2. If so, what was the total expenditure on iTunes in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>3. What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through iTunes in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>4. Does the Productivity Commission have an Android account?</p> <p>5. If so, what was the total expenditure on Android in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>6. What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through Android in calendar year 2016?</p>	PC	Written	SQ17-000091

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50	13	Bilyk	iTunes/Android	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does the Department have an iTunes account? If so, what was the total expenditure on iTunes in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through iTunes in calendar year 2016? Does the Department have an Android account? If so, what was the total expenditure on Android in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through Android in calendar year 2016? Do any ministerial offices in the portfolio have an iTunes account? If so, what was the total expenditure on iTunes in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? Please provide separate figures for each Minister. What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through iTunes in calendar year 2016? Do any ministerial offices in the portfolio have an Android account? If so, what was the total expenditure on Android in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? Please provide separate figures for each Minister. What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through Android in calendar year 2016? 	Treasury - Business Services Division	Written	SQ17-000049
51	3	Bilyk	Legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What was the ABS' total spend on external legal services (including services provided by the Australian Government Solicitor) (GST inclusive) for calendar year 2016? Can an itemised list of costs of each legal matter (GST inclusive) please be provided? Can a list of relevant Contract Notices published on Austender please be provided? 	ABS	Written	SQ17-000058
52	3	Bilyk	Legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What was the Ombudsman's office's total spend on external legal services (including services provided by the Australian Government Solicitor) (GST inclusive) for calendar year 2016? Can an itemised list of costs of each legal matter (GST inclusive) please be provided? Can a list of relevant Contract Notices published on Austender please be provided? 	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000047
53	3	Bilyk	Legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What was the ATO's total spend on external legal services (including services provided by the Australian Government Solicitor) (GST inclusive) for calendar year 2016? Can an itemised list of costs of each legal matter (GST inclusive) please be provided? Can a list of relevant Contract Notices published on Austender please be provided? 	ATO	Written	SQ17-000105
54	3	Bilyk	Legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What was the Productivity Commission's total spend on external legal services (including services provided by the Australian Government Solicitor) (GST inclusive) for calendar year 2016? Can an itemised list of costs of each legal matter (GST inclusive) please be provided? Can a list of relevant Contract Notices published on Austender please be provided? 	PC	Written	SQ17-000092
55	3	Bilyk	Legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What was the Department's total spend on external legal services (including services provided by the Australian Government Solicitor) (GST inclusive) for calendar year 2016? Can an itemised list of costs of each legal matter (GST inclusive) please be provided? Can a list of relevant Contract Notices published on Austender please be provided? 	Treasury - Parliamentary and Legal Services Division	Written	SQ17-000056
56	4	Bilyk	Market research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much did the ABS spend on market research in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? Can a list of all market research contracts entered into please be provided, together with the Austender Contract Notice number? What was the purpose of this market research? Did it relate to an advertising or information campaign? If so, which campaign? 	ABS	Written	SQ17-000061
57	4	Bilyk	Market research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much did the Ombudsman's office spend on market research in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? Can a list of all market research contracts entered into please be provided, together with the Austender Contract Notice number? What was the purpose of this market research? Did it relate to an advertising or information campaign? If so, which campaign? 	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000050

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58	5	Bilyk	Market research	<p>1. How much did the ATO spend on market research in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>2. Can a list of all market research contracts entered into please be provided, together with the Austender Contract Notice number?</p> <p>3. What was the purpose of this market research?</p> <p>4. Did it relate to an advertising or information campaign?</p> <p>5. If so, which campaign?</p>	ATO	Written	SQ17-000107
59	4	Bilyk	Market research	<p>1. How much did the Productivity Commission spend on market research in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>2. Can a list of all market research contracts entered into please be provided, together with the Austender Contract Notice number?</p> <p>3. What was the purpose of this market research?</p> <p>4. Did it relate to an advertising or information campaign? If so, which campaign?</p>	PC	Written	SQ17-000094
60	4	Bilyk	Market research	<p>1. How much did the Department spend on market research in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>2. Can a list of all market research contracts entered into please be provided, together with the Austender Contract Notice number?</p> <p>3. What was the purpose of this market research?</p> <p>4. Did it relate to an advertising or information campaign? If so, which campaign?</p>	Treasury - Communications Division	Written	SQ17-000068
61	5	Bilyk	Media and public relations	<p>1. How much has the ABS spent on media monitoring since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>2. Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts please be provided?</p> <p>3. How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the ABS?</p> <p>4. At what APS level (eg EL2, APS5) is each staff member employed? Can an organisational chart for the relevant area of the ABS please be provided?</p> <p>5. What was the total cost of employing relevant staff in calendar year 2016 (please provide a global figure)?</p>	ABS	Written	SQ17-000064
62	4	Bilyk	Media and public relations	<p>1. How much has the Ombudsman's office spent on media monitoring since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>2. Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts please be provided?</p> <p>3. How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the Ombudsman's office? At what APS level (eg EL2, APS5) is each staff member employed?</p> <p>4. Can an organisational chart for the relevant area of the Ombudsman's office please be provided?</p> <p>5. What was the total cost of employing relevant staff in calendar year 2016 (please provide a global figure)?</p>	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000051
63	5	Bilyk	Media and public relations	<p>1. How much has the ATO spent on media monitoring since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>2. Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts please be provided?</p> <p>3. How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the ATO? At what APS level (eg EL2, APS5) is each staff member employed?</p> <p>4. Can an organisational chart for the relevant area of the ATO please be provided?</p> <p>5. What was the total cost of employing relevant staff in calendar year 2016 (please provide a global figure)?</p>	ATO	Written	SQ17-000109

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64	6	Bilyk	Media and public relations	<p>1. How much has the Productivity Commission spent on media monitoring since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>2. Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts please be provided?</p> <p>3. How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the Productivity Commission?</p> <p>4. At what APS level (eg EL2, APS5) is each staff member employed?</p> <p>5. Can an organisational chart for the relevant area of the Productivity Commission please be provided?</p> <p>6. What was the total cost of employing relevant staff in calendar year 2016 (please provide a global figure)?</p>	PC	Written	SQ17-000096
65	5	Bilyk	Media and public relations	<p>1. How much has the Department spent on media monitoring since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>2. Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts please be provided?</p> <p>3. How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the Department? At what APS level (eg EL2, APS5) is each staff member employed?</p> <p>4. Can an organisational chart for the relevant area of the Department please be provided?</p> <p>5. What was the total cost of employing relevant staff in calendar year 2016 (please provide a global figure)?</p>	Treasury - Communications Division	Written	SQ17-000077
66	7	Bilyk	Ministerial functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 October 2016, can the following please be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of functions; - List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; - Function venue; - Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); - Details of any food served; - Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and - Details of any entertainment provided. 	Treasury - Business Services Division	Written	SQ17-000079

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67	12	Bilyk	Mobile devices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many mobile telephones are currently on issue to ABS to staff? 2. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 3. How many new mobile phones were purchased by the ABS in calendar year 2016? 4. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing mobile telephones for ABS staff in calendar year 2016? 5. How many mobile telephones had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 6. How many mobile telephones were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 7. How many ipads/tablets are currently on issue to ABS staff? 8. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 9. How many new ipads/tablets were purchased by the ABS in calendar year 2016? 10. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing ipads/tablets for ABS staff in calendar year 2016? 11. How many ipads/tablets had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 12. How many ipads/tablets were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 	ABS	Written	SQ17-000066
68	16	Bilyk	Mobile devices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many mobile telephones are currently on issue to Ombudsman staff? 2. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 3. How many new mobile phones were purchased by the Ombudsman’s office in calendar year 2016? 4. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing mobile telephones for Ombudsman staff in calendar year 2016? 5. How many mobile telephones had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? 6. What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 7. How many mobile telephones were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? 8. What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 9. How many ipads/tablets are currently on issue to Ombudsman staff? 10. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 11. How many new ipads/tablets were purchased by the Ombudsman’s office in calendar year 2016? 12. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing ipads/tablets for Ombudsman staff in calendar year 2016? 13. How many ipads/tablets had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? 14. What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 15. How many ipads/tablets were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? 16. What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000054

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69	12	Bilyk	Mobile devices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many mobile telephones are currently on issue to ATO to staff? 2. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 3. How many new mobile phones were purchased by the ATO in calendar year 2016? 4. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing mobile telephones for ATO staff in calendar year 2016? 5. How many mobile telephones had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 6. How many mobile telephones were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 7. How many ipads/tablets are currently on issue to ATO staff? 8. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 9. How many new ipads/tablets were purchased by the ATO in calendar year 2016? 10. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing ipads/tablets for ATO staff in calendar year 2016? 11. How many ipads/tablets had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 12. How many ipads/tablets were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 	ATO	Written	SQ17-000110
70	12	Bilyk	Mobile devices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many mobile telephones are currently on issue to Productivity Commission to staff? 2. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 3. How many new mobile phones were purchased by the Productivity Commission in calendar year 2016? 4. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing mobile telephones for Productivity Commission staff in calendar year 2016? 5. How many mobile telephones had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 6. How many mobile telephones were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 7. How many ipads/tablets are currently on issue to Productivity Commission staff? 8. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 9. How many new ipads/tablets were purchased by the Productivity Commission in calendar year 2016? 10. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing ipads/tablets for Productivity Commission staff in calendar year 2016? 11. How many ipads/tablets had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 12. How many ipads/tablets were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 	PC	Written	SQ17-000098

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71	12	Bilyk	Mobile devices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many mobile telephones are currently on issue to departmental staff? 2. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 3. How many new mobile phones were purchased by the Department in calendar year 2016? 4. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing mobile telephones for departmental staff in calendar year 2016? 5. How many mobile telephones had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 6. How many mobile telephones were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 7. How many ipads/tablets are currently on issue to departmental staff? 8. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 9. How many new ipads/tablets were purchased by the Department in calendar year 2016? 10. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing ipads/tablets for departmental staff in calendar year 2016? 11. How many ipads/tablets had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 12. How many ipads/tablets were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 	Treasury - Business Services Division	Written	SQ17-000080
72	2	Bilyk	Plants and gardens	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for all ABS premises in calendar year 2016? 2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of external gardens and landscaping for all ABS premises in calendar year 2016? 	ABS	Written	SQ17-000069
73	2	Bilyk	Plants and gardens	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for all Ombudsman premises in calendar year 2016? 2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of external gardens and landscaping for all Ombudsman premises in calendar year 2016? 	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000059
74	2	Bilyk	Plants and gardens	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for all ATO premises in calendar year 2016? 2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of external gardens and landscaping for all ATO premises in calendar year 2016? 	ATO	Written	SQ17-000111
75	2	Bilyk	Plants and gardens	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for all Productivity Commission premises in calendar year 2016? 2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of external gardens and landscaping for all Productivity Commission premises in calendar year 2016? 	PC	Written	SQ17-000099

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76	3	Bilyk	Plants and gardens	<p>1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for all departmental premises in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of external gardens and landscaping for all departmental premises in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>3. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide separate figures for each Minister's office in the portfolio, covering ministerial offices both at Parliament House and elsewhere.</p>	Treasury - Business Services Division	Written	SQ17-000081
77	6	Bilyk	Redundancies	<p>1. How many staff were made redundant in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>2. How many were voluntary redundancies?</p> <p>3. How many were forced redundancies?</p> <p>4. What was the total cost of all redundancies (expressed as a single global figure)?</p> <p>5. Have any staff made redundant in calendar year 2016 subsequently carried out work for the ABS as a contractor?</p> <p>6. If so, please provide an itemised list of relevant contracts and related Austender Contract Notice numbers.</p>	ABS	Written	SQ17-000070
78	6	Bilyk	Redundancies	<p>1. How many staff were made redundant in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>2. How many were voluntary redundancies?</p> <p>3. How many were forced redundancies?</p> <p>4. What was the total cost of all redundancies (expressed as a single global figure)?</p> <p>5. Have any staff made redundant in calendar year 2016 subsequently carried out work for the Ombudsman's office as a contractor?</p> <p>6. If so, please provide an itemised list of relevant contracts and related Austender Contract Notice numbers.</p>	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000060
79	6	Bilyk	Redundancies	<p>1. How many staff were made redundant in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>2. How many were voluntary redundancies?</p> <p>3. How many were forced redundancies?</p> <p>4. What was the total cost of all redundancies (expressed as a single global figure)?</p> <p>5. Have any staff made redundant in calendar year 2016 subsequently carried out work for the ATO as a contractor?</p> <p>6. If so, please provide an itemised list of relevant contracts and related Austender Contract Notice numbers.</p>	ATO	Written	SQ17-000113
80	6	Bilyk	Redundancies	<p>1. How many staff were made redundant in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>2. How many were voluntary redundancies?</p> <p>3. How many were forced redundancies?</p> <p>4. What was the total cost of all redundancies (expressed as a single global figure)?</p> <p>5. Have any staff made redundant in calendar year 2016 subsequently carried out work for the Productivity Commission as a contractor?</p> <p>6. If so, please provide an itemised list of relevant contracts and related Austender Contract Notice numbers.</p>	PC	Written	SQ17-000101
81	6	Bilyk	Redundancies	<p>1. How many staff were made redundant in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>2. How many were voluntary redundancies?</p> <p>3. How many were forced redundancies?</p> <p>4. What was the total cost of all redundancies (expressed as a single global figure)?</p> <p>5. Have any staff made redundant in calendar year 2016 subsequently carried out work for the Department as a contractor? If so, please provide an itemised list of relevant contracts and related Austender Contract Notice numbers.</p>	Treasury - People and Organisational Strategy Division	Written	SQ17-000084

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82	1	Bilyk	Snacks	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks at ABS premises in calendar year 2016?	ABS	Written	SQ17-000071
83	1	Bilyk	Snacks	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks at Ombudsman premises in calendar year 2016?	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000062
84	1	Bilyk	Snacks	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks at ATO premises in calendar year 2016?	ATO	Written	SQ17-000114
85	2	Bilyk	Snacks	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks at Productivity Commission premises in calendar year 2016?	PC	Written	SQ17-000104
86	2	Bilyk	Snacks	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks at departmental premises in calendar year 2016? 2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks to ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of the costs for each separate ministerial office, covering both offices at Parliament House and elsewhere.	Treasury - Financial and Procurement Division	Written	SQ17-000085
87	5	Bilyk	Stationery and paper	1. How much did the ABS spend on stationery and office supplies (excluding paper) in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 2. How much did the ABS spend on paper in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 3. What brand of paper does the ABS use? 4. Is this paper Australian made? 5. If no, why doesn't the ABS buy Australian made paper?	ABS	Written	SQ17-000073
88	5	Bilyk	Stationery and paper	1. How much did the Ombudsman's office spend on stationery and office supplies (excluding paper) in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 2. How much did the Ombudsman's office spend on paper in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 3. What brand of paper does the Ombudsman's office use? 4. Is this paper Australian made? 5. If no, why doesn't the Ombudsman's office buy Australian made paper?	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000063
89	5	Bilyk	Stationery and paper	1. How much did the ATO spend on stationery and office supplies (excluding paper) in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 2. How much did the ATO spend on paper in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 3. What brand of paper does the ATO use? 4. Is this paper Australian made? 5. If no, why doesn't the ATO buy Australian made paper?	ATO	Written	SQ17-000115
90	5	Bilyk	Stationery and paper	1. How much did the Productivity Commission spend on stationery and office supplies (excluding paper) in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 2. How much did the Productivity Commission spend on paper in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 3. What brand of paper does the Productivity Commission use? 4. Is this paper Australian made? 5. If no, why doesn't the Productivity Commission buy Australian made paper?	PC	Written	SQ17-000106
91	5	Bilyk	Stationery and paper	1. How much did the Department spend on stationery and office supplies (excluding paper) in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 2. How much did the Department spend on paper in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 3. What brand of paper does the Department use? 4. Is this paper Australian made? 5. If no, why doesn't the Department buy Australian made paper?	Treasury - Business Services Division	Written	SQ17-000087

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92	2	Bilyk	Subscriptions	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for the ABS? 2. Please provide a complete list of each service to which the ABS subscribed.	ABS	Written	SQ17-000075
93	2	Bilyk	Subscriptions	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for the Ombudsman's office? 2. Please provide a complete list of each service to which the Ombudsman's office subscribed.	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000065
94	2	Bilyk	Subscriptions	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for the ATO? 2. Please provide a complete list of each service to which the ATO subscribed.	ATO	Written	SQ17-000116
95	2	Bilyk	Subscriptions	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for the Productivity Commission? 2. Please provide a complete list of each service to which the Productivity Commission subscribed.	PC	Written	SQ17-000108
96	4	Bilyk	Subscriptions	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for the Department? 2. Please provide a complete list of each service to which the Department subscribed. 3. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for Ministers in the portfolio? 4. Please provide a complete list of each service to which ministerial offices subscribed.	Treasury - Communications Division	Written	SQ17-000088
97	1	Bilyk	Vacancies	1. Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the ABS, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	ABS	Written	SQ17-000076
98	1	Bilyk	Vacancies	1. Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the Ombudsman's office, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000074
99	1	Bilyk	Vacancies	1. Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the ATO, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	ATO	Written	SQ17-000117
100	1	Bilyk	Vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the Productivity Commission, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	PC	Written	SQ17-000112
101	1	Bilyk	Vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Treasury - People and Organisational Strategy Division	Written	SQ17-000089
102	2	Bilyk	Water coolers	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of providing water coolers at ABS premises in calendar year 2016? 2. Please provide a breakdown of costs for acquiring and maintaining/resupplying water coolers.	ABS	Written	SQ17-000119
103	2	Bilyk	Water coolers	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of providing water coolers at Ombudsman premises in calendar year 2016? 2. Please provide a breakdown of costs for acquiring and maintaining/resupplying water coolers.	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000159

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104	2	Bilyk	Water coolers	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of providing water coolers at ATO premises in calendar year 2016? 2. Please provide a breakdown of costs for acquiring and maintaining/resupplying water coolers.	ATO	Written	SQ17-000161
105	2	Bilyk	Water coolers	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of providing water coolers at Productivity Commission premises in calendar year 2016? 2. Please provide a breakdown of costs for acquiring and maintaining/resupplying water coolers.	PC	Written	SQ17-000163
106	2	Bilyk	Water coolers	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of providing water coolers at departmental premises in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of costs for acquiring and maintaining/resupplying water coolers. 2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of providing water coolers to ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of costs for acquiring and maintaining/resupplying water coolers.	Treasury - Business Services Division	Written	SQ17-000165
107	2	Bilyk	Websites	1. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by ABS staff in calendar year 2016? 2. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by ABS staff in calendar year 2016?	ABS	Written	SQ17-000120
108	2	Bilyk	Websites	1. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by Ombudsman's office staff in calendar year 2016? 2. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by Ombudsman's office staff in calendar year 2016?	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000160
109	2	Bilyk	Websites	1. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by ATO staff in calendar year 2016? 2. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by ATO staff in calendar year 2016?	ATO	Written	SQ17-000162
110	2	Bilyk	Websites	1. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by Productivity Commission staff in calendar year 2016? 2. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by Productivity Commission staff in calendar year 2016?	PC	Written	SQ17-000164
111	2	Bilyk	Websites	1. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by departmental staff in calendar year 2016? 2. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by departmental staff in calendar year 2016?	Treasury - Business Services Division	Written	SQ17-000166
112	1	Roberts	Legislation	Senator ROBERTS: [...] How many pieces of legislation—that is red, blue and green tape, blue tape being the UN—have been cumulatively passed federally in Australia from 1970 to 2016? Senator McGrath: We might have to take that on notice. [...]	Treasury - Law Design Practice	Page 105 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000167

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113	29	Ketter	ACCC Resourcing	<p>a. How does this figure compare for the last 5 years?</p> <p>b. What is the ACCC's approach to dealing with complaints from consumers? What do you do with the information provided by complainants? What feedback do you give to complainants?</p> <p>c. What proportion of these complaints are by telephone? What is the average waiting time for consumers making a complaint by telephone?</p> <p>d. What proportion of these complaints are by email? What is the average waiting period for consumers to receive an email response from the ACCC?</p> <p>e. What data analytics are done with information received through the contact centre?</p> <p>i. Has the ACCC used these analytics to identify particular demographics that are more likely to have lodged a complaint with the ACCC?</p> <p>ii. What other insights has the ACCC gained?</p> <p>iii. How do these insights impact where the ACCC prioritises its resources?</p> <p>iv. Which ten companies or organisations have received the most complaints through the contact centre in the last twelve months?</p> <p>2. How many staff members does the ACCC have and at what classifications are they employed? How does this compare with the last 5 years?</p> <p>3. How many consumer cases has the ACCC pursued through the legal system in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. Of these, how many have been successful?</p> <p>b. Are you able to provide a schedule of penalties awarded through these actions?</p> <p>i. What happens to moneys paid as penalties? Are they returned to the ACCC to run further cases? If not, how many more consumer cases would the ACCC be able to run annually if they were?</p> <p>c. How much of the ACCC's legal costs are awarded in each of the cases it has run?</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000121
114	5	Ketter	Add-on insurance	<p>Referring to the ACCC's announcement that it is declining to authorise a plan by a number of insurance companies to limit commissions to car dealers for selling add-on insurance to 20 per cent.</p> <p>a. Can you go through the ACCC's reasoning for the decision?</p> <p>b. What communication has the ACCC had with ASIC in relation to this issue?</p> <p>c. Does the ACCC believe that the best interests of consumers are served by insurance companies following ASIC's recommendations in its report REP 492 (descriptively titled A market that is failing consumers: The sale of add-on insurance through car dealers)? If so, what role will the ACCC play in ensuring they are followed?</p> <p>d. Has the ACCC received any correspondence or submissions in the wake of this decision? Are you able to provide copies?</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000122

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115	13	Ketter	Administration	<p>1. How many briefs in total have gone from the ACCC and AER to Ministers since the 2016 Federal Election?</p> <p>2. How many briefs have been signed</p> <p>3. What is the average time that a brief has been in each relevant Minister’s office?</p> <p>4. Please list the titles and dates of each brief</p> <p>5. Please list the topics and areas on which the ACCC and AER have briefed the Minister</p> <p>6. Have any meetings been held between Ministers and senior ACCC officials? On what dates have those meetings occurred? Please provide copies of the agendas, talking points, and any action minutes taken at each of these meetings.</p> <p>7. Does a regular meeting occur between the ACCC and, separately, the AER and the relevant Minister? How frequently do these meetings occur? Please provide copies of the agendas, talking points, and any action minutes taken at each of the last 12 of these meetings.</p> <p>8. Does a regular meeting occur between the ACCC and, separately, the AER and the ministerial advisers? How frequently do these meetings occur? Please provide copies of the agendas, talking points, and any action minutes taken at each of the last 12 of these meetings.</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000123
116	11	Ketter	Advising on market transparency options	<p>Referring to the announcement by the Prime Minister: “Measures Agreed for Cheaper, More Reliable Gas” on 15 March 2017:</p> <p>1. When was the ACCC advised that it would be working with Dr Mike Vertigan on advising on options to quickly improve transparency in the gas market, to facilitate competition between producers and information for purchasers?</p> <p>2. Has Dr Mike Vertigan contracted by the ACCC to do this work? If so, what is the value of the contract? For how long is Dr Vertigan contracted for?</p> <p>3. Has the ACCC been advised as to when this work is to be completed? If not, why not?</p> <p>4. What resources is ACCC dedicating to this task? Will additional resources, such as contractors and consultants be required?</p> <p>5. Did the ACCC provide any advice to Treasury, the Treasurer or the Government ahead of the 15 March 2017 meeting? If so, when was this advice provided? If not, why not?</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000124
117	3	Siewert	Australian Consumer Law Amendment	<p>1. I note a number of prominent charities are proposing for the Australian Consumer Law to be clarified and amended to expressly cover fundraising activities. What is your position on this proposal to reduce red tape for charities?</p> <p>- If you are yet to finalise your position, what is your preliminary view?</p> <p>2. What if anything, is your concern with the proposal?</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000125
118	6	Ketter	Australian Consumer Law Review – higher penalties	<p>1. Are you still of the view that penalties are insufficient when they apply to misconduct by large firms in particular?</p> <p>2. Would the ACCC welcome the proposal put forward at various times, including Labor and the interim Australian Consumer Law Review, that penalties under the Australian Consumer Law Review should rise to at least match those in the Competition and Consumer Act?</p> <p>3. Has the ACCC offered feedback on that proposal to the Australian Consumer Law review?</p> <p>4. Has Treasury and/or the Government sought feedback on a proposal to raise penalties? Who approached the ACCC? When did this occur?</p> <p>5. What are the implications of maintaining the status quo on penalties? Will we continue to see cases of misconduct?</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000126

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119	9	Ketter	Button Batteries	<p>Referring to the answer to a question on notice from 2016 Supplementary Estimates (ref SQ16-001087). Given Product Safety Australia’s National Strategy for improving the safety of button batteries, has the agency assessed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If there is a trend in improved safety of button battery products; 2. If so, whether the trend is sufficient and addresses all product classes; 3. If not, whether regulatory intervention is needed? 4. Do you have any real-world examples of product manufacturers and retailers improving practices around the packaging and sale of button batteries and products that contain them? 5. Please can you specifically describe the nature and extent of the following elements of the National Strategy for button batteries: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Market surveillance b. Business education c. Product recalls on safety grounds for button batteries and products that contain them? 6. What is the timeframe for the National Strategy and has the ACCC taken a view about extending the timeframe so as to allow for assessment of the Strategy’s effectiveness against hospital admissions data? 	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000127
120	3	Ketter	Charging customers for paper bills	<p>Referring to the answer to a question on notice from 2016 Supplementary Estimates (ref SQ16-001093). Are you able to provide information about the nature of the ACCC’s monitoring of banks and telecommunications companies charging consumers a fee to receive their bills by post? Are you able to provide data collected in that monitoring process? Have you provided a briefing to the Minister on the issue since the last Estimates hearings, and can you provide a copy of that brief?</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000128
121	4	Ketter	Consumers in remote and indigenous communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What work is the ACCC doing regarding consumer protection issues in remote and Indigenous communities? What reports has the ACCC had of the following predatory trading practices taking place in Indigenous communities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sales of consumer leases representing poor value for money; b. High pressure sales of funeral insurance (as opposed to pre-paid funerals) covering persons for whom it is inappropriate, such as very young people; c. Shops taking people’s card and PIN as a kind of security against goods purchased on credit? 	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000129
122	6	Ketter	Debt Vultures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What work is the ACCC doing in relation to so-called ‘debt vultures’ – that is, firms whose business models rest on furnishing consumers with unhelpful debt products. Examples of these firms can include <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. ‘Credit washing’ companies; b. Debt consolidation firms that cold-contact debtors based on court default documents; often this is to offer to negotiate with a mortgagee on the debtor’s behalf – for a considerable fee; c. Debt collection or consolidation firms that encourage debtors to apply for early release of superannuation where this is not in the best interests of the debtor. 2. What communication has the ACCC had with ASIC in relation to this issue? 	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000130

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123	2	Ian MacDonald	Energy - Wholesale Electricity	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Do you have statistics on how many times this calendar year so far the wholesale electricity price has reached the spot market cap, or close to that cap, of what I understand is \$14,000 per megawatt hour?</p> <p>Mr Adams: I can certainly get access to those numbers relatively quickly, but I would like to take the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: [...] can you tell me how that compares with the same period of time over the past five years? Just so I can compare apples with apples, say, 1 January to 1 March over the last five years; is that easy enough to get?</p> <p>Mr Adams: It certainly is easy enough to provide. I will take the question on notice and I will provide that information for you. [...]</p>	ACCC	Pages 112-113 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000131
124	5	Ketter	Enforcement/Compliance Priorities	<p>How did the ACCC prioritise their compliance and enforcement agenda for this budget year? Was the Minister involved in choosing these priorities? Did he sign off on them? On what date? Did these priorities go to Cabinet or any higher Government body?</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000132
125	13	Ketter	Market concentration and competition	<p>Australia's markets are concentrated. In some of our largest industries, the four biggest firms control more than 80 per cent of the market. Is the ACCC concerned at the level of concentration in Australian markets?</p> <p>2. Are competition problems more or less common in concentrated markets?</p> <p>3. Would a fully independent market studies function help the ACCC to identify competition problems before they emerge?</p> <p>4. Would an increased litigation budget help the ACCC to investigate more competition problems in Australia?</p> <p>5. Is market concentration one of the factors contributing to the ACCC's concerns regarding the level of competition in the cattle and beef markets?</p> <p>6. Many of the biggest competitors in Australia's markets are owned by the same institutional investors. The same five institutional investors are the majority owners of all four of the big banks, both the big supermarkets, department stores and petrol retailers. Does this concern the ACCC?</p> <p>7. The Harper Review concluded that competition policy reform is overdue in Australia. Does the ACCC agree or has the Government done enough in this space? Can you give examples of specific reforms that are not being addressed?</p> <p>8. What is the ACCC's view on whether ACL applies to activities undertaken for or on behalf of the not-for-profits and charities?</p> <p>9. Isn't it true that the Interim Report of the ACL Review shows that the ACL already applies to fundraising activities?</p> <p>10. Can you describe any work the ACCC has done with the ACNC to prepare for or predict the consequences of taking a greater role in monitoring fundraising activity in the charities and not-for-profits sector?</p> <p>11. The ACCC already takes the lead role in investigating major cases of impropriety in fundraising activities doesn't it?</p> <p>12. The ACCC would continue to handle investigation into large scale impropriety wouldn't it?</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000133

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126	1	Bushby	Motor Vehicle Service - US System	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Are you able to elucidate on what the US system is? I have heard that put to me before as well and it sounded quite an attractive proposition, but what is your understanding of how that works?</p> <p>Mr Sims: As I understand it, it is a compulsory system where information must be made available through certain portals. Do you have a better idea?</p> <p>Mr Ridgway: It might be a question we need to take on notice.</p> <p>Mr Sims: [...] But we are happy to get back to you on notice.</p>	ACCC	Page 115 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000134
127	4	Ketter	Multi-regulator model	<p>1. Thinking about the national consumer protection framework, and in relation to the multi-regulator model:</p> <p>a. Where are there tensions between regulators?</p> <p>b. Are regulators effectively sharing information with each other when this is in the best interests of consumers?</p> <p>c. Where are the risks of consumers falling through the cracks in the system?</p> <p>d. What oversight and advice role does the ACCC play to state-based regulators?</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000135
128	3	Ketter	Non-conforming building products and Australian standards labelling	<p>1. What role does the ACCC play in recalling products that do not conform to Australian law? For example, substandard glazing or asbestos-containing materials?</p> <p>2. Is the ACCC aware of fraudulent or counterfeit 'Australian Standards' labelling? What role does the ACCC play in taking action against companies who deceive their customers – and break Australian law – through counterfeit labelling?</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000136
129	9	Ketter	Product recalls	<p>1. How many product safety recalls have been issued so far this year?</p> <p>a. Of these, how many were issued voluntarily by suppliers?</p> <p>b. How many were issued on a mandatory basis by the ACCC?</p> <p>2. What is the evidentiary threshold for the ACCC to require a product recall? Typically, how does the ACCC come to this evidence? Can you give any examples?</p> <p>3. Referring to the product safety recall of Infinity Cables sold by Masters Hardware. Can you please give an update on the progress of the recall process? Has the ACCC been made aware of any other problematic cabling or electrical equipment being imported or sold in Australia? How has the ACCC responded to that?</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000137
130	3	Ketter	Retail ombudsman	<p>1. Has the ACCC come across any proposals for a retail sector ombudsman, similar to those in place in the telecommunications and financial services sectors (TIO and FOS respectively)?</p> <p>a. If so, what assessment has the ACCC made on the need for and potential effectiveness of such an ombudsman service?</p> <p>b. Has the ACCC briefed the Minister on the proposals? If so, when, and what outcomes did it lead to?</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000138
131	3	Ketter	Romance Scams	<p>Referring to the ACCC's social media campaign around so-called romance scams, particularly around Valentine's Day.</p> <p>What data has the ACCC received about the prevalence of romance scams? To what extent do these target those who the ACCC identifies as vulnerable consumers? What is the ACCC doing to support victims of scams?</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000139

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132	1	Xenophon	Telecommunications anti-competitive conduct laws - Number of investigations	<p>Senator XENOPHON: How many investigations have the ACCC commenced in the last three years in relation to possible contraventions of part XIB? Is that something you can advise?</p> <p>Mr Cosgrave: Those are conducted by my division. In terms of an absolute number over a three-year period, I would have to take it on notice, but I would indicate that matters are considered across all of the powers of the ACCC and to talk solely in terms of XIB versus other instruments we might have might be difficult, but we will do our best to be helpful in the response.</p>	ACCC	Page 112 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000140
133	3	Ketter	Western Power and WA's integration into the National Energy Market	<p>1. Please provide an update on WA's integration into the National Electricity Market? Why has the process stalled? What impact did the Barnett Government's plan to privatize Western Power have?</p> <p>2. Were any consumer issues raised or discussed at the COAG Energy Council in the last 2-3 years? Please table these documents and briefing papers – including preparatory briefing papers.</p> <p>3. What consumer protection arrangements apply to retail consumers in the National Electricity Market, and how do these compare with protections in place for Western Australian electricity consumers?</p>	ACCC	Written	SQ17-000141
134	6	Ketter	Automatic DGR status	<p>1. Has the ACNC made representations to Government on any matters arising from the 2013 Tax Concession Working Group report?</p> <p>2. If so, has the ACNC specifically raised 'Recommendation 6 – extending DGR status'?</p> <p>3. Does the ACNC have estimates of how many extra charities would be given DGR status with this reform?</p> <p>4. Does the ACNC have revised estimates on the financial cost of extending DGR status?</p> <p>5. Has the ACNC developed policy work on how such a reform would be implemented?</p> <p>6. Does the ACNC have estimates on the red tape burden reduction such a reform would have?</p>	ACNC	Written	SQ17-000142
135	2	Siewert	Charities - Annual Statement Data	<p>1. How is the data from all the charities annual information statements being used?</p> <p>- Please provide any analysis undertaken on this data/using this data</p>	ACNC	Written	SQ17-000143
136	10	Ketter	Fundraising reform	<p>1. Has the Government consulted the ACNC on reforming fundraising?</p> <p>2. Has the ACNC been consulted as part of the Australian Consumer Law Review about using the ACL as the avenue to harmonise fundraising laws in Australia?</p> <p>3. Has the ACNC approached the Government on fundraising reform? What was the Minister's response?</p> <p>4. Have you been consulted in the review led by Treasury into Australian Consumer Law and its application to fundraising activity for charities and not for profits? If so, did you provide a view? What is your view?</p> <p>5. The ACNC commissioned Deloitte Access Economics to produce the Cutting Red Tape: Options to align state, territory and Commonwealth charity regulation which was completed in February 2016. What did that report show as the cost to the sector of inefficient fundraising law?</p> <p>6. Given your objective is to reduce red tape in the sector, and the cost of unnecessary regulation, what could be done to minimise this cost?</p> <p>7. If the Australian Consumer Law review recommended clarification and expansion to better cover fundraising activities in the not-for-profits and charities field, how would you work with the ACCC to meet this recommendation?</p>	ACNC	Written	SQ17-000144

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137	5	Rhiannon	The Royal Flying Doctor Service	<p>1. The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) is 'made up of seven legal entities operating around Australia, under a federated structure, and working together under a joint venture agreement. Each of the entities is independent, both financially and operationally, with their own Board and management'. Further, each RFDS entity is registered separately with the ACNC:</p> <p>a. Which entity of the RFDS has a contract with Elbit Systems to construct, operate and maintain a flight simulator in Dubbo, NSW?</p> <p>2. Are there any rules that RFDS needs to follow with regard to joint activities with a commercial venture?</p> <p>3. As RFDS is using public land for its commercial joint project with Elbit Systems, are there any restrictions on RFDS using such land?</p> <p>4. The ACNC website states the ACNC can conduct an investigation into a registered charity if it is alleged that among other things a charity a) is not entitled to be registered as a charity or as a specific subtype (subtypes must match the charity's purpose); or b) has failed to ensure its responsible people have complied with their duty to act in good faith, with a reasonable degree of care and diligence, in the charity's best interests and pursuing its purpose.</p> <p>a. Considering Elbit Systems is a major weapons manufacturer does this conflict with RFDS charity work to assist sick and injured people across Australia?</p> <p>5. When a registered charity goes into commercial partnership with a private company does it have to demonstrate that it maintains a charitable purpose for the public benefit?</p>	ACNC	Written	SQ17-000145
138	1	Ketter	Cap on Gross Debt	<p>Senator KETTER: At what point would it be published in the gazette? It is presumably after the direction is given. What time frame are we looking at there?</p> <p>Mr Flavel: Sorry, I will have to take that on notice. I do not have that particular part of the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act there. That outlines the fact that it is a non-isallowable direction, from memory. But I do not recall the language in the act about the period within which that direction has to be tabled.</p>	AOFM	Page 97 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000146
139	1	Ketter	Cap on National Gross Debt	<p>Senator KETTER: Once a direction is given—I understand that there will be a direction in the next financial year. Is that your expectation?</p> <p>Mr Bath: That would be my expectation, yes.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: If and when you receive a direction, can you tell us when that is generally published in the gazette?</p> <p>Mr Bath: [...] I think that there are a number of days that it has to be tabled. It might be 14 days that it has to be tabled in parliament. We might have to take that one on notice. [...]</p>	AOFM	Page 125 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000147
140	4	Rhiannon	Commonwealth Bank investor loans	<p>1. The Commonwealth Bank is reported to have raised investor loan rates in order to comply with the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority's 10 per cent limit on annual growth in residential real estate investor lending:</p> <p>a. What has been the actual growth in CBA investor lending?</p> <p>b. When did APRA identify the potential to breach the 10 per cent cap?</p> <p>i. When did it communicate with CBA, and what response did CBA provide?</p>	APRA	Written	SQ17-000148

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141	7	Bushby	For-Profit Sector Superannuation - Appointments and Fees Paid	<p>was deputy CEO of Industry Super Australia, as well as ex-ACTU employee Linda Rubenstein, and ex-ACTU employee Cath Bowtell is its CEO. Are you aware of whether that is still the case? You might need to take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Glenfield: I would take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Looking at that APRA data again, it also indicates that the average director of AUSfund gets paid \$38,000 per annum. I presume you are not going to be able to answer that one off the top of your head?</p> <p>Mr Glenfield: No.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: So, take it on notice, please. Would you know—and I guess you are going to have to take this on notice, too—whether that money is passed on by the directors to either Industry Super Australia or the ACTU or another union?</p> <p>Mr Glenfield: Again, we would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: If it is passed on, that would suggest that the union or the industry fund or lobby group, as appropriate, would be receiving money that is generated from a retail for-profit superannuation fund.</p> <p>Mr Glenfield: Again, I will have to have a look at how it works.</p> <p>Mr Byres: I do not think we have ever said that it is a retail fund.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: But it is a for-profit fund.</p> <p>Mr Byres: Yes.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: And if it is not passed on, then presumably the only other conclusion you can draw is that the directors would be receiving money from a for-profit fund that they were appointed to by trade unions? I will leave that to you to answer on notice. I also understand from the performance data that AUSfund returned 1.5 per cent last year and was the secondworst of the eight</p>	APRA	Page 35 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000149
142	1	Gallagher	For-Profit Sector Superannuation - Fund Performance	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Do you know how much profit has been earned from superannuation products by the banks in the last financial year?</p> <p>Mrs Rowell: I don't, no.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Does APRA know that information or would you have that information?</p> <p>Mr Byres: We could take on notice to see if we have that information. I suspect it would be a very difficult question, because it would require a lot of estimation and assumptions about cost allocations and various things, but we can take the question on notice.</p>	APRA	Pages 28-29 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000150

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143	3	Gallagher	For-Profit Sector Superannuation - Fund Performance	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: [...] Could you confirm that, as of June 2016, \$317 billion of assets were held by these funds that account for nearly 60 per cent of retail fund assets?</p> <p>Mrs Rowell: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: If you can, have a look at that on notice. I have also had a look at the 28 bank owned super funds for which APRA does have a ten-year rate of return. And from my looking at this, only six of them are above the median return of all funds and 22 are below it. Could you confirm that?</p> <p>Mrs Rowell: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: [...] Of those six that are above the median return of all funds over the 10-year return, I think only one of them is open to the public for public offering. The others are staff funds run by the banks, and there is actually quite a difference in return for staff funds run by the bank in all instances. It is anywhere from one and a half per cent to almost 3 per cent higher for the funds that are run for staff than those that are open to public offering. I would like APRA's view on that.</p> <p>Mrs Rowell: I would have to take that on notice. [...]</p>	APRA	Page 29 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000151
144	2	Whish-Wilson	Investors in multiple properties	<p>1. Does APRA collect data on the number of investors Who hold multiple properties?</p> <p>2. Does APRA collect data on the exposure of lending institutions to investors Who hold multiple properties?</p>	APRA	Written	SQ17-000152
145	1	Ketter	Loan to Value Ratio	<p>Senator KETTER: Have any of those jurisdictions had any major changes or ceased using them after a period of time?</p> <p>Mr Byres: The New Zealanders have had various iterations of their regime. They have not removed it, but it has changed on a number of occasions depending on exactly what their requirements were. I cannot off the top of my head think of one where there was something in place and it has subsequently been removed.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: Can I ask you to take that on notice.</p>	APRA	Page 24 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000153
146	3	Whish-Wilson	Mortgage debt classification	<p>1. Since introducing macro-prudential controls on lending to property investors in 2015, in particular the 10% limit on annualised growth, has APRA investigated whether lending institutions changed their methods of classifying mortgage debt; i.e. debt for owner-occupiers or for investors?</p> <p>2. Has APRA uncovered any instances of lending institutions having changing their classification method and subsequent reporting of mortgage debt?</p> <p>3. Does APRA believe that data showing a 'switch' from investor growth to owner-occupier growth immediately following the introduction of macro-prudential controls is an accurate reflection of actual market activity at that time?</p>	APRA	Written	SQ17-000154
147	3	Whish-Wilson	Mortgage fraud control	<p>1. What is the status of the external audit that APRA has required large institutions to undertake regarding their fraud control mechanisms on mortgage lending?</p> <p>2. When will these audits be completed?</p> <p>3. Will APRA be reporting on the results of these audits?</p>	APRA	Written	SQ17-000155
148	3	Ian MacDonald	Not-for-Profit - Appointments and Fees Paid	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: So, you would just say that the chairman and all directors got \$2 million, and there are six of them, and you can work out—</p> <p>Mrs Rowell: Yes, a total, and you can look at some of the differences in averages and the like.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Where would I find that? Which of your publications would lead me to that information? Perhaps you could take it on notice—tell the committee and give us a link or something.</p> <p>Mr Byres: We will send you the link.</p>	APRA	Page 36 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000156

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149	4	Whish-Wilson	Self-Managed Superannuation Funds (SMSFs) and property	<p>1. Has APRA assessed the risk to the financial system posed by SMSF investment in property?</p> <p>2. What was the outcome of this assessment?</p> <p>3. is the APRA monitoring the use of SMSFs as a ‘shadow banking’ facility for investment in property?</p> <p>4. is APRA factoring in the use of SMSFs as a ‘shadow banking’ facility when assessing the level of growth in investor lending for housing?</p>	APRA	Written	SQ17-000157
150	1	Ketter	Super fund performance	<p>APRA’s response to QON 162 provided a table which listed funds owned by CBA, ANZ, WBC, NAB and their wealth management subsidiaries. Please provide a table which lists all funds owed by banks and their wealth management subsidiaries.</p>	APRA	Written	SQ17-000158
151	5	Ketter	Super fund performance	<p>What is the median 10 year rate of return for all funds?</p> <p>How many of the funds owned by CBA, ANZ, WBC, NAB and their wealth management subsidiaries are above the median and how many are below it? How many of the funds that are above the median are open to the public and how many open to the public are below it?</p> <p>How many funds owned by all banks and their wealth management subsidiaries are above the median and how many are below it?</p> <p>How many industry funds are above the median and how many are below it?</p>	APRA	Written	SQ17-000185
152	5	Ketter	Super fund performance	<p>What is the average 10 year rate of return for all funds?</p> <p>How many of the funds owned by CBA, ANZ, WBC, NAB and their wealth management subsidiaries are above the average and how many are below it? How many of these funds that are above the average are open to the public?</p> <p>How many funds owned by all banks and their wealth management subsidiaries are above the average and how many are below it? How many of these funds that are above the average are open to the public?</p> <p>How many industry funds are above the average and how many are below it?</p>	APRA	Written	SQ17-000192
153	6	Ketter	Underperforming super funds	<p>Ms Rowell: ‘We publish the statistics. Our focus is actually on underperformance across the industry, and I think, when we have done some analysis recently, we are looking at the bottom performers very closely and are going to be having pretty firm discussions with them across a range of factors, not just net investment performance. Performance is a much broader set of metrics. Actually, in our list of the bottom segment, a large proportion of those are not-for-profit and industry funds in particular’.</p> <p>How many super funds are on APRA’s list of underperforming funds? Of these, how many of these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not-for-profit - For profit - Industry - Retail - Bank-owned? 	APRA	Written	SQ17-000207
154	1	Ketter	Underperforming super funds	<p>What criteria has APRA used to identify funds as being ‘underperforming’?</p>	APRA	Written	SQ17-000208

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155	9	Ketter	Access to Justice	<p>1. In your opinion, does small business remain at a disadvantage in regards to access to justice?</p> <p>2. Does this apply to issues such as private litigation in matters such as misuse of market power?</p> <p>3. Has the office of the Small Business Ombudsman made representations to the Government and/or Treasury about access to justice for small business litigants? When did this occur? What was the Government or Treasury response?</p> <p>4. Do you believe the proposal to allow judges to issue a ‘no adverse cost order’ in litigation related to the misuse of market power has merit?</p> <p>5. Has the office of the Small Business Ombudsman made representations to the Government or Treasury in favour of such a proposal, or similar remedies to facilitate access to justice?</p> <p>6. The current effects test legislation – which you been clear in your support for – does not have provisions related to access to justice. Will this undermine the ability of small business to able to use the misuse of market power’s so-called effects test?</p> <p>7. Is the risk of large legal bills as a result of an adverse cost order still a strong possibility under the Government’s misuse of power amendments?</p>	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000210
156	7	Ketter	Review of the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman	<p>1. When was the decision made to conduct the review?</p> <p>2. Who decided that Su McCluskey would lead the review?</p> <p>3. How many candidates were there to lead the review? Who were they?</p> <p>4. Who decided that a private company would provide the secretariat to the review?</p> <p>5. Was Treasury considered for the provision of a secretariat to the review? If they were, why were they not chosen?</p> <p>6. How much is Nous Group being paid to conduct this review? How long is their contract?</p> <p>7. How much is Su McCluskey being paid to lead the review? How long is her contract?</p>	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000212
157	8	Ketter	Small Business Loans Inquiry	<p>How many cases were settled by banks in connection with the Small Business Loans Inquiry? How many remain unresolved? Please identify the total number of cases that the ASBFEO selected to look closely into.</p> <p>1) Of these cases, how many were settled or resolved by banks prior to the ASBFEO concluding its investigation into the case?</p> <p>2) How many were settled or resolved by banks subsequent to the ASBFEO concluding its investigation into the case and making findings?</p> <p>3) Of the unresolved cases, how many does the ASBFEO consider include: i) poor business decisions where the bank appears to have acted reasonably ii) a mixture of poor business decisions and poor bank practice and iii) very real issues where bank conduct is unacceptable and possibly unconscionable (see page 6 of the report).</p> <p>4) Of the cases where there was a settlement or resolution, in how many of these does the ASBFEO consider that this settlement or resolution was fair?</p>	ASBFEO	Written	SQ17-000216

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158	5	Ketter	Add-on insurance	<p>1. Referring to ASIC’s recent report, A market that is failing consumers: The sale of add-on insurance through car dealers (REP 492), as well as earlier reports, in which significant consumer detriment in the sale of add-on insurance through motor vehicle dealers is identified. Has ASIC taken a view on the ACCC’s decision to deny authorisation to a group of insurance companies who had proposed to jointly limit commissions to car dealers to 20 per cent of premiums?</p> <p>2. In the absence of ACCC authorisation for the insurers’ plan, what should insurers be doing to address the problems of add-on insurance identified in REP 492? What powers does ASIC have to compel or encourage insurers to improve their practices?</p> <p>3. In regards to the high-pressure sales environment in add-on insurance sales, has ASIC explored delayed and opt-in sales models that have successfully been implemented abroad? What assessments has it made of the suitability of such models to the Australian context?</p> <p>4. Has ASIC formally or informally briefed any Minister on the issues raised by REP 492? If so, which Minister(s)?</p> <p>5. Is ASIC preparing any proposals for legislative or regulatory change to address the issues with add-on insurance sales?</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000217
159	1	Ketter	Approval of codes	Please identify which industry codes have been approved by ASIC and the date of their approval.	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000223
160	3	Gallagher	ASIC - Incentive payments and bonuses	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes. I am not aware of the history of performance payments in the organisation, but it says in the financial year 2015-16, \$8.3 million in performance payments spread out. So that is for meeting particular goals, is it?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: Yes. I can take that on notice and give you more detail, [...]</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Do people get multiple bonuses?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: No. It is on an annual basis and it is actually integrated with performance assessments.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: When you match up the number of recipients with your total employees, it does not quite add up.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: No; we do not pay bonuses to everybody.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: For example, it says that there are 44 SES and 45 recipients of bonus payments. Then there are 436 executive level 2s and 520 bonus payment recipients. It may be—</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: I think that might be an issue of timing between the payments and a snapshot. [...]</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: If you can take that on notice, that would be excellent.</p>	ASIC	Page 21 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000227
161	6	Gallagher	ASIC - Prosecutions and Liabilities returned	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Do you identify or report anywhere how much money is returned from successful prosecutions, agreements reached, to the government into consolidated revenue? Is there somewhere I can track that?</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: We will come back to you on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Could I have that figure for the last few years?</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: On notice, could you provide that information for the last however many years that is convenient? And also where you reach agreements which provide money to third parties—</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: Community benefit payments.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Exactly; how many go there and maybe, if you can, on notice, the information that informs that. Who chooses those people? Who chooses the organisations where they go to?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: Certainly. [...]</p>	ASIC	Page 23 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000232

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162	1	Gallagher	ASIC capability review and the implementation plan	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: [...] I will begin with the ASIC capability review and the implementation plan. I do not necessarily need the detail, because we have got a very short time this morning, but I note the majority of the recommendations were due to be implemented by 30 June 2016, with a few over into 2017. Could the committee get an update, perhaps on notice—I did look for an update in your annual report, but it is probably just the timing of the documents that is a bit at odds—on whether that is tracking as expected or if there have been any delays? An update would be appreciated.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: We will take it on notice, but what I can tell you is the implementation of the review is nearing completion. [...]</p>	ASIC	Page 7 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000236
163	5	Ketter	ASIC case against Westpac / BT for superannuation sales campaigns	<p>1. Can you provide the Committee with an update of the action that ASIC is taking against Westpac and BT Funds Management for contraventions including failures of the best interest duty?</p> <p>2. Is ASIC concerned that there are other funds engaging in similar practices?</p> <p>3. What actions is ASIC taking in relation to these?</p> <p>4. As you may be aware, the Retail Remuneration Review issues paper released by Stephen Sedgwick on 17 January 2017</p> <p>“tentatively identified some practices of some banks that have high risk of incentivising poor selling practices leading to poor customer outcomes, which those banks should consider changing. These include practices that deliver significantly increased incentive payments as certain sales thresholds are achieved (described below as accelerator-type payments). Similarly, arrangements deserve careful scrutiny that provide incentives based on cross sales such as add-on insurance products, or that deny access to incentives otherwise available unless sales or cross-sales targets are also met.” (page 2)</p> <p>Is ASIC concerned that the banks could be effectively circumventing FOFA protections and the ban on conflicted remuneration by using so called balanced scorecard bonuses and general advice?</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000246
164	3	Gallagher	Cash Converters	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Do you have any line of sight over how many people that would affect?</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: I would have to take that on notice. I do not know.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Is it a larger group in store than online?</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: You have no idea?</p> <p>Mr Saadat: My understanding is that it is a similar number to the online customers.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: How many is that?</p> <p>Mr Saadat: The number of online customers was 55,000. My understanding is that it is a similar number, but we will need to take that question on notice.</p>	ASIC	Page 8-9 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000251

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165	6	Ketter	Community Benefit Payments	<p>1. How many community benefit payments have been made in the 2015-16 FY? What is their value?</p> <p>2. How many community benefit payments have been ordered by ASIC or agreed to or ordered in the 2015-16 FY? What is their value?</p> <p>3. What is the legal mechanism by which community benefit payments are ordered or made?</p> <p>4. How are the recipient organisations chosen? Is it the choice of ASIC or the organization making the payment?</p> <p>5. Please provide a list of the community benefit payments made in the 2015-16 FY (including the organisation paying and receiving and the amounts)</p> <p>6. Please provide a list of the community benefit payments made to date in the 2016-17 FY (including the organisation paying and receiving and the amounts).</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000264
166	4	Whish-Wilson	Conditional loan	<p>Ref: Tabled Doc 7 - Conditionally approved loans from Commonwealth Bank of Australia</p> <p>- Does the offer of unsolicited 'conditionally approved' loans by email comply with the responsibly lending obligations under the National Credit Act?</p> <p>- Is the offer of unsolicited 'conditionally approved' loans by email covered under any other financial regulations?</p> <p>- Has ASIC assessed how widespread or commonplace the offer of unsolicited 'conditionally approved' loans by email are?</p> <p>- Has ASIC discussed with the banks the practice of offering by email of unsolicited 'conditionally approved' loans?</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000269
167	1	Whish-Wilson	Conditionally approved loans	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Let me finish, Chair; this is one last question. Perhaps you could take this on notice. Does ASIC have concerns about emails that are still going out on conditionally approved personal loans? I will send you a copy of—</p> <p>Mr Kell: I think we would need to see the—</p> <p>CHAIR: Thank you, Senator Whish-Wilson.</p>	ASIC	Page 17 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000271
168	2	Ketter	Data about minimum repayments on credit card interest	<p>1. Does ASIC/ACCC have data about the number and proportion of consumers paying credit card interest, or paying only minimum repayments (or slightly above)?</p> <p>2. If ASIC/ACCC does not have this data, can ASIC/ACCC obtain data using its information gathering powers about the number and proportion of consumers paying credit card interest, or paying only minimum repayments (or slightly above)?</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000274
169	7	Ketter	Debt Vultures	<p>1. What work is ASIC doing in relation to so-called 'debt vultures' – that is, firms whose business models rest on furnishing consumers with unhelpful debt products. Examples of these firms can include</p> <p>a. 'Credit washing' companies;</p> <p>b. Debt consolidation firms that cold-contact debtors based on court default documents; often this is to offer to negotiate with a mortgagee on the debtor's behalf – for a considerable fee;</p> <p>c. Debt collection or consolidation firms that encourage debtors to apply for early release of superannuation where this is not in the best interests of the debtor.</p> <p>2. What communication has ASIC had with the ACCC in relation to this issue?</p> <p>3. Some stakeholders have suggested that the rise of debt-vulture firms has corresponded with the reduction in funding for financial counsellors. Has ASIC made an assessment of this?</p> <p>4. What plans does ASIC have to improve licensing and regulation arrangements for debt vultures in the interests of consumers?</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000275

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170	7	Ketter	Fees for No Service Report	<p>it, the rest we had to go out and discover it. The ABA's release, which was just prior to those comments, says: It is important to recognise that the banks had first identified the problem, proactively reported it to ASIC and are well on the way to resolving it. There is a bit of an inconsistency there in terms of who and how many. Did they come en masse to you to say, 'We've identified this as a problem,' or, as per your comments, did you have to go out and find—</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: My understanding is we had one bank report it to us, and then—</p> <p>Ms Bird: We had a significant report made to us. Then we put out a media release saying that this was an issue, and we got a number of other reports as well.</p> <p>Mr Kell: In response to that release.</p> <p>Ms Bird: But I would really have to check through the timing, because the fee for no service is a collection of different sorts of breaches. When the breach reports came in is a matter for debate. We are at the point now where four institutions have put in breach reports, and we are dealing with the mediation for those plus we have asked all of the institutions to have a much more proactive, broader look across their whole business to make sure they do not have other problems in those businesses as well.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: It was, perhaps, the right nudge.</p> <p>1) In relation to the ASIC Fees for No service Report, on what date was the first report by a bank made to ASIC? What prompted this report to be made?</p> <p>2) On what date did the issue come to ASIC's attention?</p> <p>3) Please identify the media release referred to by Ms Bird.</p> <p>4) On what dates did breach reports first come in to ASIC from each of the other institutions captured by the Fees for No Service Report? What prompted these reports to come in?</p> <p>5) The Fees for No Service report states that "fee-for-service failures show that AFS licensees and advisers prioritised revenue and fee generation over the delivery of advice and services paid for by their customers. For example, we are concerned that: (a) licensees did not have systems in place to ensure that services were being provided in return for the fees being charged. By contrast, the</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000277
171	4	Whish-Wilson	Financial regulation of housing	<p>1. How is advice regarding investment in property regulated?</p> <p>2. Is it true that 'property investment advisers' who advise on investment in property—other than through self-managed superannuation funds—are not regulated under laws governing financial advice?</p> <p>3. Are you aware of circumstances where 'property investment advisers' are receiving conflicted remuneration?</p> <p>4. Has ASIC provided any recommendation for reform of advice for property investment?</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000280

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172	10	Ketter	FinTech Sandbox	<p>is pushing its existing regulatory tools in creating the sandbox as far as we can go. We understand that, in due course, the Government may consider whether even further action is warranted in this area.” What was meant by that?</p> <p>2. Would you describe this as a light touch regulatory model? Given the current environment, why would ASIC support a light touch regulatory model?</p> <p>3. Who has been involved in consultation over the sandbox? How many groups with an interest in consumer protection did ASIC proactively engage on this matter</p> <p>4. Is it correct that to acquire a licensing waiver a firm sends an email to ASIC providing some cursory information about the company</p> <p>5. Is this information verified? In particular, is the professional indemnity insurance verified to be valid? Are criminal record checks of directors verified?</p> <p>6. In comparable jurisdictions, like the UK, Singapore and Hong Kong, firms that wish to operate in their ‘sandboxes’ have their specific proposals vetted and approved by the regulator. Is that the case with ASIC’s fintech sandbox licensing waiver?</p> <p>7. In the UK firms are required to report weekly and the regulator conducts monitoring over the course of the products testing. How will ASIC monitor sandboxed firms?</p> <p>8. At any point prior to commencing or during the 12 month waiver period will ASIC require firms to provide any information about their conduct? Including but not limited to:</p> <p>a. The types products they are promoting?</p> <p>b. The institutions offering those products?</p> <p>c. The aggregate level of consumer exposure?</p> <p>d. Any potential conflicts of interest by directors, etc?</p> <p>9. Are firms required to provide any training, or to verify their employees’ fitness to provide financial advice?</p> <p>10. Are there any restrictions on the remuneration model waiver holding firms can offer their employees? (prohibitions on incentive based pay?, etc)</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000282
173	4	Ketter	Industry Secondments	<p>1. Please identify the number of industry secondments to ASIC in the 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years.</p> <p>2. For each financial year, please identify the organisations from which the secondments came, with numbers per organisation.</p> <p>3. Please identify the number of ASIC secondments to industry in the 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years.</p> <p>4. For each financial year, please identify the organisations to which the secondments went, with numbers per organisation.</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000288
174	4	Ketter	Limited Australian Financial Services Licences – Registration of Chartered Accountants Providing Advice to SMSFs	<p>1. In answers in October 2016 to the House Economics Committee, ASIC said “we will aim to complete all pre-30 June 2016 lodged applications by the end of March 2017”. Are you still on track for this?</p> <p>2. How many applications have you completed assessment of so far?</p> <p>3. How do the time periods for the assessment of these applications compare with time periods for the assessment of applications for other licences more generally (e.g. full Australian Financial Services Licences Licences)? Has ASIC considered diverting resources from other processes to clear the backlog? Could ASIC have better triaged these cases?</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000292

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175	3	Whish-Wilson	Mortgage lending practices	<p>In relation to civil proceeding initiated by ASIC against Westpac for a number of contraventions of responsible lending provisions between December 2011 and March 2015:</p> <p>1. Can ASIC confirm if the beginning of this time period in question is determined by the statute of limitations?</p> <p>2. Is ASIC aware of any possible breaches before December 2011?</p> <p>On 10 May 2016, ABC PM reported that Westpac and ANZ had approved home loans based on fraudulent documents, in this case relating to overseas income. It was reported that ASIC had been alerted to this fraud.</p> <p>3. What was the outcome of this referral?</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000295
176	15	Ketter	Phoenix Activity	<p>1. Can you confirm that the Assetless Administration Fund finances preliminary investigations and reports by liquidators into the failure of companies with few or no assets, where it appears to us that enforcement action may result from the investigation and report, with a particular focus on curbing fraudulent phoenix activity?</p> <p>2. Can you confirm that for the period 27 September 2016 to 6 February 2017, 80 grants totalling \$1,619,824 were made to liquidators?</p> <p>3. Has there been annual increases in the number of grants delivered in the past three years? What are the reasons for increases?</p> <p>4. What is the allotted annual amount in the AAF? Is it exhausted annually? If not, why not? What happens to excesses in the fund? Does the allotment roll-over?</p> <p>5. Would you agree with the characterisation that the AAF fund is designed to allow liquidators to amass evidence to allow ASIC to take action? If not, why not?</p> <p>6. Would you broadly agree that the role of liquidators is to recover assets for creditors and close down the company?</p> <p>7. (If yes) Do you think the AAF then shifts the focus away from the core function of liquidators to be more like performing enforcement investigations?</p> <p>8. How much background information does a liquidator have to amass before applying for AAF grant?</p> <p>9. What is the success rate for AAF applications? Can a breakdown please be given?</p> <p>10. Is \$8,250 the base amount for a grant? Is it the most common grant?</p> <p>11. What is a reasonable amount of information returned to ASIC from a base grant?</p> <p>12. How many ASIC investigations and prosecutions have resulted from information retrieved via an AAF grant?</p> <p>13. Is it possible to apply for AAF money for asset recoveries in phoenix circumstances?</p> <p>14. How many asset recovery AAF applications has ASIC received?</p> <p>15. Were any asset recovery AAF applications successful?</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000299

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177	13	Ketter	Public register of ultimate beneficial ownership	<p>Specifically, on a beneficial ownership registry, was ASIC consulted on the start date for consultation being pushed back from “late 2016” to “February 2017”?</p> <p>2. Was ASIC consulted on the appropriate timeframes for consultation on the beneficial ownership registry?</p> <p>3. If so, what caused the timeframe on consultation to be pushed further out?</p> <p>4. In the draft Open Government Partnership plan, Milestone 4 was “Recommendation to Government on other related areas of beneficial ownership transparency considered during consultation”. This milestone is not in the final document. Was ASIC privy to the reasons why and can they elaborate?</p> <p>5. What are the “related areas” of beneficial ownership that were expected to be canvassed?</p> <p>6. In the final Open Government Partnership document, Milestone 3 is to “begin work to implement Government decision on transparency of beneficial ownership of companies”. The end date is described as “Expected to continue for the duration of this Plan”. What is the end date of the Open Government Partnership Plan?</p> <p>7. Does ASIC expect work to be completed within a year of the plan ending?</p> <p>8. What legal entities does ASIC expect to be covered by the registry ?</p> <p>9. Can ASIC provide a list of the types of legal identities or arrangement being considered for the registry?</p> <p>10. Are trusts considered part of the scope of a beneficial ownership registry, particularly if they fit the Financial Action Task Force definition of “legal arrangement”?</p> <p>The beneficial ownership register consultation paper was released in February 2017 . It states: The FATF recommends that countries should ensure that there is adequate, accurate and timely information on express trusts, including information on the settlor, trustee and beneficiaries that can be obtained or accessed in a timely fashion by competent authorities. This consultation paper, however, only deals with FATF Recommendation 24 on companies”.</p> <p>11. Is ASIC aware of why trusts are carved out?</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000309
178	3	Ketter	Report 256 – Consumer Credit Insurance	<p>“ASIC Report 256, Consumer credit insurance: A review of sales practices by authorised deposit-taking institutions” made a number of recommendations to improve practices relating to the sale of consumer credit insurance in 2011.</p> <p>1. Have ADIs implemented those recommendations?</p> <p>2. Please provide an update with respect to current compliance with each of those recommendations in the report.</p> <p>3. Have any instances of non-compliance with those recommendations come to ASIC’s attention?</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000307
179	5	Whish-Wilson	Reporting on significant global entities (SGEs)	<p>1. How many SGEs now have to provide general purpose statements under the Multinational Anti-Avoidance Law?</p> <p>2. Who are these SGEs?</p> <p>3. What are the countries of origin of these SGEs?</p> <p>4. What are the regions of origin of these SGEs?</p> <p>5. How many are bases in Australia?</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000304

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180	6	Ketter	Systemic Issues	<p>1. Under RG 139, EDR Schemes are required to report systemic issues and serious misconduct to ASIC.</p> <p>a. How many systemic issues were reported to ASIC in the 2015-16 FY?</p> <p>b. How many systemic issues have been reported in the 2016-17 FY so far?</p> <p>c. How many instances of serious misconduct were reported to ASIC in the 2015-16 FY? Please provide general descriptions categorising the instances of misconduct reported.</p> <p>d. How many instances of serious misconduct were reported to ASIC in the 2016-17 FY so far? Please provide general descriptions categorising the instances of misconduct reported.</p> <p>2. Please provide a list of all of the systemic issues that have been reported by EDR schemes in the 2015-16 FY and their current status with ASIC.</p> <p>3. Please provide a list all of the systemic issues that have been reported from EDR schemes in the 2016-17 FY and their current status with ASIC.</p>	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000311
181	2	Whish-Wilson	Westpac and ANZ - Conduct	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I read the details around what you announced yesterday. Interestingly, in terms of the time period—December 2011 to March 2015—are you able to tell the committee whether this indicated a change in practices before or after this period? Why that particular time period?</p> <p>Mr Saadat: The conduct stopped when we were in discussions with Westpac. They agreed to change their practices. But, despite the fact that they stopped the practice we were concerned about, we have decided to bring this action because of the importance of the issues that it raises. In terms of the starting point, I would have to take that on notice. But the reason the conduct ceased when we identified it was that was when we engaged with Westpac on that issue.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: And you are confident that it has ceased?</p>	ASIC	Page 15 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000312
182	2	Whish-Wilson	Westpac and ANZ - Loan and Mortgage Fraud	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: [...] In May 2016, Westpac and ANZ admitted to approving mortgages based on false income, especially foreign income. I understand they self-reported. They did self-audits. At the time, there were statements made that this had been passed on to the police; that ASIC were aware of it. I want to know if anything has come of those specific incidences of self-reporting.</p> <p>Mr Saadat: I think we will have to take that on notice. That matter was unrelated to the announcement that we made—</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I understand that. I just wanted to ask that first, because the clear implication was that there may be a criminal investigation and criminal proceedings, but I have not heard anything about it. It was nearly a year ago.</p> <p>Mr Kell: We will take that on notice. I might note—and I think we have indicated this to the committee previously—that we have undertaken an extensive set of actions over the last few years in relation to loan fraud and mortgage broker fraud. Some of those do involve more sophisticated criminal networks. We have some investigations underway, which I cannot comment on at the moment. But that is one of our areas of focus.</p>	ASIC	Page 15 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000313
183	1	Watt	Bell Group Inquiry - Direction from the Attorney-General	<p>Senator WATT: [...] Was the ATO ever aware of a direction proposed by the Attorney-General's office, as opposed to the Attorney-General, at any stage of preparation which would have prevented the ATO from intervening in the Bell High Court case?</p> <p>Mr Mills: I do not recall. I will have to take that on notice and find out whether or not the people who were involved in the case were aware of it.</p>	ATO	Page 65 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000314
184	3	Whish-Wilson	Cap on income tax deductions	<p>1. Has the introduction of a cap on deductions for high-income earners been modelled?</p> <p>2. What was the outcome of this modelling?</p> <p>3. What thresholds were used in this modelling?</p>	ATO	Written	SQ17-000316

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185	1	Bushby	Capital Gains Tax - Collections	Senator BUSHBY: [...] Would you be able to give me, for over the last five years, on notice, the capital gains tax collections of the sale or rental and/or second homes held by Australian resident taxpayers, and do that breakdown by state, if you can? Mr Olesen: I am happy to take that on notice.	ATO	Page 68 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000317
186	1	Bushby	Capital Gains Tax - Prosecutions	Senator BUSHBY: [...] Have you actually prosecuted anybody for not disclosing in the capital gains tax area and, if so, how many? Mr Olesen: I would have to take that on notice.	ATO	Page 68 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000319
187	3	Ketter	Companies owing \$2 billion	1. The Commissioner referred to seven companies which the ATO is in dispute with owing roughly \$2 billion – which industries do these companies belong to? 2. What are these companies doing which has caused the disputes to arise (for example debt dumping, profit shifting)? 3. Over what time period have these 7 companies incurred liabilities to the ATO?	ATO	Written	SQ17-000321
188	6	Ketter	Diverted Profits Tax	1. The Treasurer promised twice that the Diverted Profits Tax would be introduced to Parliament in 2016. Instead, exposure draft legislation was revealed in November 2016, and the Bill introduced into Parliament in February 2017. In last October's Senate Estimates, Treasury officials said that at the time the legislation was "yet to be drafted". Was the Australian Taxation Office consulted on the drafting and introduction of the legislation? 2. What are the benefits to the Australian Taxation Office of a beneficial ownership register? 3. What are the constraints for the ATO on a beneficial ownership register? What resources are required to administer, monitor etc. the ATO's involvement and use? 4. Was the Treasurer informed of these difficulties? If so, when was he informed? 5. Treasury reportedly held a second round of consultations regarding the DPT legislation. Was the ATO one of the stakeholders in the second round of consultations? 6. What were the primary issues raised in consultations?	ATO	Written	SQ17-000323
189	8	Ketter	Gosford Office	1. What tax functions will the Gosford office perform? 2. How many positions does ATO estimate will be filled locally? How many from transfers? 3. Will these be permanent ATO jobs? 4. What classification levels will the jobs be at? 5. Is ATO planning to use labour hire or any other external contracting arrangements to fill these jobs? 6. Are the jobs in Gosford additional to the ATO or are they being offset by job cuts elsewhere? 7. What is the timeframe for staffing the office? 8. What is the cost of establishing the office? Is that coming from existing budgets or was additional money made available?	ATO	Written	SQ17-000324
190	1	Gallagher	GST - Non-payment of GST to the ATO	Senator GALLAGHER: [...] Can you just confirm for the committee that it is an offence for a business or for another organisation to charge GST but not pass it on to the ATO? [...] Mr Olesen: I think we might have to take that on notice [...]	ATO	Page 54 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000326

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191	2	Gallagher	GST - Registration to charge GST	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: What is the arrangement if you are collecting GST but you are not registered to collect GST? What would happen in that situation?</p> <p>Mr Dyce: You are not allowed to collect GST if you are not registered. You are not allowed to charge GST if you are not registered, and that is—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Is that a separate sort of offence?</p> <p>Mr Dyce: That is a separate provision, yes. But the law does not allow you to charge GST where you are not registered.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: And there are penalties for that, I presume?</p> <p>Mr Dyce: That is a breach. I would have to take on notice for exactly what type of offence it is.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Could I ask you to look into a matter that has been brought to my attention? I have some documents here that might assist, relating to Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party Queensland division. It has been advertising GST-inclusive membership on their websites. Membership of the organisation clearly indicates GST inclusive but it does not appear to me, from some of the research I have done quickly—and I would not mind if you had a look at it—that the division is registered for GST collection. Can I just table those documents and ask the ATO to have a look at that?</p> <p>Mr Jordan: Yes.</p>	ATO	Pages 54-55 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000329
192	2	McAllister	GST - Stakeholder consultation	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Is it true that the ATO wrote to stakeholders in March last year and said to them, 'GST changes have become very political, so consultation will be deferred until after the election'?</p> <p>Mr Dyce: I am not aware of that.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Can you take that on notice and check for me, please?</p> <p>Mr Dyce: Yes.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: And, if you have it, could you provide that letter to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Dyce: Absolutely.</p>	ATO	Pages 56-57 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000331

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193	19	Ketter	GST Low Value Threshold	<p>to low value imported goods more precisely).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Previously, the Productivity Commission recommended that the threshold not be lowered until it is cost effective to do so. Does the ATO have an insight into the factors that have changed since the PC report and what they are? 2. Does the ATO have estimates of 'cost effective' thresholds for GST imposition on imported goods from previous years? If so, can they be provided on notice? 3. Can you just explain how the tax is collected under the vendor registration system? 4. Were there are other collection models considered, such as looking at the logistics companies? I understand there are only about half a dozen logistics companies in Australia that are involved in the delivery of goods purchased online: did you consider using them in that process of tax collection? 5. Can you tell us which online-platform providers were consulted in relation to the operation of the new law? 6. What safeguards are in place to ensure that redeliverers are liable for GST? 7. Who can tell me how much extra funding the ATO is going to receive, or has received, to assist it implementing the GST on low-value imported goods? 8. For the current legislation, were other thresholds considered? If so, what were they? What is favourable about no threshold compared with an alternative that is also lower than \$1,000? 9. Does the ATO have an estimate of Low Value Imports at the Border? 10. If so, can the ATO provide estimates of Low value items affected by the threshold removal: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Valued at less than \$1,000 b. Valued at less than \$500 c. Valued at less than \$100 11. Does the ATO have estimates of the costs passed onto consumers? If so, can it provide those cost estimates broken down into their GST and compliance cost components? 	Treasury - Individuals and Indirect Tax Division	Written	SQ17-000334
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194	27	Ketter	ICT server and data failures	<p>monitor and where it judges necessary intervene in poorly managed Government IT projects?</p> <p>2. Do you consider oversight by the DTA could have prevented the ATO's recent IT failures?</p> <p>3. Have you sought the assistance of the DTA?</p> <p>4. Do you consider an intervention by the DTA could have restored services more quickly?</p> <p>5. Do you consider the DTA has the capability to review and intervene in the ATO's technology projects?</p> <p>6. How many complaints has the ATO received about the December and February IT failures?</p> <p>7. Can the ATO please provide (on notice if necessary) a number of complaints, and a breakdown of their entity type and complaint type?</p> <p>8. Does the ATO have estimates for the types of activity lost, including lost revenue collections, the duration of outages etc? Can he provide them?</p> <p>9. How many complaints or cases is the ATO aware of involving tax practitioners potentially seeking compensation?</p> <p>10. Does the ATO have estimates on the potential compensation bill?</p> <p>11. In December, the Sydney Morning Herald reported the Inspector General of Taxation as saying the ATO could "set aside appropriate portions of the budget to account for potential compensatory payments". Has either the ATO or the Government looked at, or implemented, this?</p> <p>12. Do you have estimates on what a suitable compensation funds set aside should amount to?</p> <p>13. Will the ATO be reviewing the IT failures and the complaints that have resulted? Who will be undertaking that review?</p> <p>14. Has the ATO worked the Assistant Minister for Digital Transformation on the recent ICT failures?</p> <p>15. When was the ATO contacted by Government or Ministers about the ICT failures?</p> <p>16. Can the ATO provide the total amount of time the ATO website and portals were unavailable? Can this be provided broken down by affected sites and portals?</p> <p>17. Who provides the ICT services for the ATO?</p>	ATO	Written	SQ17-000168
195	8	Ketter	Labour Hire and Outsourcing	<p>1. What does the ATO define as Labour Hire?</p> <p>2. ATO have provided previous answers to QoN outlining contracts for provision of outsourced contact centre services with Stellar, Serco and DataCom and the value of those contracts. What is the equivalent ATO classification of the work undertaken under those contracts? If the ATO undertake that work itself, how many full time equivalent employees would it require?</p> <p>3. What organisations or businesses does the ATO have contracts with for the provision of staff? What is the value of each contract? How many staff undertook ATO work as part of that contract?</p> <p>4. Will a new contract for "Outsourced Contact Centre Services" be awarded, will the work cease, or will the work be completed by ATO staff? The ATO Parramatta office has an entire floor occupied by Datacom workers undertaking ATO work. What are the implications for the lease arrangement in the ATO Parramatta site with this Datacom contract expiring?</p>	ATO	Written	SQ17-000169
196	6	Ketter	One Nation GST	<p>1. When was the request received by the ATO for a change in GST status from One Nation? (One Nation Queensland Division has the ABN (ABN) 53 975 273 862)</p> <p>2. Who was in charge of evaluating the request?</p> <p>3. At what time did the change from unregistered to registered occur?</p> <p>4. How soon after this change in status would the ABN Look Up web site feature the amended entry?</p> <p>5. The entry on ABN look up states that the entity has an active GST status.</p> <p>6. The date from which this status is said to be active is 1 July 2015. Why is this status active from 1 July 2015 and not 2 March 2017?</p>	ATO	Written	SQ17-000170

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197	3	Ketter	Panama Papers	<p>1) What progress has been made in addressing issues from the Panama Papers?</p> <p>2) What have tax authorities agreed to collaborate on in response to the Panama Papers?</p> <p>3) What action is planned in relation to facilitators of tax evasion and tax avoidance, such as businesses that set up anonymous shell companies?</p>	ATO	Written	SQ17-000171
198	1	Bushby	PAYG Matter	<p>Senator BUSHBY: [...] is it the case that a person involved in a small business, having put in their tax return and expecting a refund, could be told that their refund has been applied against a future owed Pay As You Go obligation?</p> <p>Mr Jordan: Not necessarily future.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Well, one that is not due yet?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: I am happy to take on notice to check the detail of that, but not against a future—perhaps against an existing, current liability, on another head of revenue. That would not be unusual.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: The facts as put to me were that this particular person completed her tax return, was expecting a refund at the end of November or December. When it did not arrive she queried with her accountant and was told that the tax office had informed the accountant that rather than sending the return to her they used it to pay off her next quarterly Pay As You Go, which was not due until the end of February.</p> <p>Mr Jordan: That does not sound right.</p> <p>Mr Olesen: We are happy to look at the details, though, if you would like to give us the paperwork.</p>	ATO	Page 68 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000172
199	1	Whish-Wilson	PRRT - Activities eligible for uplift rates	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: My next question relates to oil spills. Thanks for confirming, from previous estimates questions on notice, that an oil spill from an exploration well would be incidental to the exploration and therefore potentially profitable for an oil company. Can you confirm what types of activity, such as the cost of cleaning up the coastline, getting salvage equipment shipped from overseas and so forth, would be eligible for uplift rates at the 18 per cent a year. Perhaps you could take that on notice rather than do it now.</p> <p>Mr Hirschhorn: Yes, I will take that on notice.</p>	ATO	Page 61 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000173
200	2	Ketter	PRRT - Audits	<p>Senator KETTER: How many audits have you conducted in the past five years or are you currently undertaking?</p> <p>Mr Hirschhorn: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator KETTER: Can you tell me how many audits have resulted in changes to the amount of PRRT owing?</p> <p>Mr Hirschhorn: Again I will take that on notice [...]</p>	ATO	Page 52 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000174
201	2	Ketter	PRRT - Deductions	<p>Senator KETTER: In terms of PRRT deductibility, can you give examples of the kinds of social infrastructure costs that are not classified as general project expenditure?</p> <p>Mr Hirschhorn: We have recently issued a practical compliance guideline, I think, on this issue. I will take this on notice, but when we talk about social infrastructure it is where production facilities are doing things for local communities either explicitly or implicitly as part of their licence to operate and gain community acceptance.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: If a PRRT taxpayer were to hire a lobbyist for the purpose of influencing government policy in relation to an LNG project, would this be classed as labour costs associated with public and government affairs and therefore deductible against the PRRT as general expenditure?</p> <p>Mr Hirschhorn: I will take it on notice, but my immediate response is I would be very, very surprised if we allowed that sort of expenditure, because the expenditure has to be directly related to the production facility. [...]</p>	ATO	Page 53 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000175

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202	1	Ketter	PRRT - LNG Processing	<p>Senator KETTER: In terms of LNG processing, in concluding the arms-length price of gas feedstock, how many PRRT returns in the last tax year used the methods of the advance pricing arrangement, comparable uncontrolled price and residual price method?</p> <p>Mr Hirschhorn: Again, I will have to take that on notice and may not be able to respond because of the small number.</p>	ATO	Page 53 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000176
203	1	Ketter	PRRT - Staff numbers	<p>Senator KETTER: [...] Can the ATO provide a breakdown of the staff numbers, for the past five years, that have worked on assessing and/or auditing PRRT-related deductions?</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator KETTER: The staff numbers for the past five years that have been working on assessing and/or auditing PRRT.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Mr Hirschhorn: I would have to take the specific numbers on notice.</p>	ATO	Page 52 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000178
204	1	Whish-Wilson	PRRT - Tax credits	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: [...] In relation to the petroleum resource rent tax, can the ATO confirmed that \$187 billion in total—if I could use the PRRT tax credits—has gone up in the latest financial year to \$238 billion, so a rise of about 21 per cent?</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Mr Hirschhorn: That number is in our submission to Mr Callaghan's inquiry. The carried forward balance is now approximately \$238 billion in total across the different categories.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Thank you. How much of that figure between years is uplift of pre-existing credits, and how much is from new projects? Is that detailed breakdown also in the—</p> <p>Mr Hirschhorn: I do not have that level of detail to hand—</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Is it possible for you to take that on notice, or is the issue that there are too few companies, as you mentioned?</p> <p>Mr Hirschhorn: I am happy to take it on notice, but I would say that it may be that we say that we will be unable to provide that break-up.'</p>	ATO	Page 60 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000179
205	12	Ketter	Rise in complaints at the ATO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the ATO confirm there was an increase in complaints from 2013-14 to 2015-16 of 44 per cent? 2. Can the ATO provide a breakdown of the complaints by type? 3. Which areas saw the most complaints? 4. Which areas saw the largest proportional increase in complaints? 5. Have additional staff been allocated to areas with a rise in complaints? 6. What measures is the ATO taking to address these complaints? 7. Has the ATO made approaches or representations to Government about staff resources being linked to a rise in complaints? 8. When were these approaches or representations made? 9. What was the Government response? 10. Does the ATO measure response times to correspondence and phone calls? 11. Can the data on response times be provided? 12. Have response times slowed in recent years? 	ATO	Written	SQ17-000180
206	1	Hume	Safeguards for the GST	<p>CHAIR: Who can tell me how much extra funding the ATO is going to receive, or has received, to assist it implementing the GST on low-value imported goods?</p> <p>Mr Dyce: I will have to take that on notice. I do not know the figure off the top of my head. I may well mislead you if I give you a figure. I can see a 1 and a 9, but I am not sure if it is \$1.9 million or \$19 million. There is a significant difference!</p>	ATO	Page 77 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000181

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207	6	Whish-Wilson	Self-Managed Superannuation Funds (SMSFs) and property	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What data is collected on investment—either directly or indirectly—by SMSFs in residential and commercial property? is this data publicly available? 2. What are the recent trends regarding investment by SMFS in residential property? 3. What are the recent trends regarding investment by SMFS in commercial property? 4. What powers does ATO have to regulate SMSFs providing a ‘shadow banking’ facility for investment in property? 5. is the ATO monitoring the use of SMSFs as a ‘shadow banking’ facility for investment in property? 6. does the ATO pass on information relating to investment by SMSFs in property to ASIC or APRA? 	ATO	Written	SQ17-000182
208	6	Ketter	Small business debts revealed to credit agencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regarding the potential reporting of small business debts to credit agencies by the Australian Taxation Office. The Inspector General of Taxation has previously noted on ATO debt collection strategies that “there is a difficult balance to strike between recovering tax debt efficiently and minimising risk to government revenue on the one hand and providing appropriate financial accommodation to the taxpayer on the other” . Do you feel the measure announced in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook strikes this balance? 2. How long had the ATO been consulting with the Government and Treasury on this measure? 3. Was the measure originally proposed by the ATO? If not, by whom? When was the measure first flagged? 4. Has the ATO received complaints or concerns about the proposed MYEFO measure? 5. If so, what are the main issues the complaints have raised? 6. Will the measure rely on the same ICT servers that have crashed in recent months? 	ATO	Written	SQ17-000183
209	6	Ketter	Tax Avoidance Taskforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In response to Senate Question on Notice no. 333, Senator Cormann listed the 2016 Budget measure ‘Tax Integrity Package – establishing the Tax Avoidance Taskforce’ as one of the Government’s unlegislated Budget Measures. To the ATO’s knowledge, what aspects of the taskforce require legislation? 2. Why has legislation been delayed? 3. Is the ATO still recruiting for the taskforce? Where is the recruitment process at? If not finished, when is it likely to? 4. Did the establishment of the Taskforce have deadlines? Has the ATO met those deadlines? If not, what were the causes of delay? 5. Can the ATO provide a breakdown of ongoing staff and new staff in the Taskforce, including a breakdown of staff continuing from previous programs? 6. Does the ATO have estimates on staff who have left due to redundancy (forced, or voluntary) who have returned to the ATO taskforce, and can they be provided? 	ATO	Written	SQ17-000184
210	1	Whish-Wilson	Tax deductions for advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the ATO collect data on the amount of deductions made by businesses for advertising expenses? 	ATO	Written	SQ17-000186
211	5	Carr	TSL Scheme	<p>Could you please provide the average debt balance for participants in the TSL scheme;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) as a total; b) by gender; c) by age; d) by state and territory; and e) by occupation? 	ATO	Written	SQ17-000188

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212	1	Whish-Wilson	Whistleblower protections	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: That is fine. I just wanted to check that. It was reported last year that the government is looking to whistleblower protections or rewards for information in relation to multinational companies. Are you still pursuing that? Have there been any developments in those areas? Does the ATO support that?</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Mr Jordan: We have a substantive whistleblower process now that does not involve payment, though. So I think there are a couple of elements of this that I will refer my Treasury colleagues to. I think there was more publication of it and a greater focus, but also asking about compensation payment.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Sorry to be rude, but unless it is going to be really quick, perhaps you can take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Mills: Happy to take it on notice.</p>	ATO	Page 59 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000189
213	1	Bushby	Accenture	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Now, Accenture—I might be wrong, but isn't that now part of Hewlett Packard? It might not be in your knowledge.</p> <p>Mr Noroozi: We will take that on notice.</p>	IGT	Page 134 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000190
214	3	Ketter	ATO IT Failure - Compensation	<p>Senator KETTER: Are you aware of any cases of tax practitioners seeking compensation as a result of the outage?</p> <p>Mr Noroozi: We have had a number of complaints raising those issues. [...] then yes.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: Do you have any feel as to the numbers?</p> <p>Mr Noroozi: As I said, I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: Whilst you are doing that, would you be able to provide an estimate of the total potential compensation bill?</p> <p>Mr McLoughlin: That is quite difficult. The reason I say that is that the Department of Finance oversee CDDA the scheme, but there is delegation to agencies to actually look after it, so application at first instance should go, fairly, to the agency.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator KETTER: In December of last year, you referred to what you described as 'unintended delays or outcomes' arising from the IT issues in December of last year. Can you elaborate on what those were?</p> <p>Mr Noroozi: Sorry, what context is this in?</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator McGrath: Do you want to take it on notice, just to be safe?</p> <p>Mr Noroozi: Yes, sure.</p>	IGT	Page 133-134 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000193
215	1	Ketter	ATO IT Failure - Complaints	<p>Senator KETTER: You might want to take this on notice, but can you tell us the number of complaints and a breakdown of their entity type and complaint type?</p> <p>Mr Noroozi: We would have to take that on notice.</p>	IGT	Page 132-133 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000213

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216	5	Ketter	Government Response to PC Report on Industrial Relations	<p>Senator KETTER: This next question is probably most appropriately put to the minister. I want to ask about the Productivity Commission report on industrial relations which was released in December 2015. The government promised to respond to that report before the election, and the government still has not responded to that report. Will the government ever formally respond to this review?</p> <p>Senator McGrath: I think it is best if I take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: I will also put these on the record as well. What was the point of the view, given that the government appears to have ignored it? How much did the review cost? Why hasn't the government responded to the review? Given that the Fair Work Commission partially adopted the Productivity Commission recommendation on the Sunday rates, does the government consider that it was worthwhile?</p> <p>Senator McGrath: I will take all those on notice.</p>	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Page 121 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000215
217	2	Ketter	NDIS costs	<p>The Productivity Commission is scheduled to release its final report into NDIS costs in September 2017.</p> <p>a. Is this work on track and can you give an indication of the likely date of the release?</p> <p>b. What resources at the PC including use of commissioners are involved for this inquiry?</p>	PC	Written	SQ17-000218
218	2	Ketter	2016-17 MYEFO measure – Changes to Agricultural Production Levies	<p>1. Provide a breakdown of the revenue items for each change in levy that is in the measures description – the individual revenue and expense amounts for each of them.</p> <p>2. Provide an explanation for the \$5.4m and \$10.9m savings in the expense line for the Department in 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively, and the \$0.1m spend in each of 2018-19 and 2019-20</p>	Treasury - Tax Analysis Division	Written	SQ17-000221
219	4	Ketter	2016-17 MYEFO measure – NBN Co Limited – Loan	<p>1. Provide the assumption for the calculations for the interest being paid.</p> <p>2. Provide the profile of the revenue to be received in underlying cash balance terms.</p> <p>3. What is the effect on the balance sheet due to the provision of the \$19.5 billion loan? Does the loan affect the headline cash balance? If so, explain how, and provide the profile over the forward estimates as well as 2020-21.</p> <p>4. What happens if NBN Co is unable to re-finance the loan, either in full or in part, on external markets?</p>	Treasury - Budget Policy Division	Written	SQ17-000226
220	3	Ketter	2016-17 MYEFO measure – Regional Broadband Scheme	<p>1. Provide the profile of the measure in underlying cash balance terms</p> <p>2. Provide the assumption in the costing for what the “proportionate contribution” is for eligible fixed-line superfast broadband network operators</p> <p>3. Provide an explanation for the expense line for the ACCC in 2016-17 (what is the reason for the \$0.2m spend), the ACMA spend in 2017-18 and 2018-19 (what is the reason for the \$0.2m spend over the two years), the DCA spend in 2017-18 to 2019-20, and the ACMA capital spend of \$0.5m in 2016-17 and 2017-18</p>	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Written	SQ17-000229
221	2	Ketter	2016-17 MYEFO measure – Sunshine Coast Airport Concessional Loan	<p>1. What is the assumption for the interest rate on the concessional loan?</p> <p>2. What is the reason for the profile in the measure being “not for publication”?</p>	Treasury - Budget Policy Division	Written	SQ17-000231
222	3	Ketter	2017-18 Budget	<p>1. Is the 2017-18 Budget going to be delivered on Tuesday 9 May?</p> <p>2. Will all the Portfolio Budget Statements, Budget Papers, Budget Speech, Ministerial Statements, Ministerial Press Releases be available in the lockup? And they will be available electronically on the budget.gov.au and data.gov.au websites?</p>	Treasury - Budget Policy Division	Written	SQ17-000234
223	2	Ketter	Costings of proposals	<p>1. Does Treasury cost all proposals that are taken to the Expenditure Review Committee and the Cabinet, and are shown in the Budget papers, that have a revenue element?</p> <p>2. Does Treasury have all the assumptions and methodology for costing all of these proposals?</p>	Treasury - Tax Analysis Division	Written	SQ17-000237

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224	3	Ketter	Debt Management Firms	<p>Referring to the answer provided to Question 464 from the October 2016 Senate Estimates round, where it stated: Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) is a forum of consumer affairs agencies — represented by senior officials — in Australia and New Zealand, established to support the formal responsibilities of Consumer Affairs Ministers. In March 2016, CAANZ requested that its Policy Research Advisory Committee (PRAC) conduct research into debt management firms. CAANZ asked PRAC to survey the regulatory landscape, examine the extent to which there are regulatory gaps and develop possible options to report back to CAANZ by the end of the year.</p> <p>1. Has the report been provided to CAANZ? 2. Could a copy of that report be provided? 3. What are the next steps in this process?</p>	Treasury - Small Business and Consumer Policy Division	Written	SQ17-000242
225	1	McAllister	Future Fund	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Have you recently briefed over the finance minister or the Treasurer? Without going into the contents of those briefings, have briefings been provided? Mr Brennan: We have certainly provided some briefings over recent times. I would have to take on notice the specific time frames.</p>	Treasury - Budget Policy Division	Page 101 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000244
226	1	Gallagher	Omnibus Savings Bill - 2017	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Do you have the financial information that is contained in the bill in terms of underlying cash balance terms as well as the profile over the forward estimates? Mr Brennan: I do not have it at hand. Senator GALLAGHER: Could you provide that if we ask on notice? Mr Brennan: Yes.</p>	Treasury - Budget Policy Division	Page 101 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000249
227	3	Ketter	Nous Group	<p>1. How many contracts have been entered into by Treasury with the Nous Group from 2013-14 to 2015-16 inclusive? 2. What was the value of each of these contracts? 3. For what purpose were each of these contracts entered into?</p>	Treasury - Financial and Procurement Division	Written	SQ17-000252
228	2	Ketter	2016-17 MYEFO measure – Commonwealth Penalty Unit – increase in value	<p>1. What is the assumption for the amount of penalty units per financial year? 2. Has the costing for this measure been performed at the individual Commonwealth law level (that is, is there a breakdown of what is assumed for particular fines under particular laws), or is it at the general aggregate level (that is, the overall fines under Commonwealth laws in general)?</p>	Treasury - Tax Analysis Division	Written	SQ17-000254
229	4	Ketter	Bell Group Inquiry - GST	<p>Senator KETTER: I have some questions about the Bell Group and in relation to GST. The Prime Minister made the announcement on 10 April last year [...] Can you tell me when the Treasury first became aware of that announcement? Mr Brennan: I would have to take that on notice, because it is going back some time. We would have to check with the office as to when the Treasurer—the Treasurer, did you say—first became aware. Senator KETTER: Were there any other options being considered to satisfy Western Australia about the distribution of the GST revenue? Mr Brennan: Again, I would have to take that on notice. It is quite possible that there were other options mooted. Senator KETTER: You can come back to me what those options were. When was the option of the \$490 million in infrastructure spending decided upon? Mr Brennan: Again, we might take that on notice. This was the announcement made on 10 April 2016, is that right? In relation to the \$490— Senator KETTER: I have got \$490. [...] Mr Brennan: We will take that on notice. Senator KETTER: Just finally, in relation to that, why was the option of the \$490 million in infrastructure spending chosen? Mr Brennan: Again, I will take that on notice and see what information we can provide. [...]</p>	Treasury - Commonwealth-State Relations Division	Page 97-98 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000256

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230	5	Ketter	Costing of building more coal or renewable power stations	<p>1. Is the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia a Treasury portfolio minister?</p> <p>2. Could the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia ask Treasury to cost measures such as building more coal or renewable power stations?</p> <p>3. Has the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia asked Treasury to cost measures such as building more coal or renewable power stations? If so, when?</p> <p>4. (If yes to 3), how does this accord with this exchange at Senate Estimates on Wednesday 1 March 2017: Senator McALLISTER: As part of your energy analysis, have you performed any analysis on the cost of new coal-fired power stations compared to alternatives?</p>	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Written	SQ17-000260
231	3	Ketter	Funding to Victoria for future infrastructure projects	<p>On page 72 of the 2016-17 MYEFO there is a line about \$877 million that has been set aside for future Victorian infrastructure projects in the contingency reserve. Can you provide any further information about this provision? What projects is this amount for? Where has this funding come from?</p>	Treasury - Budget Policy Division	Written	SQ17-000263
232	13	Ketter	GST	<p>1. What is the GST relativity for Western Australia for 2016-17?</p> <p>2. What is the estimated GST relativity for Western Australia for 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20?</p> <p>3. How do these figures line up with the Western Australian Treasury's 2016-17 Pre-election Financial Projections Statement?</p> <p>4. (If they are different) Can you explain Treasury estimates a different figure to the WA Treasury?</p> <p>5. Which states and territories will have a decreased GST relativity in 2019-20 as a result of Western Australia having an increased GST relativity?</p> <p>6. Has Treasury done any work in relation to a floor for GST from which to calculate any state or territory's GST share?</p> <p>7. Has Treasury done any work in relation to a floor for GST from which to calculate any state or territory's GST share by 2019-20?</p> <p>8. Has Treasury done any work in relation to a floor for GST from which to calculate Western Australia's GST share?</p> <p>9. Has Treasury done any work in relation to having a floor for GST from which to calculate Western Australia's GST share by 2019-20?</p> <p>10. Has Treasury done any work or any modelling in relation to a 70 cent floor from which to calculate Western Australia's GST share?</p> <p>11. Has Treasury provided advice to the Treasurer, the Minister for Revenue, or the Government in relation to a floor for GST from which to calculate any state or territory's GST share?</p> <p>12. Has Treasury provided advice to the Treasurer, the Minister for Revenue, or the Government in relation to a floor for GST from which to calculate WA's GST share?</p> <p>13. Has Treasury provided advice to the Treasurer, the Minister for Revenue, or the Government in relation to a floor for GST from which to calculate any state or territory's GST share from 2019-20?</p>	Treasury - Commonwealth-State Relations Division	Written	SQ17-000265

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233	7	Ketter	Makin Paper	<p>1. For how long did the contract with Professor Makin in relation to “The Effectiveness of Federal Fiscal Policy: A Review” run for, when did it start and when did it finish?</p> <p>2. Who were the two external reviewers who provided comment on this paper? Were they paid as well to do this? If so, how much were they paid?</p> <p>3. Which officials in the Treasury were consulted with regards to this paper? Which officials provided comments on this paper?</p> <p>4. Were any drafts of this paper provided to the Treasurer’s, Minister for Revenue’s, Minister for Small Business or the Assistant Minister to the Treasurer’s offices? If so, which office? When were these drafts provided? Did these offices provide any feedback or changes to the paper? If so, what were they?</p> <p>5. Did the final paper go to the Treasurer’s office prior to public release? If so, when?</p> <p>6. Are you able to explain the differences between what Professor Makin put forward in this 2016 paper, and the 2014 document? Or are they fundamentally the same when it comes to fiscal stimulus?</p> <p>7. Looking at the detailed responses from the 2014 response by Treasury, isn’t the case that every single one of the points that was debunked by Treasury actually in this 2016 Makin paper? For example, the first one on saying that the imposition of fiscal stimulus will have no effect due to the Mundell-Fleming approach – wasn’t that debunked in the 2014 response?</p>	Treasury - Budget Policy Division	Written	SQ17-000266
234	5	Leyonhjelm	National Partnership Payments	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: I have a list of determinations that were lodged somewhere between one month and nine months after they were made—would that seem right?</p> <p>Mr Rollings: Nine months after they were made does not seem right. I am not saying it is not right, but I could take that on notice just to check that. It does seem—</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: I could give you the numbers here: Nos 94 to 103 were made from between June 2015 and February 2016 and were registered in late March 2016. So that is a maximum of nine months from the first one to the registration date. Now I am relying on this information here, so if that is not correct—</p> <p>Mr Rollings: I will take that on notice to check that out.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Are you aware the legislation act states that the minister ‘must lodge an instrument for registration as soon as practicable’? Aren’t these delays violating the legislation act?</p> <p>Mr Rollings: Again, I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: According to the Legislation Act, an instrument is not a legislative instrument if it is not registered, and, according to the Federal Financial Relations Act, you need to make a legislative instrument for a payment to be authorised. Does this not mean that you regularly make payments without authority at the time that you make the payment?</p> <p>Mr Rollings: I will take that on notice, but I have a reasonable level of confidence that we are operating appropriately.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM:[...] Do you rely on this provision when you make payments before the determination is registered?</p> <p>Mr Rollings: To my knowledge, we are not relying on that; to my knowledge, we are operating in accordance with the legislation—but, again, we will check it out on notice.</p>	Treasury - Commonwealth-State Relations Division	Page 94 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000267

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235	4	Leyonhjelm	National Partnership Payments	<p>Further to the questions taken on notice by Mr Rollings on 1 March 2017 regarding instances where National Partnership Payments are paid before (sometimes well before) the associated determinations are registered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is it correct that an unregistered instrument is not enforceable? If so, what are the implications of this for these instances of payment well before registration? Do any of these implications indicate that payment well before registration is imprudent? - Are instances of payment well before registration a violation of section 83 of the Constitution? If not, why not? Do they represent losses under the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013? If not, why not? - Do you have legal advice supporting the answers to these questions on notice and the questions taken on notice on 1 March 2017? If so, what is the source of that advice? Please provide any such advice to the Committee. 	Treasury - Commonwealth-State Relations Division	Written	SQ17-000270
236	8	Ketter	Response to the Senate Community Affairs References Committee inquiry into inequality	<p>Referring to the response to the Senate Community Affairs References Committee inquiry into inequality:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who was responsible for the response – the Government or the Treasury? 2. Which group in Treasury was responsible for drafting the response? 3. Who was consulted in drafting the response? 4. When was the response finalised? 5. Who signed off on the final document? 6. Was this response sent to the Treasurer or Minister for Revenue or Minister for Small Business or Assistant Minister to the Treasurer’s offices? 7. Did any of those offices provide feedback or any changes? If so, what were they? 8. Can you confirm when this response was publicly released? 	Treasury - Commonwealth-State Relations Division	Written	SQ17-000273
237	6	Ketter	Revised funding profile for Commonwealth contribution to Perth Freight Link project	<p>Referring to the WA Treasury’s assessment of the Liberal Party costings in the 2017 state election:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is Treasury aware of the letter from the Finance Minister to the Liberal Party outlining the revised funding profile for the Commonwealth contribution to the Perth Freight Link project? 2. Did Treasury see a copy of this letter before it was sent? If so, when? 3. Did Treasury provide any feedback or advice in relation to any drafts of this letter before it was sent? If so, when? What was the nature of this feedback or advice? 4. Did Treasury provide advice to the Government, the Treasurer, the Finance Minister, the WA Liberal Party or the WA Government in relation to this letter? If so, when? 5. What was the profile of the Commonwealth contribution to the Perth Freight Link project – please include years beyond the current forward estimates in which there is funding – prior to this letter? 6. What was the profile of the Commonwealth contribution to the Perth Freight Link project – please include years beyond the current forward estimates in which there is funding – as a result of this letter? 	Treasury - Commonwealth-State Relations Division	Written	SQ17-000177
238				No Question allocated to this number			

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239	15	Ketter	Snowy Mountains Scheme 2.0	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was Treasury involved in the development of the Snowy Mountains Scheme 2.0 policy announcement? 2. If so, what was Treasury’s role? 3. If not, why not? 4. Did Treasury provide advice to the Treasurer or to the Government in relation to Snowy Mountains 2.0? 5. If so, when? 6. If not, why not? 7. When was Treasury first advised of the Snowy Mountains 2.0 policy? 8. Is Treasury aware of the \$2 billion figure reported in the media in relation to the Snowy Mountains 2.0 policy? 9. Is Treasury aware of where this figure would have come from? 10. Is Treasury aware of why this \$2 billion figure was not mentioned in the Prime Minister’s official media release on 16 March 2017, or by Snowy Hydro’s official media release of 16 March 2017? 11. Has Treasury done any work in relation to increasing the Commonwealth’s shareholding in Snowy Hydro? 12. Has Treasury provided advice to the Treasurer or the Government in relation to increasing the Commonwealth’s shareholding in Snowy Hydro? If so, when? 13. Has Treasury done any work in relation to the length of time required to complete Snowy Mountains 2.0? 14. Has Treasury provided advice to the Treasurer or the Government in relation to the length of time required to complete Snowy Mountains 2.0? If so, when? 15. Does Treasury agree with the assessment that it would take four or five years to complete Snowy Mountains 2.0? 	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Written	SQ17-000197
240	4	Ketter	Diverted Profits Tax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Treasurer promised twice that the Diverted Profits Tax would be introduced to Parliament in 2016. Instead, exposure draft legislation was revealed in November 2016, and the Bill introduced into Parliament in February 2017. In last October’s Senate Estimates, Treasury officials said that at the time the legislation was “yet to be drafted” . What was the reason for the delay in drafting and introducing the legislation? 2. Was the Treasurer informed of these difficulties? If so, when was he informed? 3. Treasury reportedly held a second round of consultations regarding the DPT legislation. Can Treasury provide a list of the stakeholders in the second round of consultations? 4. What were the primary issues raised in consultations? 	Treasury - Corporate and International Tax Division	Written	SQ17-000200
241	8	Whish-Wilson	PRRT - tax credits	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many reporting entities currently hold PRRT tax credits? 2. Can you confirm that total PRRT tax credits increased from \$187b to \$238bn in the last reported tax year? 3. What proportion of total PRRT tax credits originate from exploration uplift, and what proportion originate from general expenditure? 4. What proportion of the last reported year’s increase in PRRT tax credits is uplift of pre-existing credits, and what proportion are new credits? 5. When is it projected that current PRRT tax credits will be exhausted? 6. Other than under the PRRT, are businesses able to uplift undeducted expenditure, or similar concessions, for any other business investment or activity? 7. Subsidies are commonly defined internationally as “measures that keep prices for consumers below market level or keep prices for producers above market level or that reduce costs for consumers and producers by giving direct or indirect support”. 8. Do the uplift rates in the PRRT qualify as a subsidy? 	Treasury - Corporate and International Tax Division	Written	SQ17-000201

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242	2	Ketter	Outsourcing secretariat work for reviews	<p>1. How many independent reviews of Treasury portfolio or statutory agencies have been assisted by secretariats from outside government, from 2013-14 to the present date?</p> <p>2. Which reviews were they?</p>	Treasury - People and Organisational Strategy Division	Written	SQ17-000204
243	1	Whish-Wilson	ASIC powers - Dealing with registered liquidators	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Is there any evidence of cases being rapidly wound up before these laws come into play? I understand the Gunns liquidation has recently wound up.</p> <p>Mr Price: Remember, the changes that I am referring to that commenced on 1 March are actually in respect of the registration of people who want to become registered liquidators, or disciplinary processes in respect of those people. In that sense, I do not believe there would be a commercial dynamic to wind up administrations, because it is more narrowly focused.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: But by September?</p> <p>Mr Price: By September—that is an interesting question. I would like to go away and reflect on that.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Please do.</p>	ASIC	Page 12 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000337
244	4	Ketter	ASIC Cost-Recovery Supervisory Levy	<p>1. Why is there such a short time period for public consultation on the ASIC SUPERVISORY COST RECOVERY LEVY BILL 2017 AND RELATED BILLS?</p> <p>2. When do you currently expect the cost recovery mechanism to commence?</p> <p>3. What stage are the regulations which determine the apportionment of costs?</p> <p>4. Would you expect these regulations to be provided before parliament has to consider these bills?</p>	Treasury - Financial System Division	Written	SQ17-000209
245	2	Ketter	Cost of a banking Tribunal	Has Treasury estimated the cost of establishing a banking tribunal? If so, what is it?	Treasury - Financial System Division	Written	SQ17-000220
246	1	Whish-Wilson	Cost of ASIC Registry market testing	1. What was the total cost of the market testing to commercialise the ASIC Registry?	Treasury - Financial System Division	Written	SQ17-000224
247	9	Ketter	External Dispute Resolution (Ramsey) Review	<p>1. The terms of reference for the External Dispute Resolution review stated that the Treasury is providing the secretariat? Is that correct?</p> <p>2. How many Treasury staff are on the secretariat?</p> <p>3. Does the secretariat include any secondees or staff from other government agencies, external dispute bodies or the financial sector?</p> <p>4. Please outline the cost of the Ramsay Review to date. Break down the costs into venue, catering, hotel accommodation, air travel, road transport, staff incidentals and other miscellaneous costs.</p> <p>5. Has the review held public consultations or meetings with stakeholders?</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the expert panel held?</p> <p>7. Can you provide a timetable for this review?</p> <p>8. Is the review on track to provide the report to the Minister in March 2017? Will the review be made public at that time, or will that be at the discretion of the Government?</p>	Treasury - Financial System Division	Written	SQ17-000228

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248	5	Ketter	Forestry Managed Investment Schemes – Government Response	<p>Australian government consult with states and territories on improving consumer protections for loans in relation to MIS Investments. In the government’s response to the report (released 29 November 2016), it says that: The Government will consider the level of consumer protections associated with MIS, including any related credit arrangements, as part of its announced review of the MIS framework (FSI Recommendation 42).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you explain what the announced review of the MIS framework is? • When will it be starting? <p>2. Can you explain how the ‘announced review’ aligns with the government’s response to FSI Recommendation 42?</p> <p>3. Don’t you think undertaking another review is different to the Government response to recommendation 42 of the FSI (20 October 2015), in which the government said “ The Government agrees to develop legislative amendments to enhance the regulatory framework for managed investment schemes, drawing on the Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee report and a forthcoming Senate Committee Inquiry report.”? There was no reference to a review there. There was only a reference to developing legislation based on the Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee report and a forthcoming Senate Committee Inquiry report.</p> <p>4. Elsewhere in the Government’s response to the Forestry Managed Investment Schemes Report (in response to Recommendation 20) it says that “the Government’s review of MIS will commence following the introduction of the CIVs regime to ensure there is policy consistency across investment fund frameworks from a retail investor perspective.” When you say that the review will commence following the introduction of the Collective Investment Vehicles regime, are these the two measures in the 2016 budget? [If this is referring to the Collective Investment Vehicles (CIV) measures in the 2016 budget, these aren’t scheduled to commence until 1 July 2017 and 1 July 2018]. So we might not have a review starting until July 2017 or July 2018?</p> <p>5. Do you acknowledge that the delayed starting date for even the review sits uneasily with the Senate Committee’s finding that there was an urgent need for reform (page 180): “The committee is</p>	Treasury - Financial System Division	Written	SQ17-000233
249	4	Ketter	Product Intervention and Power	<p>1. What consultation has Treasury undertaken in the lead up to the release of the proposals paper relating to product intervention and power, released in December 2016?</p> <p>2. Which groups did Treasury consult with?</p> <p>3. What were the different views provided?</p> <p>4. Are media reports suggesting that the banks have been opposing this power accurate?</p>	Treasury - Financial System Division	Written	SQ17-000238
250	5	Ketter	Professional Standards for Financial Advisers	<p>1. At what stage is the development of the new standard-setting body for professional standards for financial advisers?</p> <p>2. At what stage is the appointment of the inaugural board members?</p> <p>3. Has consultation been undertaken on who the board members should be? Who has Treasury consulted with on this?</p> <p>4. What involvement has the Minister’s office had on the appointment of these board members?</p> <p>5. Do you expect to have the standard-setting body fully operational by 30 June 2017?</p>	Treasury - Financial System Division	Written	SQ17-000245

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251	16	Ketter	Public Register of Ultimate Beneficial Ownership	<p>Specifically, on a beneficial ownership registry, can you confirm the start date for consultation was pushed back from “late 2016” to “February 2017”?</p> <p>2. Was Treasury consulted on the appropriate timeframes for consultation on the beneficial ownership registry?</p> <p>3. What caused the timeframe on consultation to be pushed further out?</p> <p>4. In the draft Open Government Partnership plan, Milestone 4 was “Recommendation to Government on other related areas of beneficial ownership transparency considered during consultation”. This milestone is not in the final document. Why was it removed?</p> <p>5. What are the related areas of beneficial ownership that were expected to be canvassed?</p> <p>6. In the final Open Government Partnership document, Milestone 3 is to “begin work to implement Government decision on transparency of beneficial ownership of companies”. The end date is described as “Expected to continue for the duration of this Plan”. What is the end date of the Open Government Partnership Plan?</p> <p>7. Does Treasury expect work to be completed within a year of the plan ending?</p> <p>8. What legal entities does Treasury expect to be covered by the registry?</p> <p>9. Can Treasury provide a list of the types of legal identities or arrangement being considered for the registry?</p> <p>10. Are trusts considered part of the scope of a beneficial ownership registry, particularly if they fit the Financial Action Task Force definition of “legal arrangement”?</p> <p>11. The beneficial ownership register consultation paper was released in February 2017 . It states: The FATF recommends that countries should ensure that there is adequate, accurate and timely information on express trusts, including information on the settlor, trustee and beneficiaries that can be obtained or accessed in a timely fashion by competent authorities. This consultation paper, however, only deals with FATF Recommendation 24 on companies”.</p> <p>12. Why are trusts carved out?</p> <p>13. When was the decision to carve out trusts made?</p>	Treasury - Financial System Division	Written	SQ17-000258
252	1	Rice	Asset Recycling Initiative	<p>[...]</p> <p>Senator RICE: And the remainder—\$5 million minus \$2.3 million minus \$877,000—went to the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility? Is that how it adds up?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Just about. I would have to take on notice whether there was any other residual amount, but if there was it would be relatively small.</p>	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Page 92 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000262
253	5	Ketter	Business investment inquiry	<p>1. Which group in Treasury is responsible for overseeing the Business Investment inquiry being undertaken by Heads of Treasury?</p> <p>2. Provide a list of the CEOs and businesses that are being written to as part of this inquiry.</p> <p>3. Which business organisations are being approached as part of this inquiry?</p> <p>4. When will the CEOs of the businesses being written to provide feedback on business investment? Will these responses be made public? If not, why not?</p> <p>5. How many roundtable meetings are planned? In which cities will these roundtable meetings be held?</p>	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Written	SQ17-000272
254	2	Leyonhjelm	FIRB - Applications	<p>On 1 March 2017 Mr Donnelly told the Committee with respect to applications to purchase agricultural property “Again, we go through a series of checks and in the event that we find that the purchase is in the national interest, then we can issue an approval, or the Treasurer does, depending on the various size and other national interest considerations that are involved.” Is it necessary to conclude that the purchase is in the national interest for the application to be approved? Or is it necessary to conclude that the purchase is not in the national interest for the application to be rejected?</p>	Treasury - Foreign Investment Division	Written	SQ17-000279

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255	2	Leyonhjelm	FIRB Applications	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Do you have any idea of the percentage of all applications that are ultimately not granted? That would include those withdrawn and rejected.</p> <p>Mr Donnelly: Not off the top of my head. I would say that certainly the number withdrawn would be larger than three by many orders of magnitude, but I could not quantify it off the top of my head, but I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: [...] Could you also take on notice how many applications do not end up being approved?</p> <p>Mr Donnelly: That might be a little bit misleading because it is not uncommon for a bidder to, for example, submit an application early in a commercial process and then be knocked out of the commercial process and withdraw from that reason rather than because they might have—</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: I understand. All right—whatever data you have.</p> <p>Mr Donnelly: Certainly.</p>	Treasury - Foreign Investment Division	Page 44 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000285
256	1	Gallagher	FIRB Applications	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Perhaps this is a question for the minister, really, because confidence in FIRB's processes is extremely important for foreign investment. You have the Chairman of the Foreign Investment Review Board speaking to a large audience raising concerns that the Kidman cattle empire decision had not been made objectively under FIRB guidelines. He went on to say, 'Avoid icons if you are wanting to invest.' He said further:</p> <p>"My advice if you are thinking of investing is stay away from the business icons — they are always going to be difficult ...</p> <p>Do you agree with the comments of the chairman, and do you have any concerns that that is the public message that is being given to overseas investors?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I do not have any comments on those comments. I will ask the Treasurer whether he wants to add anything to that.</p>	Treasury - Foreign Investment Division	Page 47 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000338
257	9	Ketter	Foreign Investment Framework 2017 Legislative Package Consultation Paper	<p>Referring to the Foreign Investment Framework 2017 Legislative Package Consultation Paper that was released on 8 March 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When was the decision made to release this consultation paper? 2. Who made the decision? 3. When was the Foreign Investment Review Board advised of this consultation paper? 4. Which specific settings from the 2015 reforms may have incentivised non-compliance and have had distortionary effects in relation to residential land? Why would these settings have caused the non-compliance and distortionary effects? 5. Why are there some lower sensitivity investments still subject to the framework in relation to non-vacant commercial land? 6. What kind of “low value and low sensitivity investments” are being captured in the framework in relation to low sensitivity business investment? What is the level of regulatory burden that has been reported in relation to these investments? 7. What specifically about the fees framework has been found to be difficult to apply and burdensome to administer? 8. Provide details of which fees vary with the form of the investment. Which fees do not vary with the form of the investment? 9. Has Treasury, since September 2015, done any modelling or analysis of policy proposals that might limit or halt foreign investment into new dwellings? 	Treasury - Foreign Investment Division	Written	SQ17-000286

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258	4	Ketter	2016-17 MYEFO measure – Changes to the Wine Equalisation Tax Rebate	<p>1. Can you provide a breakdown of the measure’s financial implications, in underlying cash balance and fiscal balance terms, of the elements in that new measure, that is:</p> <p>a. The reduction in the rebate cap to \$350,000 only;</p> <p>b. The new eligibility criteria applying from 1 July 2018;</p> <p>c. The additional integrity measures being introduced to stop multiple claiming of the rebate on the same parcel of wine; and</p> <p>d. The wine tourism and cellar door grant.</p> <p>2. What is the assumption for the number of wine tourism and cellar door grants issued per year?</p> <p>3. Is the wine tourism and cellar door grant program ongoing? If not, when does it terminate?</p> <p>4. The measure description says it is a grant of up to \$100,000. Under what circumstances would the grant be less than \$100,000? If there are grants that are less than \$100,000, what is the assumption for the average grant amount that is provided?</p>	Treasury - Individuals and Indirect Tax Division	Written	SQ17-000289
259	2	Ketter	2016-17 MYEFO measure – Personal income tax – new treatment of Fringe Benefits for Tax Offset Purposes	<p>1. How many people will be affected by the change in the fringe benefits treatment in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, for each of the tax offsets that are modified? Provide the number of people for each year separated for each of the LISTO, SAPTO, NMETO, and the Dependent (Invalid and Carer) Tax offset.</p> <p>2. How many people are estimated to claim the LISTO, SAPTO, NMETO and the Dependent (Invalid and Carer) Tax offset in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20?</p>	Treasury - Tax Analysis Division	Written	SQ17-000291
260	1	Ketter	2016-17 MYEFO measure – Personal Income tax – tax relief for ex gratia disaster assistance payments	<p>What is the assumption for the number of ex gratia disaster assistance payments being made for each year of the forward estimates to New Zealand Special Class Visa (subclass 444) holders?</p>	Treasury - Tax Analysis Division	Written	SQ17-000294
261	2	Ketter	2016-17 MYEFO measure – Tax integrity – franked distributions funded by capital raising	<p>1. What is the assumption for the amount of times franking credits are distributed when they are funded from capital raising activities?</p> <p>2. How many companies in 2015-16 distributed franking credits that were funded from capital raising activities? Provide a list of these companies.</p>	Treasury - Corporate and International Tax Division	Written	SQ17-000297
262	3	Whish-Wilson	Cap on income tax deductions	<p>1. Has the introduction of a cap on deductions for high-income earners been modelled?</p> <p>2. What was the outcome of this modelling?</p> <p>3. What thresholds were used in this modelling?</p>	Treasury - Tax Analysis Division	Written	SQ17-000300
263	2	Ketter	Capital Gains Tax Discount	<p>Senator KETTER: My question is to Revenue Group. Have you been asked by the Treasurer or the Treasurer's office to do any such work in relation to the capital gains tax discount?</p> <p>Ms Mrakovcic: In accordance with longstanding practice, I just do not want to comment on those issues.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: No, these are not hypothetical questions. They flow from the answer to the first question, and that is the difficulty. If there was a request to do such work, when were you asked to do that?</p> <p>Have you provided advice to the Treasurer or the Treasurer's office in relation to the capital gains tax discount and, if so, when did that occur? Ms Mrakovcic, are you familiar with Mr Coorey's article in The Australian Financial Review of 16 February?</p> <p>Ms Mrakovcic: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: Has Treasury worked on options to change the CGT discount with respect to property investment?</p> <p>Ms Mrakovcic: I am going to take that question on notice.</p>	Treasury - Individuals and Indirect Tax Division	Pages 62-63 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000302

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264	1	Ketter	Capital Gains Tax Discount - Work with PM&C	<p>Senator KETTER: Has Treasury been working with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on options to change the capital gains tax discount?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Now you go to the core of the things that we have already taken on notice, so we will just add that to that—</p>	Treasury - Individuals and Indirect Tax Division	Page 64 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000305
265	1	Ketter	Consultation with re-deliverers	<p>Senator KETTER: Can you tell us which redeliverers were consulted in relation to the operation of the new law?</p> <p>Mrs Purvis-Smith: I do not have the list with me. I can take that on notice.</p>	Treasury - Individuals and Indirect Tax Division	Page 77 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000306
266	1	Ketter	Low-value imports	<p>Senator KETTER: Do you have an estimate of low-value imports at the border?</p> <p>Mrs Purvis-Smith: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Treasury - Individuals and Indirect Tax Division	Page 77 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000308
267	4	McAllister	Small Business / Individual engagement with Tax System	<p>Senator McALLISTER: [...] What is the structure of that consultation process?</p> <p>Ms Smith: The consultation process is currently in train. I do not have the detail with me around exactly who is engaged—which industry bodies. I can give you some examples that I know have been engaged, but, if I can take that on notice, we can come back to you with an outline of exactly how we have been approaching this.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Can you give me some indication of it? I am not asking you to provide a list of everyone you have ever talked to, but is it by invitation? Are you having any open processes? Is it with small and medium enterprises themselves or their representative organisations? Just some sense of the structure of it would help.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Mrs Purvis-Smith: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Is there no-one in the room who could do it?</p> <p>Mrs Purvis-Smith: No, but we will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Could you also take this on notice. It would be helpful to understand what kind of feedback you are receiving through that consultation process. It is a measure in the MYEFO, so I would have expected to be able to talk to someone about it. I do not want a great deal of detail, and I would have thought answers today would have been reasonable.</p>	Treasury - Individuals and Indirect Tax Division	Page 84 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000310
268	9	Xenophon	Tax Exemptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many tax exemptions are there for Jewish community organisations in Australia? 2. What is the amount transferred from these tax exempt funds to Israel in the last 10 years? 3. How many tax exemptions are there for Palestinian organisations in Australia? 4. What is the amount transferred from these tax exempt funds to Palestine in the last 10 years? 5. Is there a limit to the tax exempt amounts of money which can leave Australia to Israel or Palestine? 6. Given that Australia does not recognise Israel's sovereignty over the 1967 occupied territories: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Are the settlers and settlements in the 1967 occupied Palestinian territories beneficiaries of any of these funds? b. Are there any conditions put on these funds so that they do not discriminate between Israelis on religious or racial ground, and that the settlers and settlements in the 1967 occupied Palestinian territories are not beneficiaries of these funds? c. What guarantees are there that the settlers and settlements in the 1967 occupied Palestinian territories are not beneficiaries of these funds? 	Treasury - Individuals and Indirect Tax Division	Written	SQ17-000315
269	1	McAllister	Tax Integrity - Small Business / Individual	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Of those, is it the same proportion where 95 per cent resolve it within 90 days and five per cent run over? Is that proportionately about—</p> <p>Mrs Purvis-Smith: No, I am actually talking about the five per cent that run over. I would have to take the question on notice to understand. Of the 95 per cent that get paid within 90 days, I am not too sure if that is a 65- 35 split. The five per cent that is not paid within the 90 days, which becomes collectable debt for the ATO, is 65 per cent attributed to small business and 35 per cent to individuals.</p>	Treasury - Individuals and Indirect Tax Division	Page 82 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000318

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270	1	Roberts	Top Marginal tax rates	Senator ROBERTS: [...] What was the top marginal rate for personal tax and corporate tax in Australia from 2004 to 2016? Ms Mrakovcic: We will take that on notice.	Treasury - Individuals and Indirect Tax Division	Page 72 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000320
271	2	Ketter	IMF High Level Advisory Group on FinTech	1. Will Treasury be liaising with this group? 2. What resources will be dedicated to liaising with this Group?	Treasury - International Policy and Engagement Division	Written	SQ17-000322
272	3	Ketter	IMF High Level Advisory Group on FinTech	1. Given that the ASIC chairman is a member of this group, what support or liaison will ASIC provide for this group? 2. What resources within ASIC will be dedicated to provide support or liaison to this group? 3. Will the ASIC chairman be expected to travel for meetings of this group?	ASIC	Written	SQ17-000325
273	2	Rice	US Administration	Senator RICE: But did he get any prior briefing from either the department or from you, Minister? Senator Cormann: Not from me personally, no, but you would not expect me personally to provide a briefing in relation to this. It is not in my area. What I would say is that of course our ambassador to the United States has got very good firsthand knowledge of the operation of the asset recycling fund and initiative as a former distinguished Treasurer of the Commonwealth. Senator RICE: But do you have any understanding of what the nature of that advice was? Senator Cormann: The nature of which? Senator RICE: Of the advice that Mr Hockey was giving to the Trump administration? Senator Cormann: I have just heard you refer to it. It is the first I have heard of it myself. I am happy to take it on notice, to see whether the Treasurer wants to add to what I have said so far.	Treasury - International Policy and Engagement Division	Page 93 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000327
274	1	Ketter	Parliamentary Bills prepared by Treasury	Please provide a list of Parliamentary Bills that Treasury has prepared for each year since 2011.	Treasury - Law Design Practice	Written	SQ17-000328

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275	12	Ketter	2016-17 MYEFO Parameter changes	<p>Referring to Table 1.2 “Major economic parameters” on page 2 of the 2016-17 MYEFO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you confirm that in the PEFO, in 2016-17 and 2017-18, real GDP was forecast to grow at two and a half and three per cent respectively? And that in the MYEFO, for those same two years, it was downgraded to two per cent and two and three quarters per cent respectively? What were the reasons for the half a percent downgrade in 2016-17, and the reasons for the quarter of a percent downgrade in 2017-18? 2. All other things being equal, what effect did these downgrades have on the budget bottom line? 3. Turning to employment growth, employment growth for 2016-17 and 2017-18 was downgraded, but 2018-19 was upgraded between the PEFO and the MYEFO, is that correct? 4. What were the reasons for the downgrades in the first two years, but the upgrade in the third year? 5. All other things being equal, what effect did these changes have on the budget bottom line? 6. On the unemployment rate, there is an improvement in the two projection years, from five and a half to five and a quarter percent between the PEFO and MYEFO? What is the reason for this? 7. All other things being equal, what effect does this improvement have on the budget bottom line? 8. On the wage price index, there is a downgrade for 2016-17 and 2017-18 of a quarter of a percent in both those years? What is the reason for this? 9. All other things being equal, what effect does this downgrade have on the budget bottom line? 10. On nominal GDP, there is a significant upgrade in 2016-17 – from four and a quarter per cent to five and three quarters of a per cent. Can you go into some more detail as to why that occurred? What was the effect on the budget bottom line in 2016-17 as a result? 11. For the rest of the years, there is a downgrade for the nominal GDP forecasts and projections, correct? What is the reason for this? 12. What is the effect on the budget bottom line, again all things being equal, as a result of this downgrade? 	Treasury - Macroeconomic Conditions Division	Written	SQ17-000330
276	1	Ketter	Commodity Prices	At what point in the lead up to the Budget would you need to consider the assumptions for commodity prices such as for iron ore and coal?	Treasury - Macroeconomic Conditions Division	Written	SQ17-000332
277	6	Ketter	Domestic economy forecasts	<p>Referring to the domestic economy forecasts on page 11 of the 2016-17 MYEFO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Household consumption for 2016-17 was revised downwards from 3 per cent to two and three quarters of a percent. What is the reason for this? What is the effect on the budget bottom line as a result of this? 2. Dwelling investment for 2016-17 was revised upwards by more than double – from 2 to 4 and a half per cent. What’s the driver behind this doubling of growth? Do you have further details as to where this investment is taking place, i.e. which states, which cities? And what types of dwellings we are talking about here? 3. Similarly dwelling investment for 2017-18 was halved – from 1 to half a per cent. What’s the driver behind that? 4. And the non-mining investment figure – down from 3 and a half per cent to 1 and a half percent for 2016-17. What’s driving that? Do you have a breakdown of this by states and territories – given that on page 12 of the MYEFO it stays that the “transition” is playing out differently across the states and territories. 5. Private final demand – what is that made of? Half a percent came off the figure for 2016-17 – what’s the driver behind that? 6. Public final demand – what does that consist of? For 2016-17 and 2017-18 there has been an increase, what’s the reason for that? 	Treasury - Macroeconomic Conditions Division	Written	SQ17-000333
278	2	Ketter	House prices and birth rates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the last 25 years: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What has been the increase or decrease in average and median house prices for each of the states and territories b. What has been the increase or decrease in birth rates for each of the states and territories 	Treasury - Macroeconomic Conditions Division	Written	SQ17-000335

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279	10	Ketter	Household debt	<p>1. What has been the growth in household debt since 2013, in percentage terms for:</p> <p>a. Owner occupied mortgages;</p> <p>b. Investment (specifically real estate);</p> <p>c. HELP;</p> <p>d. Personal debts (including credit cards); and</p> <p>e. Other debts.</p> <p>2. What has been the dollar figure for household debt, for each year for 2014, 2015 and 2016, for:</p> <p>a. Owner occupied mortgages;</p> <p>b. Investment (specifically real estate);</p> <p>c. HELP;</p> <p>d. Personal debts (including credit cards); and</p> <p>e. Other debts.</p>	Treasury - Macroeconomic Conditions Division	Written	SQ17-000336
280	1	Ketter	Penalty rates	Is it definitive that a cut to penalty rates will lead to more jobs being created?	Treasury - Macroeconomic Conditions Division	Written	SQ17-000202
281	2	Ketter	Wages forecasts	<p>1. What is Treasury's process for determining the wage forecasts?</p> <p>2. Please provide specific details around the modelling process, and the individual inputs into Treasury's wages forecasts, including data sets and business liaison.</p>	Treasury - Macroeconomic Conditions Division	Written	SQ17-000203
282	1	Ketter	Wages growth	Given the profit and activity levels that we have had, what should wages growth have been?	Treasury - Macroeconomic Conditions Division	Written	SQ17-000205
283	2	Roberts	Historical increase in inflation and M3 money supply	<p>Senator ROBERTS: [...] how much has CPI inflation increased in Australia since publication from September 1948 to December 2016?</p> <p>Mr Ray: I think we would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: That is fine. The second question is: how much has M3 money supply increased in Australia since publication from July 1959 to January 2017?</p> <p>Mr Ray: I think it is the same answer.</p>	Treasury - Macroeconomic Modelling and Policy Division	Page 22 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000206
284	2	Roberts	Modelling the economic cost of regulation	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Thinking of farmers and small business, how many pieces of regulation have been cumulatively passed, federally, in Australia from 1970 to 2016?</p> <p>Senator McGrath: We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: This is the last one. How much of an economic cost in, say, money terms per household is the accumulation of legislation and regulation to Australia—that is, the financial impact on people?</p> <p>Senator McGrath: We will have to take that on notice as well.</p>	Treasury - Macroeconomic Modelling and Policy Division	Page 105 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000211
285	14	Ketter	Title/contents pages for Senate Estimates briefing	<p>Please provide the title/contents pages for the Senate Estimates briefing pack for the March 2017 estimates round that was provided to:</p> <p>a. the Treasurer</p> <p>b. the Treasurer's office</p> <p>c. the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services</p> <p>d. the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services' office</p> <p>e. the Minister for Small Business</p> <p>f. the Minister for Small Business' office</p> <p>g. the Assistant Minister to the Treasurer</p> <p>h. the Assistant Minister to the Treasurer's office</p> <p>i. the Minister for Finance</p> <p>j. the Minister for Finance's office</p> <p>k. the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister</p> <p>l. the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister's office</p> <p>m. the Secretary of the Treasury</p> <p>n. all of the Deputy Secretaries in Treasury that provided evidence to the estimates hearings</p>	Treasury - Parliamentary and Legal Services Division	Written	SQ17-000214

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286	1	Ketter	Consultants and Reviewers	How much was spent by Treasury on consultants and reviewers from 2013-14 to 2015-16 inclusive?	Treasury - Financial and Procurement Division	Written	SQ17-000219
287	4	Ketter	Portfolio Appointments and Vacancies	Referring the list of Treasury portfolio vacancies that was received on 20 February 2017 according to the APH website: 1. How long have these vacancies been present, for each of the five bodies listed there? 2. Is it the Government's intention that these positions be filled? When will this occur? 3. Has briefing been provided to the Government about potential candidates for these vacant positions? If so, when? To which ministerial office? 4. Are any of these bodies to be abolished?	Treasury - People and Organisational Strategy Division	Written	SQ17-000222
288	1	McAllister	Progressing Women Initiative: 2016-2020 strategic direction	Senator McALLISTER: The annual report for 2015-16 includes a statement that there is an updated version of the Progressing Women Initiative entitled, 'The Progressing Women Initiative: 2016-2020 strategic direction'. I have been unable to find that document on your website. Is that publicly available? Mr Ray: I am actually not sure whether it is. I think it is on our intranet, but that is not the same. I will check. I will take it on notice. Senator McALLISTER: In checking whether or not it is publicly available—a separate question is: can it be provided to the committee. Mr Ray: Yes.	Treasury - People and Organisational Strategy Division	Page 31 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000225
289	3	Ketter	Staffing	How many Treasury Band 3 staff are there? Of these, how many are female? Is it correct to say that half of Treasury's Band 3 staff are women?	Treasury - People and Organisational Strategy Division	Written	SQ17-000230
290	8	Ketter	Treasurer trip to G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting – Baden-baden, Germany	In relation to the Treasurer's trip to the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting in March 2017: 1. What were the dates of the trip? 2. Who accompanied the Treasurer to this trip – please list all Treasury staff and Treasurer's office members 3. What was the cost of air travel for all attendees for this trip? 4. Provide a breakdown of: a. Accommodation costs; b. Road transport costs; c. Food and other hospitality costs; and d. Other incidental costs Incurred for the Treasurer and all Treasury staff and office members who accompanied the Treasurer on this trip.	Treasury - International Policy and Engagement Division	Written	SQ17-000199
291	7	Ketter	Treasury Research Institute Website	1. When was the Treasury Research Institute website established? 2. What is its purpose? 3. Why is it difficult to reach this website? There's no apparent link to it on the Treasury website front page? 4. Where is this website advertised? Who is meant to be the audience? 5. Are you able to advise what future publications are proposed to go up on this website? 6. What is the amount spent per year on this? Are there any additional resources involved? 7. How many website visits have there been to the Treasury Research Institute since it was first established?	Treasury - Secretary	Written	SQ17-000235
292	5	Ketter	Treasury Town Halls	1. What is a Treasury Town Hall? 2. How many town hall meetings are planned for the 2017 calendar year? 3. In which cities will these meetings be held? 4. How many Treasury staff attend these meetings? Who goes to these meetings? Is there a regular attendance list? 5. What is the cost of hosting these meetings? Break down the costs into venue, catering, hotel accommodation, air travel, road transport, staff incidentals and other miscellaneous costs.	Treasury - People and Organisational Strategy Division	Written	SQ17-000239

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293	14	Xenophon	Waste	<p>Given that government and opposition politicians have all raised concerns over time and had policies on government waste:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is there a central government authority responsible for the elimination of waste? 2. If so <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is there a government wide definition on the meaning of ‘waste’, and if so, what is that definition? b. How does this central government authority monitor and manage waste within the Department? c. Is there a central government mechanism (e.g. phone number, email address, web site) for public servants or contractors to report Departmental waste? d. How much Departmental waste was identified by the central government authority in FY 13/14, FY 14/15 and FY 15/16? 3. If not: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is there a departmental definition on the meaning of ‘waste’, and if so, what is that definition? b. What are the Department’s arrangements for monitoring and managing waste? c. Is there a central Departmental mechanism (e.g. phone number, email address, web site) for public servants or contractors to report Departmental waste? d. How much waste was identified by the Department in FY 13/14, FY 14/15 and FY 15/16? 4. In either case: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can Departmental officers or contractors report waste anonymously? b. Are they afforded a protection if they do so? 	Treasury - Financial and Procurement Division	Written	SQ17-000240
294	5	Ketter	Low Value GST Imports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does Treasury have estimates of the costs passed onto consumers? If so, can it provide those cost estimates broken down into their GST and compliance-cost components? 2. Does Treasury have guidance on how redeliverers will pass the GST onto suppliers and/or consumers? 3. Does Treasury have and can they provide, estimates of the number of non-residents making supplies who are likely to choose to become limited registration entities? 4. Does Treasury have, and can they provide, estimates of the breakdown in revenues by firms? 5. Can Treasury also provide data on the number of firms consulted, and compliant, with the recent application of GST to overseas digital service providers? 	Treasury - Individuals and Indirect Tax Division	Written	SQ17-000198
295	5	Ketter	Tax Avoidance Taskforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In response to Senate Question on Notice no. 333, Senator Cormann listed the 2016 Budget measure ‘Tax Integrity Package – establishing the Tax Avoidance Taskforce’ as one of the Government’s unlegislated Budget Measures. What aspects of the taskforce require legislation? 2. If legislation is required, why has legislation been delayed? 3. If legislation is not required, why would it have been listed as an unlegislated measure? 4. Had Treasury previously advised the Government on the revenue impacts of cutting staff numbers at the Australian Taxation Office? 5. Can Treasury provide estimates of revenue forgone due to staff cuts, broken down by employment group (e.g. auditors)? 	Treasury - Corporate and International Tax Division	Written	SQ17-000196
296	1	Whish-Wilson	Housing Affordability	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I actually wanted to get this on record anyway: when I was asking the secretary today, he made a comment that when he was younger his generation's mindset may have been different. [...]</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I think that he would be able to think about an answer— [...]</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We will take that on notice.</p>	Treasury - Secretary	Page 95 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000241
297	2	Ketter	Procurement rule changes	<p>Referring to the changes around the procurement rules that came about in the negotiations around the Australian Building and Construction Commission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was Treasury involved in any work or advice in relation to these changes? 2. If so, can you describe the nature of that work or advice? 	Treasury - Social Policy Division	Written	SQ17-000243

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298	11	Ketter	Review of the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When was the decision made to conduct the review? 2. Who decided that Su McCluskey would lead the review? 3. How many candidates were there to lead the review? Who were they? 4. Who decided that a private company would provide the secretariat to the review? 5. Was Treasury considered for the provision of a secretariat to the review? If they were, why were they not chosen? 6. How much is Nous Group being paid to conduct this review? How long is their contract? 7. How much is Su McCluskey being paid to lead the review? How long is her contract? 	Treasury - Small Business and Consumer Policy Division	Written	SQ17-000247
299	5	Ketter	Small Business Payment Times	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has Treasury completed its review of the Government Payments to Small Business Survey? 2. What did it find? 3. Will the Government continue to publicly report its performance in meeting its policy to pay small businesses promptly? 4. If not, where will the Government's performance be publicly reported? Is the Government concerned that the data will show that it is failing to meet its own indicators and is letting small businesses down? 	Treasury - Small Business and Consumer Policy Division	Written	SQ17-000248
300	10	Ketter	Small Business Roadshow	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How many cities and towns have hosted the Small Business Roadshow? 2) List all these cities and towns, and the dates that the roadshows occurred 3) In which cities and towns, and on what dates, will future roadshows be held? 4) Please list all Treasury portfolio ministers, Treasury staff, and Treasury portfolio agency staff that attended each roadshow 5) Please provide details of costs for each roadshow, broken down into: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Air travel; b. Accommodation; c. Road transport; d. Venue hosting; e. Catering; and f. Incidental costs. 	Treasury - Small Business and Consumer Policy Division	Written	SQ17-000250
301	6	Cameron	Bond Aggregator Taskforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the Bond Aggregator Taskforce be provided with parameters about the number of new affordable rental dwellings that a bond aggregator would be expected to assist in financing over a specified timeframe? 2. If so, how many and over what timeframe? 3. The Affordable Housing Working Group said in its final report that a bond aggregator won't close the financing gap for social housing completely. The Working Group said that a sustained increase in investments by governments is required to stimulate affordable housing production and attract private and institutional investment. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is meant by sustained increases in the investment by governments? b. Would capital grants form part of an increase in government investment? If so, by what mechanism? c. Would expenditure on Commonwealth Rent Assistance form part of an increase in government investment? 	Treasury - Social Policy Division	Transferred from DSS	SQ17-000253

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302	7	Ketter	Education	<p>1. Has Treasury researched returns on investment from spending on education – in early childhood? Schools? Universities?</p> <p>2. What does the current research say in this area, regarding returns from spending on school education for disadvantaged cohorts?</p> <p>3. Can Treasury please provide a copy of their research about returns from spending on education, particularly in schools?</p> <p>4. Has Treasury done any modelling on what returns Australian Government funding on disadvantaged schools would have for the Australian economy? And the impact not just on growth but on productivity and inequality?</p> <p>5. What is Treasury’s role in formulating advice about the Government’s planned new school funding model from 2018 and 2019?</p> <p>6. In formulating your advice did you provide the Government with any analysis about the impact of school spending on growth, productivity and inequality?</p> <p>7. When, in 2014, the Government made the decision to cut \$30 billion from school education, so the vast majority of disadvantaged schools would not reach the recommended SRS funding level, did Treasury provide advice at the time about the impact on growth, productivity and inequality?</p>	Treasury - Social Policy Division	Written	SQ17-000255
303	5	Rhiannon	Housing affordability	<p>1. There are media reports that the May Budget will include a housing affordability package and that the Treasurer examined the UK’s Housing Finance Corporation in a recent visit to London:</p> <p>a. Which officials accompanied the Treasurer?</p> <p>b. Please provide notes or briefing documents they received from UK officials.</p> <p>2. Has the recommendation of the Affordable Housing Working Group for a taskforce on a bond aggregator has been implemented?</p> <p>3. Please detail the process being followed in developing a housing affordability package, including details of consultation and research?</p>	Treasury - Social Policy Division	Written	SQ17-000257

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304	22	Whish-Wilson	Housing: ownership and supply	<p>1. Has the Treasury assessed home ownership rates among young Australians? 2. What is the outcome of this assessment? 3. What change has occurred in home ownership rates among young Australians? 4. Has the Treasury assessed the number of young Australians trying to buy a home? 5. What is the outcome of this assessment? 6. What change has occurred in the number of young Australians trying to buy a home? 7. Has the Treasury assessed the debt to income ratios of young Australians trying to buy a home? 8. What is the outcome of this assessment? 9. What change has occurred in the debt to income ratios of young Australians trying to buy a home? 10. Has the Treasury assessed the number of young Australians who cannot afford to buy a home? 11. What is the outcome of this assessment? 12. What change has occurred in the number of young Australians who cannot afford to buy a home? 13. Has the Treasury evaluated changes in the expectations of young Australians regarding home ownership? 14. What is the outcome of this evaluation? 15. Have you consulted with young Australians about their needs and expectations are in relation to home ownership?</p> <p>Regarding Treasury's view that the major factor in driving housing affordability is the supply of housing, including the availability of land for development and the infrastructure and services that are in place to support that development:</p> <p>16. Has Treasury modelled the impact of an increase in the supply of housing on housing affordability? 17. What were the results of this modelling?</p>	Treasury - Social Policy Division	Written	SQ17-000259
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305	7	Cameron	National Housing Affordability Agreement	<p>Mr Robinson: Treasury is responsible for making the payments. The negotiation around the original agreement, I think, was led by the Department of Social Services back in 2000.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: But Treasury would have been involved? Treasury would not have turned a blind eye; would they?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I was not involved at that time. We would probably need to take on notice what level of involvement Treasury had back then.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: All right. So can you get me on notice which states and territories you have had discussions with, when the discussions took place and which specific issues were discussed. Has the department been able to provide a clear view about the government's intentions on NAHA? Are there any further discussions about the future of NAHA scheduled with states and territories? And, if so, when?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Yes. We can take all of that on notice.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So the Commonwealth cannot terminate NAHA without agreement; is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I will take the specifics of that on notice. But, broadly, yes; [...]</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Does that mean that the Commonwealth can terminate unilaterally or not?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I will take the particulars on notice [...] So parliament could legislate.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Parliament could legislate to terminate but the Commonwealth cannot make a decision unilaterally without legislative change?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I will take the specifics on notice [...]</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: But one flows from the other. You cannot have one without the other; can you?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: They are related.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: They are related?</p>	Treasury - Social Policy Division	Page 86-87 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000261
306	1	Ian MacDonal	Carbon Emissions	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: On that last issue, has Treasury ever done any analysis on the change that carbon emissions cause to the world climate on the basis that Australia's emissions are less than 1.2 per cent of the world's carbon emissions? I am wondering if you have ever done an analysis on the cost to the Australian economy of dealing with so-called climate change, [...] I am just wondering if Treasury has ever done a model or analysed the cost to the Australian economy for all the work we are doing to try and reduce Australia's 1.2 per cent of emissions by 2030 or even 50 per cent on the basis that even if we reduce if by 50 per cent the impact on the world's climate is going to be absolutely negligible. So I am wondering if anyone has ever looked at those figures from an economic point of view?</p> <p>Mr Dunn: I will have to take that question on notice because you say 'ever'. I am sure that we have been involved in the development of emissions trading schemes, carbon tax and everything in the past. That is quite a long time frame. We would have to take that question on notice to see if we have done any work on the climate impact.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Could I suggest to the minister that perhaps that might be something that the minister might ask the Treasury to have a look at. There is so much emphasis on this change, this expense of renewable targets, but it surprises me that Treasury has not done an analysis of the costs and benefits—it would be negative, not benefit—of doing that, when it is going to make absolutely no difference, at that 1.2 per cent, to what the emissions of carbon might do to the world's climate change.</p> <p>Senator McGrath: I will take that on notice.</p>	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Page 104 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000268

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307	10	Ketter	Competitive Neutrality Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is conducting the competitive neutrality review? 2. Has an external reviewer been contracted to do this? If so, who is the reviewer, and what is the value of their contract? 3. After submissions close on 21 April 2017, what is the timetable for consideration and decision in relation to the review? 4. How many Treasury staff are involved with this review? 5. Will external consultants and contractors be required for this review? If so, how many, and what is the value of their contracts? 6. Will there be public consultation meetings as part of this review? If so, where will these meetings take place? What will the cost of these meetings be? 7. Who made the decision to conduct the review? 8. When was that decision made? 9. When was Treasury advised that this review would be taking place? 10. What Commonwealth agencies will be consulted as part of this review? 	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Written	SQ17-000276
308	5	Ketter	Energy and Gas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did Treasury provide any analysis on the gas market to the Government ahead of its meeting with the gas companies on 15 March? If so, could this please be provided. 2. Has Treasury done any analysis on the impact of lifting state moratoria on the gas market? If so, could this please be provided. 3. What is Treasury's view about the short term impact of lifting state moratoria on the gas market? 4. Has Treasury done any analysis on an emissions intensity scheme in the electricity sector? If so, could this please be provided. 5. How much have wholesale electricity prices increased since the repeal of the carbon price? 	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Written	SQ17-000278
309	10	Ketter	Gas measures implementation taskforce	<p>Referring to the announcement by the Prime Minister: "Measures Agreed for Cheaper, More Reliable Gas" on 15 March 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did Treasury provide advice to the Treasurer or the Government in relation to the measures outlined in the Prime Minister's announcement? 2. If so, when? 3. When was Treasury first advised of the details in the Prime Minister's announcement of 15 March 2017? 4. Did the Treasury provide briefing to the Treasurer ahead of the meeting of 15 March 2017 with the gas industry? If so, when? When did Treasury commence drafting the documents making up the Treasurer's briefing? 5. Will Treasury be in contact with State and Territory Governments in relation to revisiting restrictions on gas exploration and development? If so, when will this occur? How will this occur? If not, why not? 6. How many times will the taskforce set up to implement the outcomes in the 15 March 2017 announcement meet? 7. When is the first meeting of this taskforce? 8. Who is providing the secretariat to that taskforce? 9. What resources is Treasury providing as part of this taskforce? 10. Which Treasury staff are involved in this taskforce? 	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Written	SQ17-000281

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310	2	Gallagher	Get out of the City campaign	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Minister, just to finish this off, could you confirm whether Treasury will be involved in the Get Out of the City campaign that has been launched by the Deputy Prime Minister this morning.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I cannot confirm that, but I am happy to take it on notice. I am not aware, essentially.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Is it a government campaign? It was issued on Deputy Prime Minister letterhead.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I do not believe that this is part of the Treasury estimates, but I am happy, in an abundance of helpfulness, to take the question on notice.</p>	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Page 35 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000283
311	1	McAllister	Harper review - Independent Market Studies	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Okay. In evidence earlier this morning, there was a brief discussion about the Harper review. The Harper review recommended a fully independent market studies function for the ACCC. Is your group giving consideration to that policy initiative?</p> <p>Mr McCullough: Broadly, this division would have responsibility for implementing all of the recommendations of the Harper review that the government has endorsed. There are about 45 headline ones, and they count up to 115. As to the market studies issue, I am aware that the ACCC is currently conducting market studies, but I will have to take on notice the detail of that response.</p>	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Page 35 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000284
312	2	Roberts	Increase in Australian Electricity CPI	<p>Senator ROBERTS: [...] How much has electricity CPI increased in Australia since publication from September 1980 to December 2016?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: [...] How much gas CPI increased in Australia since publication from September 1989 to December 2016?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: I would like to see what you come up with in the annual figures, [...]</p> <p>Senator McGrath: I think that is something we might have to take on notice.</p>	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Page 104 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000287
313	1	Gallagher	Modelling the impact of the Fair Work Commission decision on penalty rates	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: So you have a social policy division. Will fiscal social policy or your area be modelling the impact of the Fair Work decision on penalty rates?</p> <p>Ms Quinn: I honestly do not know the answer to that. I have not had a chance to talk to my colleagues. The announcement was made late yesterday, so I am happy to take it on notice, or you can put that question to my fiscal group colleagues who will be here later this afternoon.</p>	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Pages 32-33 (1 March 2017)	SQ17-000290
314	2	Ketter	Regional Development	<p>Will the Structural Reform Group look at issues relating to the disparity between wage growth in the capital cities and regional Australia in its responsibility for regional development issues?</p> <p>Will the Structural Reform Group consult with the Department of Infrastructure and Transport and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in relation to this work?</p>	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Written	SQ17-000293
315	3	Ketter	Regional Ministerial Taskforce	<p>1. Is Treasury involved at all with the Regional Ministerial Taskforce?</p> <p>2. If so, what is Treasury's role? How many staff in Treasury are dedicated to this taskforce?</p> <p>3. If not, why not?</p>	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Written	SQ17-000296

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316	8	Ketter	Snowy Mountains 2.0	<p>1. When did the Treasury first learn about the Government’s plans to expand the capacity of the Snowy Hydro Scheme?</p> <p>2. Has the treasury performed any analysis of increasing the storage capacity of the Snowy Hydro scheme by 2000MW?</p> <p>3. If no, Is it Treasury’s view that decisions regarding the expenditure of up to \$2 billion of taxpayer funds for projects such as the 2000MW storage expansion of Snowy Hydro should be subject to some form of Treasury analysis?</p> <p>4. If yes,</p> <p>a. Please provide any analysis Treasury has undertaken on the expansion of the Snowy Hydro Scheme, including economic impact and costings</p> <p>b. Has Treasury done any costings on the commonwealth’s contribution to any expansion?</p> <p>c. Has Treasury come to an estimate of the appropriate level of taxpayer funding for such a project?</p> <p>d. Has the Treasury concluded that such an expansion would be an appropriate use of \$2 billion of taxpayer funds?</p> <p>5. Has the treasury performed any analysis of alternative options to the expansion of the Snowy Hydro scheme storage?</p> <p>6. Has the Treasury performed any analysis of the impacts of such a project on the functioning of the electricity market or the broader economy?</p> <p>7. Would such a Treasury analysis be appropriate to ensure well informed decisions could confidently be made by government about the merits of such a project?</p> <p>8. If decisions on such a project were made without being informed by Treasury analysis, they would not be as well informed as they could or should be; is this correct?</p>	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Written	SQ17-000298
317	2	Ketter	Workplace Relations	<p>Will the Structural Reform Group look at issues relating to penalty rates in its responsibility for workplace relations issues?</p> <p>Will the Structural Reform Group consult with the Department of Employment, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet or the Australian Public Service Commission in relation to this work?</p>	Treasury - Structural Reform Group	Written	SQ17-000301

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318	11	Ketter	Petroleum Resource Rent Tax	<p>administration of the PRRT? When did this work occur?</p> <p>2. Has the Treasury raised concerns with the Government, on consulted with stakeholders, about the treatment of exploration costs? When did this occur?</p> <p>3. Has the Treasury consulted the ATO and/or other stakeholders about the rate of the ‘uplift rate’? Who did Treasury consult with? When?</p> <p>4. Has the Treasury provided, or in the process of providing, the Government with analysis of alternative uplift rates, including lower rates? When was this provided / expected to be delivered?</p> <p>5. Has Treasury discussed the timing of exploration deductions – i.e. that they are deducted after construction and development costs – with the ATO and/or the Government? When did these occur?</p> <p>6. Has Treasury provided information to the Government regarding the ability for deductions to be shifted from project to project? When did these occur? What was the nature of that advice?</p> <p>7. Has Treasury provided feedback to the Government on the scope of eligible deductions available under the PRRT scheme? Has Treasury modelled scenarios where the scope of deductions has been further limited?</p> <p>8. Has the Treasury provided feedback the Government on the administration, or related issues, on possible retrospective changes to the PRRT? When did they occur? What was the nature of the feedback provided?</p> <p>9. Has Treasury requested information from the ATO about the administration of a federal royalty regime under the PRRT or as a replacement to the PRRT? When did this occur? What feedback did the ATO provide?</p> <p>10. Is Treasury undertaking, or has undertaken, modelling regarding a royalty scheme under the PRRT, or as a replacement to the PRRT, for the Government? Is it limited to gas, or oil, or applicable to both?</p> <p>11. Are the multinational companies subject to the PRRT among the most likely to be affected by any future changes to Australia’s thin capitalisation laws?</p>	Treasury - Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Review	Written	SQ17-000303
319	1	Gallagher	Payday Lending	<p>Mr Medcraft: In terms of the principles of enforcement investigation, the three fundamental principles we look at are firstly, the amount of harm or loss that has occurred; secondly, the cost versus the regulatory benefit. Going to Peter's point about regulatory benefit, if we see a sector where we clearly want to send messages, it is a strategy that we have undertaken. Here you can see what we see as a regulatory benefit in a series of cases on payday lending. Thirdly—this is always a bit of an issue in many of the cases, as you know—is the availability of evidence, and whether or not we have received it. They are the three fundamental principles which really shape when we pursue investigations and enforcement. We now publish our approach to enforcement. That is available online.</p> <p>Mr Kell: We would be very happy to provide a quick summary to the committee of the matters we have taken in the payday lending space, if that would help.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: That would be useful.</p>	ASIC	Page 10 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000191
320	1	Williams	ASIC powers - Dealing with registered liquidators	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: Just one thing: there will be a situation where a majority vote of creditors can remove the liquidator instead of having to go to court.</p> <p>Mr Price: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: When does that start—yesterday or September?</p> <p>Mr Price: I will take that on notice and check it. But, if my memory is good, that starts on 1 September.</p>	ASIC	Page 11-12 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000194
321	1	Gallagher	Member Assets - Bank owned retail funds	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: I have just a couple more questions. First, I know you have taken a large number of my questions on notice, and maybe you will have to take this one as well. But I am interested in the percentage of members' assets in the bank-owned retail funds that are in the bottom quartile of performers compared with other fund types. Is that okay?</p> <p>Mr Byres: Yes.</p>	APRA	Page 37 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000187

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322	2	Ian MacDonald	Impact of State Taxes on Insurance Premiums	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I have a question relating to insurance. I was questioning some officials yesterday about insurance in non-metropolitan Queensland. Can you indicate to me what role and what impact state taxes and, particularly in the North, laws relating to strata title have on insurance premiums? Is that something I can reasonably ask you? You would probably know the state taxes, at least.</p> <p>Mr Summerhayes: I think it would be better if I came back to you with some specifics on that. Just so that I understand exactly what you are looking for—</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: My understanding is that the states—and I can really talk only about my own state of Queensland—impose stamp duty on insurance premiums that adds to the cost. I am just wondering whether you have details on that and whether you could make them available.</p> <p>Mr Summerhayes: The states do, and they do across a range of different insurance—general insurance, life insurance—so you are interested across the board.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Yes, across the board.</p> <p>Mr Summerhayes: I am happy to provide that information.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Actually, my question was, do you have that information, or can you get it?</p> <p>Mr Summerhayes: If we do, I would be happy to provide it—I suspect maybe not on the strata issue, but I would be very happy to point you in the direction where that information could be found.</p>	APRA	Page 37 (2 March 2017)	SQ17-000339
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